

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
June 4, 1992
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Henry D. McMaster
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Roger Henderson
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Mr. Fred W. Boynton
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Saundra E. Carr
Ms. Beth Clack
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Mr. Charles D. FitzSimons
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. John J. Krause
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Dr. Mike Raley
Dr. Marilyn Scannell
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Mr. Andy Stein
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Ms. Edna Strange
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon E. Syrett
Ms. Aileen C. Trainer
Mr. Brian Washington
Ms. Julia E. Wells
Ms. Carol Ann Williams
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Ms. Barbara Anderson
Mr. Melvin Barnette
Dr. David A. Bell
Mr. Art Bjontegard
Dr. James E. Cook
Dr. David Dunlap
Dr. Nancy C. Dunlap
Mr. James Edwards
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Dr. Thomas Fox
Mr. Stan Godshall
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Mr. David Hunter
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. Frank Kinard
Mr. David Larson
Dr. A. Max Lennon
Mr. Manning N. Lomax
Mr. Howard Lundy
Mr. William Mackie
Mr. Jeff Martin
Mr. Geoffry Mason
Mr. J. P. McKee
Dr. Daniel Pantaleo
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Mr. William Putnam
Dr. Gary A. Ransdell
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. Charles Shawver
Ms. Paula Skedsvold
Mr. Jack Spratt
Mr. Jack Wilson

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bill Fox

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 May 7, 1992

It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of May 7, 1992 be approved as written.

II. Consideration of New Initiatives for 1992-93

Mr. Sheheen reviewed the Work Plan of the Commission for 1990-91, 1991-92, and 1992-93 as suggested by the staff and certain projects as contained in the report of the Legislative Audit Council entitled "Cost Savings for State Government: A Special Report."

Implementation of recommendations contained in Legislative Audit Council Reports, under the law, are subject to review by the Compliance Review Commission. Pursuant to the Compliance Review Process, the Commission on Higher Education will be held responsible, prior to June 30, 1993, for certain projects recommended by the Legislative Audit Council as they pertain to higher education.

Mr. Gallagher requested that the institutions have the opportunity for input on the legislative projects pertaining to higher education. Dr. David Bell, representing Dr. Anthony DiGiorgio as president of the Council of Presidents, stated that these legislative projects are critical to the institutions. The institutions would like to be included in the decisions on these projects.

Mr. Tolbert requested, under External Affairs, that number 2 include the recommendations based on the evaluation of the Access and Equity Program, of which black faculty recruitment and retention in South Carolina is a part.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Turner), and voted that the Commission's Work Plan be approved with the amendments and a proviso that the Council of College Presidents be consulted in implementing the Legislative Audit Council projects for higher education.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Second Annual Evaluation of New AA/AS Programs

In 1989 the Commission on Higher Education authorized the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education to award the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs at nine technical colleges with a proviso that the SBTCE submit for review and approval by the Commission an annual evaluation of the programs for a period of five years.

In February 1992, the SBTCE submitted its second Annual Review of AA/AS Degree Programs, Fall 1991.

The Committee recommended that the Commission accept this report for information and recommended further that the Commission direct the staff, in consultation with the staff of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, to develop a more focused survey item to be incorporated into the data collection instrument used for the remaining three years of the study for the category on indicators of quality.

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

B. Consideration of Proposal to Replace Joint Board for Health and Medical Education

At its meeting in March of 1992, the Commission requested that the staff explore, in consultation with USC-Columbia and the Medical University, appropriate recommendations with respect to the disposition of the Joint Board for Health and Medical Education, which has been inactive since mid-1988. The CHE staff, the provost of USC-Columbia, the academic vice president of MUSC, and the deans of both medical schools met in April and generally agreed that the underlying circumstances which had led to its formation have been so altered with the passage of time as to suggest the advisability of replacing it with a new entity.

The Committee on Academic Affairs commended favorably to the Commission the recommendation that:

1) the Joint Board be replaced with a new entity to be called the Deans' Committee on Medical Education. This entity would ensure the continued exploration of new avenues for cooperation, collaboration, and joint endeavors at a level appropriate to the increased maturation of each medical school and the renewed commitment of each institution to enhance its own achievements through outreach efforts to broader constituencies.

