

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
May 3, 1990  
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman  
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.  
Mr. George L. Brightharp  
Mr. Tom Moore Craig  
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.  
Mr. Robert C. Gallager  
Mr. Marvin C. Jones  
Ms. Reba A. Kinon  
Mr. Vernon McGuire  
Mr. Lewis Phillips  
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage  
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.  
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.  
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker  
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad  
Mr. Roger E. Henderson

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette  
Dr. Jeffrey P. Bartkovich  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Dr. Robert A. Day  
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas  
Mr. Milton Kimpson  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison  
Dr. Robert K. Poch  
Mr. Jeff Richards  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Ms. Janet K. Stewart  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Ms. Gaylon Syrett  
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer

GUESTS

Dr. Barnett W. Berry  
Dr. Wayne Bennett  
Ms. Katherine Bristow  
Ms. Ellen Chamberlain  
Dr. Larry Clayton  
Dr. Kenneth L. Davis  
Mr. Robert Dominik  
Dr. John Duffy  
Dr. Ronald Eaglin  
Hon. Toney L. Farr  
Dr. Conrad Festa  
Mr. John Gardner  
Dr. Sharon Hahs  
Ms. Lorain Heaton  
Ms. Wendy Herndon  
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield  
Dr. Reid Holland  
Dr. Richard Ishler  
Dr. Vermelle Johnson  
Dr. Marilyn Kameen  
Hon. Harriet Keyserling  
Dr. Ron Killion  
Ms. Sherry Kriner  
Mr. Gregory J. Labyak  
Mr. David Larson  
Dr. Benjamin Lawson  
Dr. Thomas D. Lisk  
Dr. David Maxwell  
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith  
Mr. Jerry Merwin  
Dr. Peter Mitchell  
Dr. George M. Reeves  
Dr. Harold F. Sears  
Dr. Arthur K. Smith  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Dr. Kenneth Stevenson  
Hon. Eugene C. Stoddard  
Ms. Virginia Suber  
Mr. Marshall Swanson  
Ms. Bonny Swigert  
Mr. J. D. Truluck  
Ms. Jane Upshaw  
Dr. Robert A. Waller  
Dr. Richard Warner  
Dr. Charlie G. Williams  
Dr. Murphy Wilson  
Mr. Neil Wilson

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Gary Karr

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 1, 1990

It was moved (Ramage), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 1990, be approved as written.

II. Special Report of the Commissioner with Dr. Charlie G. Williams

Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) and the State Department of Education (SDE), with the assistance of the South Carolina Educational Policy Center (SCEPC), propose to initiate an atmosphere of greater collaboration between K-12 and higher education institutions in South Carolina. The SCEPC proposes to organize a working conference to foster collaborative opportunities among K-12 schools and institutions of higher education. He added that the conference would be designed to: 1) identify areas of need by school districts, colleges and universities, 2) present effective models of K-12 and higher education collaboration, both in South Carolina and across the nation, and 3) develop strategies and policies for enhancing collaboration.

Dr. Williams related that in the fall of 1990, representatives from the public schools and higher education will convene for a working conference. The SCEPC will compile the proceedings of the conference and synthesize the information and insight gained from both presenters and participants which should serve as a focal point for a recommended policy action agenda.

III. Report of the Executive Committee

At the request of Mr. Whitener, Dr. Poch reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Renewal of License to Operate in South Carolina

1. Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic

Sherman College received a regular (five-year) license from the Commission on February 7, 1985, following notification that the institution had been accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The institution is seeking renewal at this time. Although it has experienced some financial difficulties in the last few years, the institution appears to have those problems under control.

The Committee recommends that Sherman College receive a regular (five-year) license to offer the Doctor of Chiropractic degree in Spartanburg, South Carolina, subject to continued accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and annual reporting of information as requested by the Commission on Higher Education.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

## 2. Tomlinson College

On September 6, 1984, Tomlinson College of Cleveland, Tennessee, was granted a five-year (regular) license to operate in South Carolina. The institution is seeking renewal of its license at this time. Given the extremely limited and specialized nature of the institution's offerings in South Carolina, the good record of the institution, and the fact that all necessary information has been thoroughly reviewed, the Committee recommends that Tomlinson College receive a regular (five-year) license to offer degree credit courses, selected from and limited to those listed below, at the Carolina Heights Church of God of Prophecy, Greenville, South Carolina, and the Church of God State Headquarters, Batesburg, South Carolina.