Membership would consist of:

the Presidents of USC-Columbia and MUSC and/or their designees (i.e., the academic vice presidents);

the deans of the two schools of medicine; and

a member of the Commission on Higher Education and/or a designee.

Commission staff would serve as staff and secretary to this Committee. The Committee would meet quarterly and would set its own agenda.

However, its goals and objectives would remain consistent with those of the Joint Board, i.e., to foster coordination, efficiency and cooperation between the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina in health and medical education. Possible activities might include development of a strategic plan for cooperative medical education,

development of a Statewide strategic healthcare plan, exploration of the appropriate support roles for MUSC in assisting USC in fulfilling its mission to educate primary care providers, and the development of a coordinated plan for recruitment of minority medical students.

2) If this new entity were to replace the Joint Board, then it would be appropriate to transfer from the Joint Board the official oversight responsibility for the Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals and AHEC, which was vested in it at its last meeting on March 21, 1989, to MUSC. MUSC is fiscal agent for AHEC and as such, and in the absence of the assumption of that responsibility by the Joint Board, has line authority over AHEC's Executive Director. AHEC would also continue to interact with the presidents of the teaching hospitals through their directors of medical education. The Committee commends this course of action favorably to the Commission.

3) The Committee also recommended that the Commission seek the repeal of the Statute (Act No. 709, Section 6, Part II, 1976) that established the Dean's Committee on Medical Doctor Education, an entity which has been inactive since the establishment of the Joint Board.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Day), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

C. Consideration of Minimum Admission Requirements for Fall 1992

Act 629 of 1988, The Cutting Edge, requires that the Commission on Higher Education ensure that minimal admission standards are maintained by the institutions. The Advisory Committee adopted a 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. Institutional requirements for Fall 1992 have been reported along with some explanatory comments.

After reviewing the data reported for Fall 1992, the Committee was concerned about the apparent nonselectivity of minimum admissions standards at many of the four-year institutions and all of the USC two-year institutions.

The Committee recommended that the Commission charge the staff with conducting a study of minimum admission standards at the State's public senior colleges and universities for the purpose of formulating recommendations for the Committee's consideration regarding possible ways to strengthen them where appropriate. These recommendations will be brought to the Committee's attention at its October 1992 meeting.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Day), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

D. Report on Dwight D. Eisenhower Awards for FY 1992-93

The purpose of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act is to provide funds to the states for improving instruction and teachers' skills in mathematics and science and

to provide access to and participation in such instruction for all students. This Act provides for allocations of funds to the states based primarily on their proportion of the population aged 5-17.

The Commission conducted two separate grant programs for FY 1992-93. The first of these is entitled the Cooperative Demonstration Grants Program, and the second is the Competitive Grants Program. Federal funds totalling \$870,384 have been designated for higher education in South Carolina. Five per cent of this amount (\$43,519) is reserved for the Commission's administration and evaluation of the program and 95% (\$826,865) is available to support the two grant programs described above. An additional \$100,903 for unexpended funds was carried forward from FY 1991-92. Therefore, a total of \$927,768 is available for awards in FY 1992-93.

Of the 37 proposals that were received, the Committee approved the review panel's recommendation that 18 were fundable. These proposals were ranked in priority order that will enable Commission staff to award any FY 1991-92 funds that might be unexpended as of July 1, 1992 to proposals ranked next highest for which FY 1992-93 funds are not available. The Committee approved the top ten proposals for funding, contingent upon the availability of adequate federal funds. The Committee approved three of the projects for two years of funding, pending successful evaluation of the first year's activities. The Committee further approved an additional eight proposals for funding should federal funds awarded for FY 1992-93 exceed the amount anticipated and/or should unexpended FY 1991-92 funds exceed the amount committed to the ten proposals recommended for outright funding.

This report is for information only.

E. Report on Programs Terminated, 1987-92

Since 1987-88, 57 programs have been terminated. More than half of the terminations are for two-year degree programs. At the baccalaureate or higher level, a majority of the terminations have occurred as the result of degree consolidation or program refinement resulting from the approval process for new degree programs.

Program terminations are presented in four broad categories: 1) programs that have been terminated either by the Commission or voluntarily by the institution as a part of the Commission's evaluation of two-year degree programs; 2) programs that have been terminated either by the Commission or voluntarily by the institution as a part of the Commission's evaluation of baccalaureate or higher degree programs; 3) programs that have been terminated as a part of the approval process for new programs; and 4) programs that have been voluntarily terminated by the individual institutions and reported to the Commission as a part of data and inventory management procedures for the State's degree offerings.

This report is for information only.

F. Consideration of Proposed Administrative Budget for Student Loan Corporation for FY 1992-93

The Education Improvement Act (1984) authorized the establishment of the Teacher Loan Program, to be administered by the S. C. Student Loan Corporation. In establishing regulations to govern the program, the Commission stipulated that the annual operating costs for the Corporation to administer the Teacher Loan Program be approved annually by the Commission.

The Committee recommended that the total operating budget for the Teacher Loan and Governor's Teacher Loan Scholarship Program be \$5,575,875.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommended budget be approved.

G. Five Year Summary of New Programs Approved

Dr. Morrison distributed a chart showing information revealed in a study on the number of new programs approved during the last five years. She noted that 121 new programs were approved during that time and that the increase was justified by the growing number of students (17,775) which was one new program for 147 full-time students.

This report is for information only.

IV. Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Mr. Tolbert, chairman of the Committee on Access and Equity, reported on the following matters:

The Higher Education Awareness Program is founded upon Act 271 of 1992 and is designed to communicate to eighth grade students and their parents information that is necessary for them to plan effectively for attending a college or university in South Carolina. The Program was developed and pilot-tested during fiscal year 1991-92. The pilot-test included seven middle schools and approximately 1,300 students. With the proposed second year funding, the program can be expanded to include one middle school in each of South Carolina's 91 school districts. Act 271 mandates that the program be statewide in scope by 1993-94 which will entail reaching approximately 52,000 eighth grade students and their parents in 257 public schools. The proposed total budget for the Program is \$252,250 for fiscal year 1992-93.

The Committee recommended that the proposed Higher Education Awareness Program budget for fiscal year 1992-93 be approved. It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

The 1992-93 school year is a transition year for the Higher Education Awareness Program as it moves from a limited pilot-test to full implementation in 1993-94. The expansion plan reflects this transition into every school district and public institution of higher education in the state. The expansion will include at least one school in each of 91 districts and approximately 18,000 students.

The Committee recommended that the Higher Education Awareness Program Plan for 1992-93 be approved. It was moved (Tolbert), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

V. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Jones, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of 1993-94 Appropriations Formula

When the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education was created by the General Assembly in 1967, it was charged with the development and annual review of the Appropriations Formula and submission of budget recommendations to the Budget and Control Board on behalf of state supported institutions. The Commission annually adopts a specific formula.

Mr. Smalls stated that the Commission staff, with the assistance of the Formula Study and Advisory Committees, has conducted a year long study of the formula, focusing on potential revisions. As a part of this study, the staff has examined carefully formulas in other states.

The Business and Finance Committee recommended the continuance of the existing formula with the following modifications:

- 1) the use of a three year rolling average of credit hours;
- 2) the simplification of the revenue step;
- 3) the elimination of the graduate teaching assistant adjustment; and
- 4) a simplified presentation approach.

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

B. Funding for Quality Incentives

One of the initiatives identified for implementation under the State Plan for Higher Education approved by the Commission was the formation of a task force to continue development of a program of quality incentives for inclusion for funding under the appropriations formula. The task force has requested that the Formula Advisory Committee consider, in principle, the following preliminary recommendation:

The establishment of a new step in the formula to be called the Quality Incentive Step. This step will consist of measurement factors yet to be determined but related to the goal of recognition of certain quality incentive measures which can be quantified, and corresponding funding requirements calculated. This step would be established with the understanding that the quality incentive measures, when completed by the task force, will be acted upon by the Commission. The level of funding for this step will be approximately five percent of the other steps

of the formula, to be phased in at one percent per year over a five year period beginning in 1993-94.

Recommended Total Formula	\$781,255,103
Less: Research Step	(23,319,955)
Honors Step	(2,198,400)
MUSC-Hospital	(25,151,431)
AHEC	(19,107,946)
subtotal	\$711,477,371
Multiply by task force recommendation for Quality Incentives	
	$\times \quad 1\%$
TOTAL	\$ 7,114,774

The Committee on Business and Finance recommended that one percent of the total formula amount, exclusive of the above listed items, be specified for Quality Incentive Funding subject to the Commission's approval of the Quality Incentive Plan.