### Courses Offered Through Continuing Education Department

BIB 101 Introduction to the Old Testament  
BIB 101 Introduction to the Old Testament (Spanish)  
BIB 102 Introduction to the New Testament  
BIB 102 Introduction to the New Testament (Spanish)  
BIB 203 Life of Christ  
BIB 260 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation  
BIB 330 Romans  
Eng 101 English Composition  
REL/PSY 153 Counseling for Christian Workers  
REL/MUS 110 Theology of Music and Worship  
REL 131 Evangelism  
REL 233 Homiletics  
REL 243 Church Growth  
REL 261-262 History and Polity of the Church of God of Prophecy  
REL 340 Pastoral Theology  
THE 109 Christian Thought  
THE 280 Introduction to Theology  
THE 381-382 Systematic Theology

Any amendments to the above list must receive approval from the staff of the Commission. The licensure is subject to renewal every five years and annual reporting of information as requested by the Commission on Higher Education.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

### B. Consideration of Amendment to Webster University's License to Operate in South Carolina

Webster University was licensed in early 1987 to offer four M.A. degree programs in business administration, computer resources management, human resources development, and management at its Charleston Graduate Center. On May 5, 1988, the license was amended to add an M.A. degree program in counseling services. The

institution submitted, in January 1990, a formal request to add the M.B.A. degree program with emphases in the same areas as are available in the four M.A. business programs.

A licensing examination team visited the Webster University Charleston Graduate Center of March 12, 1990, and was favorably disposed to the proposed program, making only one recommendation and five suggestions. Based on the team's report, the Committee recommends that Webster University's current license to operate in Charleston, South Carolina, be amended to include the offering of the M.B.A. degree, with emphases in business administration, computer resources management, human resources development, and management, subject to the institution's concurrence with the visiting team's recommendation.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

#### C. Consideration of Amendment to License of Columbia Junior College

Columbia Junior College proposes to add an associate degree program in paralegal studies. Columbia Junior College is accredited by the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools, an accrediting association recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. On the basis of sections 62-16.C and 62-2 of the licensing regulations, the Committee recommends that Columbia Junior College's license be amended to include the offering of an associate degree in paralegal studies.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

#### D. Consideration of Delegation of Authority to Amend Licenses of In-State Accredited Institutions

At the suggestion of the staff, Mr. Whitener requested that action be deferred for further clarification and that it be brought back to the Executive Committee and the Commission at a later date.

### IV. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Because it was necessary for Mr. Turner to leave the meeting early, Dr. Askins reported for the Committee on the following matters:

#### A. Consideration of Proposals for New Programs

##### 1. A.P.S., Criminal Justice Technology, Horry-Georgetown Technical College at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base

Horry-Georgetown Technical College requests approval to offer its existing Associate in Public Service degree with a major in criminal justice technology at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, beginning in September, 1990. The purposes of the program are to provide educational opportunities for the Base security police, to offer an additional avenue for access to higher education for military

personnel whose work-shift requirements preclude travel to on-campus programs, and to strengthen the relationship between the community and Horry County's largest employer.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation in September, 1990, provided that: 1) no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested; 2) this program be subject retroactively to any Commission policies that may be developed as a result of its FY 89-90 study of enrollments in programs offered on military bases by the public colleges and universities; and 3) this program be terminated in the event that Myrtle Beach Air Force Base is scheduled for closure with an appropriate phase-out of course offerings in accordance with a timetable established in consultation with Commission, institutional, and Base staff.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2. A.H.S., Radiologic Technology, Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Horry-Georgetown Technical College requests approval of a new program leading to the Associate in Health Science degree with a major in radiologic technology, to be implemented in the fall quarter, 1990. The purpose of the program is to train x-ray technicians for the local area.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation in Fall, 1990, provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested. It was moved (Askins), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

3. A.I.T., Electronic Technology, Midlands Technical College

Midlands Technical College proposes to implement, in Fall, 1990, a new program leading to the Associate in Industrial Technology degree with a major in electronics technology. The objective of the program is to prepare graduates for entry-level positions in industrial electronics. The proposed program represents an expansion of an existing diploma program and two existing certificate programs.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation in Fall, 1990, provided that the existing diploma program in industrial electronics will be phased out by not admitting new students after May, 1990, and provided further that no unique cost or other special State appropriations will be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

4. A.A./A.S., USC-Beaufort at Hilton Head

USC-Beaufort requests approval to offer off-campus on Hilton Head Island its existing Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs. The purpose of delivering the programs off-campus is to provide Hilton Head residents access to the two years of course work offered by USC-Beaufort which are not otherwise conveniently available to them.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed programs provided that: 1) by Fall, 1993, USC-Beaufort increase the use of full-time faculty to teach credit courses on Hilton Head Island to a level commensurate with the percentage (53-58%) taught at the Beaufort site; 2) enrollment, the number of graduates, and full-time and part-time faculty utilization rates be reported separately for the Hilton Head site during the Commission's annual review of associate degree programs; and 3) no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

5. A.A./A.S., USC-Coastal at Georgetown

USC-Coastal requests approval to offer off-campus in Georgetown its existing Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs. The purpose of delivering the programs off-campus is to provide Georgetown County residents access to the first two years of undergraduate baccalaureate education in their community.