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

VI. Report of Committee on Facilities

Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

A. Land Disposal Proceeds

The Commission staff has undertaken a review of the disposition of proceeds from property sales made by the State's colleges and universities at the request of the Commission. The staff has found that all sale proceeds revert to the State's General Fund unless legislative authorization exists to the contrary. The only higher education institution legislatively exempted is Clemson University.

The Committee recommended that the following language be approved and presented to the General Assembly by the Commission on Higher Education on behalf of the State's colleges and universities:

The governing body for each public college and university shall review the property titled in the name of its institution to determine if such property is excess to the institution's anticipated needs and is available for disposal. All properties determined to be excess may be disposed of in accordance with State policies and regulations. The proceeds of such sales are to be disposed of as follows: if the property was acquired as a gift, through student tuition or fees, or formula funds, the proceeds may be retained by the selling institution for use in accord with established needs. The sale of property acquired through unique State appropriations or State Capital Improvement Bonds is to revert to the State's General Fund. The responsibility for documenting the fund source, including gifts, of any property proposed for sale rests with each respective institution and must be validated by the Commission on Higher Education during the review and approval process.

It was moved (Kinon) and seconded (Jones) that the recommendation be approved.

Because of concerns of Dr. Max Lennon and further discussion, it was moved (Turner), seconded (Gallager), and voted to refer the property disposal proceeds matter back to the Committee for further study.

B. Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Problems

In 1979, the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education committed the Commission to work with its public colleges and universities to bring all buildings up to a satisfactory standard. The J. E. Sirrine Company of Greenville was commissioned to survey facilities in accordance with the Commission's Building Quality Evaluation Manual which showed an overall rehabilitation need for each college and university at that time. After the completion of the 1990 Building Quality Survey, a rehabilitation need totalling \$414.5 million was determined.

It is evident that South Carolina's colleges and universities have experienced severe shortages of funding in the last decade. When institutions are faced with budgetary constraints, they often look first to the physical plant for cutbacks. While an institution may be able to recover from one or two years of draining physical plant funds for other purposes, the practice over an extended time will lead to a guaranteed crisis situation at a much greater cost.

The Committee recommended that:

1) the Commission develop and issue a Request for Proposals in the 1992-93 fiscal year to employ a third party to survey all college and university facilities in accordance with the Building Quality Evaluation Manual. This RFP is to be prepared in consultation with the Commission's Facilities Advisory Committee;

2) once the baseline is established through a new Building Quality Survey, deferred maintenance should be the Commission's number one facilities priority. This would include making all funding requests and decisions concerning permanent improvement projects in light of an institution's Building Quality Survey needs;

3) utilizing the new Building Quality Survey recommended above, each institution will develop and submit to the Commission a Deferred Maintenance Plan. This Plan is to outline an annual work program, covering a ten year period, designed to result in each campus facility in use attaining a satisfactory rating. Annual progress reports will be submitted to the Commission. In addition to regular State appropriations, all maintenance renovation and reserve accounts and tuition collections will be identified as sources to fund the work addressed in the Plan. The Commission will not endorse any permanent improvement project requests outside the Deferred Maintenance Plan unless progress in meeting the needs identified in the Plan is on schedule.

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

C. APIP Requests

1. Clemson University

a. Duplicating Services Facility

Clemson University is proposing to construct a 20,800 gross square feet addition to the existing Service and Support Facility. The new addition is proposed to house the University's Duplicating Services unit. The estimated total project budget is \$1.65 million. The source of funds is revenue bonds (auxiliary) and, as Duplicating Services is operated as an auxiliary, there is no formula impact from this proposed project.

The Committee recommended that the project be approved as proposed.

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

b) Manning Hall - Replace Elevators

Clemson University is proposing to replace the two elevators in Manning Hall. Manning Hall is one of three high-rise dormitories on East Campus constructed in 1967. The estimated total project budget is \$500,000 and the source of funds is the Housing Improvement Fund.

The Committee recommended the project be approved as proposed.

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

2. College of Charleston

Stern Student Center - Water Intrusion Repairs

The Stern Student Center requires extensive repairs to the exterior facade in order to alleviate moisture intrusion into the interior of the building. Extensive damage to the building's interior has occurred and will continue until repairs are made. The scope of work will include repairs to the bricks and mortar joints, repairs to the buttresses and copper mansards, and repairs in other areas identified as moisture entry sources. The total estimated project cost is \$500,000 and the source of funds is Plant Improvement Fees.

The Committee recommended the project be approved as proposed.

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

3. USC-Aiken

a. Maintenance and Supply Building Construction;
Maintenance and Supply Building Renovation; and
Administration Building Renovation

The administration of the Aiken campus proposes to construct a new Maintenance and Supply Building at a total estimated cost of \$822,000.

The second project consists of the renovation of the existing Maintenance and Supply Building to be prepared for displacement space needed in order to vacate the Administration Building until that facility is abated. This will become the permanent site for the campus bookstore and some instructional laboratories at a total cost estimate of \$1.331 million.

The third project consists of reroofing and HVAC replacement in the Administration Building plus asbestos removal. The cost of reroofing and HVAC replacement work is estimated at \$1.637 million and the cost of the abatement of the facility is an estimated \$1.2 million.

The total cost of the three projects (excluding abatement of the Administration Building) is \$3.79 million. Funds to abate the facility are available from Phase 1 University asbestos litigation proceeds, 1988 Capital Bond funds, and an advance provided by the University from anticipated Phase 2 litigation proceeds. These sources will cover approximately 88% of the abatement costs with the remainder coming from bonds issued to finance these three projects.

The Committee recommended the proposed projects be approved as proposed.

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

b. Campus Local Area Network (LAN) Installation

USC-Aiken is requesting authorization to install a campus local area network (LAN) which will consist mainly of the purchase of computer hardware and fiber optic cabling. However, some wiring will be performed in facilities, necessitating the need for a permanent improvement project. The College estimates that it will spend approximately \$400,700 in County bond funds to install this network.

The Committee recommended approval as requested.

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

4. Medical University of South Carolina

a. Americans with Disabilities Act Modifications

The Medical University is seeking approval of this project in order to be postured to respond in a timely manner to modifications necessitated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. A particular scope of work is not known at present. Work performed will be driven by the particular needs of individual employees covered by the Act. This work could include items such as increasing door widths, replacing door handles, modification of existing fire alarm systems, etc. Each would be designed to make work site areas accessible as required by the Act.

The University will initially utilize \$480,000 to fund this work, half from excess debt service and half from hospital generated revenues.

The Committee recommended the project be approved as proposed.

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

b. Research and Basic Science Buildings Renovations

The Medical University plans to make renovations in both of these facilities to accommodate functional programmatic needs of anticipated new occupants. The plan of work calls for asbestos abatement where required and general renovations to provide contemporary laboratories fitted for state of the art research efforts. Classroom and administrative areas will also be upfitted to take advantage of current communications technology. The total estimated cost is \$2.7 million, and the proposed source of funding is indirect cost recoveries.

The Committee recommended the project be approved as proposed.

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

c. Children's Hospital Renovations

The Medical University proposes to expend \$1.5 million on renovations to the Children's Hospital. The source of funds is hospital generated revenues. The plan of work is as follows:

1. Construction of two additional operating suites - \$1 million
2. Expansion of the Pediatric Intensive Care unit - \$300,000
3. Expansion of the Pneumatic Tube System - \$200,000

The Committee recommended that the proposed project be approved as proposed provided the Medical University receives approval by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

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

d. Chiller Replacements

The Medical University is seeking approval to replace chillers in both the Hospital and Basic Science buildings. The total estimated cost is \$950,000 -- \$350,000 in hospital generated revenues and \$600,000 from excess debt service.

The Committee recommended that the project be approved as proposed.

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

5. Midlands Technical College - Northeast Campus Development

Midlands Technical College is requesting approval to prepare a Master Plan for the planned development of its 150 acre Northeast Campus property. The plan itself will address siting of building, roads, utilities, parking lots/entrances, etc. The College's estimate of the proposed cost for development of this plan is \$30,000. The College is also requesting approval to design and construct a 35,000 gross square foot Continuing Education facility to be sited on this new Campus. The total estimated cost of this proposed project is \$5.5 million, including site work. The proposed source of funding for both projects is institution bonds. No formula funds are provided for maintenance and operations, as this is a local responsibility.