The Committee recommends that the Commission defer action on the proposed programs pending review by the Commission of the need for senior colleges to continue to award the general arts and sciences associate degree.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

6. A.A., USC-Lancaster at Camden

USC-Lancaster requests approval to offer off-campus in Camden its existing Associate of Arts degree program. The purpose of delivering the program off-campus is to provide Kershaw County residents access to the two years of course work offered by USC-Lancaster in their community which is not otherwise conveniently available to them. It is evident that USC-Lancaster has had very limited success in providing convenient course offerings to citizens in the Camden community. This evidence suggests that the demand is not sufficient to authorize yet another new program.

The Committee recommends that the Commission not approve the proposed programs and that it authorize USC-Lancaster to continue to offer freshman and sophomore-level courses, not to exceed the 50% limit toward the associate degree.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.



#### 7. A.A./A.S., USC-Salkehatchie at Walterboro

USC-Salkehatchie requests approval to offer off-campus in Walterboro its existing Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs. The purpose of delivering the programs off-campus is to provide Colleton County residents access in their community to the two years of course work offered by USC-Salkehatchie. The total headcount enrollment has increased from 71 students in Fall, 1979, to 220 students in 1989, and is expected to increase to 281 students in 1991.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed AA/AS programs provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

#### 8. A.A., USC-Union at Laurens

USC-Union requests approval to offer off-campus in Laurens its existing Associate of Arts degree program. The purpose of delivering the program off-campus is to provide Laurens County residents access to the two years of course work offered by USC-Union in their community which is not otherwise conveniently available to them.

The Committee questions the approval of the program on two broad issues. The first concern is the actual need for the program. The number of students does not seem sufficient to duplicate the program offerings of USC-Union in Laurens.

The second concern is with the breadth and diversity of courses offered and on-site resources to support a quality general education program at the associate degree level. Small enrollments and to some extent the availability of support classrooms and laboratories will inherently limit the selection of courses offered in Laurens.

The Committee recommends that the Commission not approve the proposed program, and that it authorize USC-Union to continue to offer freshman- and sophomore-level courses not to exceed the 50% limit toward the associate degree.

It was moved (Turner) and seconded (Brightharp) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Representative Toney L. Farr, on behalf of the legislative delegation for the area, stated that there is a potential for growth in the area, and having educational opportunities there will be a positive factor in the economic development in the future.

Mr. Gallager proposed a substitute motion: That USC-Union be authorized to offer the associate of arts degree at Laurens for two academic years, such authorization to terminate in June 1992 unless reauthorized by the Commission prior to that time.

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (McGuire), and voted that the substitute motion be adopted.

9. B.H.S., Health Sciences, MUSC at Rock Hill

MUSC requests approval to offer its program leading to the Bachelor or Health Sciences degree in Rock Hill. This program is designed to prepare working health professionals for clinical, education, and management roles within their respective health care disciplines while enriching their general education through the inclusion of baccalaureate level coursework.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation immediately, provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

10. B.S., Business Administration, with a concentration in management, USC-Aiken at Beaufort

USC-Aiken requests approval to offer a program leading to the Bachelor of Science in business administration at USC-Beaufort, with a specialization in management. The purpose of the proposed program is to provide students access to a four-year business degree in the local community.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program provided that an evaluation of it is conducted in 1991-92, and a recommendation as to its continuation be made to the Committee on Academic Affairs at its Spring meeting in 1992.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

11. B.S., Business Administration, with a concentration in finance and management, USC-Aiken at Sumter

USC-Aiken requests approval to offer a program leading to the Bachelor of Science in business administration at USC-Sumter, with specializations in finance and management, to be implemented immediately. The purpose of the proposed program is to provide students access to a four-year business degree in their local community.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program provided that an evaluation of it is conducted in 1991-92, and a recommendation as to its continuation be made to the Committee on Academic Affairs at its Spring meeting in 1992.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

12. B.A., Dramatic Arts, USC-Coastal



USC-Coastal requests approval of a new program leading to the B.A. degree in dramatic arts, to be implemented in August, 1990. The purpose of the program is to educate students about the various dimensions of theatrical works, styles, and performance.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation in August, 1990, provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested, and provided further that the dramatic arts concentration in the B.A.I.S. be discontinued by June 1, 1990.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

13. B.S.I.S., Interdisciplinary Studies, USC-Coastal at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base

USC-Coastal requests approval to offer its program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies at the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, with clusters in commercial studies and social science, to be implemented August 27, 1990. The purpose of the proposed program is to enable students to plan and undertake an individualized curriculum which joins academic credibility of individualized programs and demanding curriculum standards and advising by faculty qualified in the relevant disciplines.