The Commission recommended approval of the acquisition of the land by Midlands Technical College provided that the College provide the Commission, by December 31, 1992, a copy of the study to be performed outlining plans for the development of this site as a regional campus. The study must include programmatic and facilities implications at all four Midlands locations which may be used by the Commission in evaluating future requests. College officials have informed the Commission that this study will likely be submitted to the Commission in September.

The Committee recommended deferral of the above requests pending action on the required study following its submission by the College.

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

6. Piedmont Technical College - Administration Building Roof

Piedmont Technical College is proposing to establish this project to reroof the Main Administration Building of the College. An entirely new roof is indicated including insulation, felts, and gravel. The total estimated project cost is \$301,600 and the source of funds is local (a combination of county and student fee funds).

The Committee recommended the project be approved as proposed.

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

d. For Information Only - APIP Requests

1) USC-Lancaster - Auditorium/Classroom Building

The 1991 Capital Bond Act contains funding in the amount of \$2.7 million for the construction of an auditorium/classroom building on the campus of USC-Lancaster. This project was listed in the University's 1990 Overall Permanent Improvement Plan (OPIP) as a project that would be proposed for funding as part of the State's anticipated Capital Bond Act of 1995. Overall Improvement Plans cover a five year period. This project was not evaluated by any State agency during the 1990 OPIP reviews and is presented for information only.

The Committee recommended this be accepted for information.

2) USC-Spartanburg - Campus Life Center

USC-Spartanburg requested funding in its 1990 Overall Permanent Improvement Plan to construct a new 83,000 gross square feet facility to house all student organizations, food services, bookstore, counseling offices, recreational areas, meeting spaces, and health services. The proposed project was awarded funding for architectural and engineering work in the 1988 Capital Bond Act.

Following passage of the 1991 Capital Bond Act, campus officials initiated a planning process to reduce the gross square feet to 59,000 at a cost not to exceed \$4 million for educational and general space contained in the facility. The approximate cost of constructing the auxiliary spaces is \$1 million and an auxiliary revenue bond will be issued in that amount to finance this portion of the facility.

The Committee recommended that this be accepted as information only.

E. Other Requests

1. Clemson University - Continuing Education and Conference Center

Clemson University recently sought Commission approval to develop a continuing education and conference center on the University campus. The plans called for a continuing education and conference building, a 100 room hotel with amenities including a pool, tennis courts and exercise room, and an 18 hole championship golf course.

At its April 2 meeting, the Commission referred this project back to the Committee on Facilities for further consideration, in consultation with the staff and Clemson University.

Clemson University has reworked the project in an attempt to alleviate Commission concerns. The Keenan Company of Columbia and the Beach Company of Charleston are to remain in the role of developer. The project has been divided into two phases. Phase 1 includes the continuing education center, food service facility, and golf course. Phase 2 will add a hotel. Phase 2, however, is deferred. The details on Phase 1 follow.

1) The continuing education and conference center facility remains unchanged. The cost is estimated at \$4.5 million with the source of funds being the 1988 Capital Improvement Bond Act. This 39,000 gross square feet facility will be eligible for formula funds for maintenance and operations.

2) A food service facility of approximately 7,500 gross square feet is to be constructed at a total estimated cost of \$1.7 million. Clemson University will issue \$400,000 in auxiliary revenue bonds for site development, while ARA (the University's food service vendor) is reportedly committed to invest \$1.3 million for construction of the facility including equipment and furnishings. This is an auxiliary facility and will not generate formula funding.

3) The golf course is to be constructed as originally proposed at a total cost of \$3.7 million. The sale of golf course membership is to raise \$1.5 million in cash. In the event this is not realized, the golf course construction will not be undertaken. The remaining balance of \$2.2 million is to be financed by the Clemson University Foundation, which is reported to be willing to provide this amount as a twenty year loan at 8 1/4% interest. The golf course is also auxiliary and formula funds will not be provided for its maintenance and operations.

Mr. Tolbert stated that he believes that State resources should be spent on academic goals, not recreational ones. Dr. Askins stated that the golf course will give a negative image of higher education to the public in times of budgetary shortfalls. Dr. Lennon stressed that if Clemson is unable to obtain private financing for the golf course, it will not be built. Based on extensive market research on similar

projects, Dr. Lannon stated that he believes that the golf course will be central to the success of the Continuing Education and Conference Center.

The Committee recommended the proposal, as altered, be approved provided:

- 1) Proper written assurance be received from ARA committing a \$1.3 million investment for the construction, equipping, and furnishing of the food service facility.
- 2) The Division of General Services concludes the \$1.3 million investment poses no procurement code problems in subsequent competitions for the University's food service contract.
- 3) Proper written assurance be received of action by the Clemson University Foundation to loan \$2.2 million for twenty years at 8 1/4% for construction of the golf course or equivalent arrangements insuring the State and students are relieved of any financial liability including any annual operating deficits of the golf course operations.
- 4) In the event the proposal is subjected to a new competition by the Division of General Services, the resulting negotiated agreements again be subjected to Commission review and approval.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (McMaster), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved with Dr. Askins and Mr. Tolbert voting in the negative.

2. Francis Marion College - Stokes Administration Building Expansion

Francis Marion College is seeking approval to add \$450,900 to this existing project budget to proceed with Phase IV of the plan of work for this facility. Phase IV is to consist of the abatement and renovation of the northwest end and front half of the original Stokes Building. This area will be prepared for use by the Accounting and Purchasing Departments. The total estimated project cost for this phase is \$450,900 consisting of Program Enhancement Fees of \$70,000 and \$380,900 in Investment Income.

The Committee recommended that Phase IV of this project be approved as proposed.

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

3. USC-Columbia

a. College of Business Administration Asbestos

Abatement

The University's College of Business Administration essentially occupies two joined facilities: the Close and Hipp Buildings. The Close facility contains asbestos materials in need of abatement. The asbestos in this building is a sprayed-on material that covers the entire concrete surface above the ceiling. The total estimated cost is \$3.8 million, and the source of funds proposed is the University's Asbestos Trust Fund.

The Committee recommended the project be approved as proposed.

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

b. University Press - Proposed Lease

The University is proposing to lease 14,600 square feet at 207 Pickens Street to house the University Press. Annual rent is \$63,510. In addition, the University is responsible for operating expenses estimated at \$25,000 per year.

The Committee recommended that the lease be approved as proposed.

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

4. Winthrop College

a. Ten-Building Energy Management System

Winthrop College is requesting authorization to establish a project to purchase additional control mechanisms that will enhance the current energy management system. The College currently has a computer controlled energy system for many buildings on campus. This project would allow ten additional facilities to be added to the existing system. The total estimated cost to fund this upgrade is \$690,000 to be paid from state appropriated formula funding. The cost will be financed over a five year period and will be paid only to the extent that the College receives documented energy savings each year.

The Committee recommended approval of this request as proposed.

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

b. Purchase of Property at 516 Oakland Avenue

Winthrop College is seeking to purchase a house directly across from the President's home. The College will expend \$85,000 to purchase the property and approximately \$10,000 in appraisal and environmental testing fees. The entire budget is to be funded with fees generated by continuing education, which will occupy the facility once it is acquired.

The Committee recommended that this acquisition be approved as requested by the College.

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

5. Trident Technical College - Building 300 Renovation

A project was approved by the State in 1991 to renovate this facility at a total estimated project cost of \$525,000. The plan of work essentially called for the renovation of space into seven general purpose classrooms and 45 faculty offices. The College is requesting an increase of \$670,000 to the existing budget since the original cost estimate was based on several erroneous assumptions. All funds are local (student fees).

The Committee recommended that the request be approved as proposed.

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

6. York Technical College - Rutledge Property Land Acquisition

York Technical College is seeking to purchase four acres of undeveloped land adjacent to its campus. This small tract of land will provide the College the opportunity to construct a rear entrance to the campus to alleviate traffic congestion at the front primary entrance. The land is to be purchased for \$60,000 with an additional \$10,000 being required for professional service fees. The total project cost of \$70,000 will be funded entirely from local sources.

The Committee recommended that this acquisition be approved as requested.

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

VII. Report of the Commissioner


Mr. Sheheen reported that a law regulating licensing of non-public proprietary institutions has been approved by the House and is up for a third reading by the Senate.

Mr. Whitener noted that the July Commission meeting will be held at Presbyterian College.

Mr. Whitener thanked the Planning Committee and the Commission staff for their work on the Joint Meeting of Trustees, Presidents, and the Commission on Higher Education.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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