The program appears to be justified based on needs of military personnel. However, approximately one-half of the current USC-Coastal enrollments on the base are made up of civilians not federally connected. There is no evident need to offer an on-base program for these individuals. The Commission expects to complete its study of civilian enrollment in programs on military bases by the end of FY 1989-90.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation in August, 1990, provided that 1) no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested; 2) this program be subject retroactively to any Commission policies that may be developed as a result of its FY 89-90 study of enrollments in programs offered on military bases by the public colleges and universities; and 3) this program be terminated in the event that Myrtle Beach Air Force Base is scheduled for closure with an appropriate phase-out of course offering in accordance with a timetable established in consultation with Commission, institutional, and Base staff.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

14. B.S., Business Administration with a concentration in health administration, Winthrop College

Winthrop College requests approval to develop a concentration in health administration within the existing program leading to the Bachelor of Science in business administration, to be implemented on

August 15, 1990. The program has three purposes: 1) to provide students with broader professional training and career options; 2) to help meet the demand for health care management needs in South Carolina; and 3) to complement the current curricular offerings in the School of Business Administration.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve this proposal for implementation in August, 1990, provided that no unique cost or other special State appropriations be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

15. M.A., History, Joint Program, The Citadel and College of Charleston

The College of Charleston and The Citadel request approval to offer a joint program leading to the Master of Arts in history, with specializations in American, European, and Third World history, to be implemented in Fall, 1990. If approved, the program will replace the Citadel's existing program leading to the Master of Arts in Education with a history major.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation in Fall, 1990, provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested, and provided further that the program leading to the Master of Arts in Education with a history education major at The Citadel be discontinued with no new students admitted after June 1, 1990.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

16. M.S., Geology, Clemson University

Clemson requests approval of a new program leading to the M.S. degree in geology with an emphasis in groundwater geology, to be implemented in August, 1990. The purpose of the program is to train sufficient numbers of hydrogeologists to meet the demands of state and federal regulatory agencies, industries, and businesses. This program will emphasize training in field and laboratory analytical techniques.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for implementation in August, 1990, provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

17. M.Lib., Library and Information Sciences, USC-Columbia via telecommunications

USC-Columbia requests approval to offer off-campus its existing master's degree in library and information sciences. The purpose of the program is to provide opportunities for students who wish to

enter the master's program, but who are not able to enroll full-time or complete all of the courses on the Columbia campus.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program for continued implementation, provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested, as follows: 1) televised courses at USC-Aiken, USC-Beaufort, USC-Beaufort on Hilton Head, USC-Coastal, USC-Coastal in Georgetown, USC-Columbia, USC-Lancaster, USC-Salkehatchie, USC-Salkehatchie in Walterboro, USC-Spartanburg, USC-Sumter, USC-Union, nine technical colleges (Chesterfield-Marlboro, Florence-Darlington, Greenville, Orangeburg-Calhoun, Piedmont, Tri-County, Trident, Williamsburg, and York), and Kershaw Vocational Center; and 2) on-site courses in Florence, Conway, Charleston, Greenville, Spartanburg, Rock Hill, and Anderson.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

18. M.P.H., with a concentration in health administration,  
USC-Columbia via telecommunications

USC-Columbia requests approval to offer for immediate implementation its existing program leading to the Master of Public Health degree with a health administration concentration to fifteen sites via telecommunications. The purpose of the program is to prepare qualified individuals to assume leadership positions in regulatory and provider health services organizations, including those in the public, non-profit, and for-profit sectors.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed program, Master of Public Health, health administration concentration, via telecommunications, at Aiken, Beaufort, Coastal, Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Spartanburg, and Sumter, seven technical colleges (Chesterfield-Marlboro, Florence-Darlington, Greenville, Orangeburg-Calhoun, Piedmont, Trident, and York), and Kershaw Vocational Center for immediate implementation provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

19. Cancer Research Institute, USC-Columbia

USC-Columbia requests approval to establish a Cancer Research Institute in May, 1990. The purpose of the Institute is to capitalize on the strengths of USC as a major research university in the conduct of multidisciplinary research in cancer and cancer-related issues.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed Institute for implementation in May, 1990, provided that no unique cost or other special State appropriations be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

20. Pearce Center for Professional Communication, Clemson University

Clemson requests approval to establish on July 1, 1990, the R. Roy and Margery W. Pearce Center for Professional Communication. The purpose of the Center is to promote effective written and oral communication within the University community, primarily by supporting research and sponsoring programs pertinent to communication skills. The Center will also establish and coordinate internships within the business community which will enable students to study and practice communication skills within the workplace.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve the proposed center for implementation in July, 1990, provided that no unique cost or other special State funding be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

21. M.S., Nursing Anesthesiology, USC-Columbia

USC-Columbia requests approval to expand its existing graduate clinical nursing program by adding an emphasis area in nurse anesthesia, to be implemented by Spring, 1991. The proposed program involves an agreement between the USC-College of Nursing and the Richland Memorial Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia. The purpose of the program is to produce graduate nurses who are prepared to determine the patient's anesthesia requirements, design an anesthesia plan of care, and implement, monitor, and evaluate that plan.

The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists has mandated that all nurse anesthesia education programs should affiliate with an approved postsecondary institution to confer an appropriate master's degree by 1998. The Committee's position is that it is too early to determine what the accreditation standards may be for nurse anesthetists in 1998. The actual costs of the program, relative to the number of new nurse anesthetists being produced, is quite high. If the proposed program is not approved, the Richland Memorial Hospital School of Anesthesia has indicated that it will continue to operate at its current level. For these reasons, the Committee recommends that the Commission defer the proposed program until USC has been notified as to whether a federal grant proposal which it submitted earlier for support of this program has been approved. If USC is successful with the grant, the proposed program can be reconsidered at that time.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

22. Institute for Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Research, Clemson University

Clemson proposes to establish in July, 1990, an Institute for Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Research. Its purposes are to foster basic and applied research at Clemson on the use of new or unusual materials in manufacturing establishments in the State and to serve as a marketing tool and umbrella organization to facilitate the ad hoc grouping of faculty from various departments.

The Committee recommends that the Commission approve this proposal subject to a report to be submitted by Clemson within 12 months evaluating the success of the Center for Engineering Ceramic Manufacturing, the Center for Semiconductor Device Reliability, and the Center for Advanced Engineering Fibers, and the fourth proposed center, the Laboratory for Advanced Engineering Fibers, if the last is subsequently approved.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Establishment of Hilton Head College Center

At the suggestion of Senator James M. Waddell, an ad hoc Hilton Head Higher Education Consortium Planning Committee has been at work for some months. The Planning Committee has concluded that there should be established a Hilton Head College Center. The purpose of the Center is to facilitate local access to postsecondary education for residents of the Island and of adjacent areas. A copy of the By-Laws of the Center are attached as Exhibit A.

The Committee recommends that the establishment of the Hilton Head Higher Education Center, and its By-Laws, be approved by the Commission, with the understanding that such approval does not supersede the Commission's authority to review and approve proposed new programs to be offered by any public institution, or its responsibility to license postsecondary institutions chartered outside of the State which may wish to provide courses or programs in the State, provided that no unique cost or other special State appropriations will be required or requested.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Report on SAT Scores of Entering Freshmen, Fall 1988

Dr. Askins gave an informational report on Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores of entering freshmen for Fall 1988. Data reported by the institutions are shown on four tables, attached as Exhibit B.

d. Report on Admission Standards, Fall 1990

Section 59-104-10 (A) of Act 629 of 1988, The Cutting Edge, contains requirements with respect to admission standards at public colleges and universities. In April, 1988, the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs adopted a recommended procedure that requires each institution annually to specify the minimum approximate SAT score (combined math and verbal) that is required of applicants for

admission as freshmen. The second annual report on this item, showing minimum admission standards to be in effect in fall, 1990, is at Exhibit C.

V. Report of the Commissioner

Recommendation by USC-Business Partnership Foundation

Mr. Sheheen stated that the Trustees of the USC-Business Partnership Foundation passed unanimously the following motion: "The Trustees of the USC-Business Partnership Foundation encourage the Governor and the General Assembly to finance the costs associated with Hurricane Hugo over a 6-10 year period. Attempting to cover these costs out of current revenues places too much of a burden on higher education and other important State services. Economic development and progress in higher education are too important to the State to curtail. This is not the time for retrenchment in higher education as we strive for increased business interest in South Carolina. Amortization of Hugo costs over several years is the most sensible approach to take at this time."

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart  
Recording Secretary