

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 2, 1971  
9:30 a. m. - 3:30 p. m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Hugh M. Chapman  
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III  
Mr. T. Eston Marchant  
Dr. Harrison L. Peeples  
Mr. James A. Rogers  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith  
Mr. E. Craig Wall, Chairman  
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. William C. Jennings  
Mr. James R. Michael  
Mr. Alan S. Krech

I. Approval of Minutes of November 3 and 4, 1971, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

It was moved (Chapman) and seconded (Holliday) that the minutes of the November 3 and 4, 1971, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Report of the Special Medical Education Committee

In general discussion on the report to the Commission of the Special Medical Education Committee it was agreed that the Committee had done an excellent job and that the Commission would like to have the Committee remain on a stand-by basis. It was felt that the Committee should meet quarterly to review medical education in the state and to issue a follow-up report on the situation at the end of the year.

After further discussion on specific recommendations contained in the report a motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Peeples) that the first paragraph beginning on page 37 be deleted and that

a paragraph be substituted stating that if in the opinion of the Commission after reasonable time the program outlined in the report will not meet the medical needs of the state then consideration of a second medical school may be reopened. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Sheheen) that paragraph VI on page 37 of the report be further clarified, specifically indicating the social factors involved in securing and retaining doctors, adding that factors should be analyzed which would influence doctors trained in other states to come to South Carolina to practice, and also stating that whether or not South Carolina achieves a desirable goal for health care for its people will depend very largely upon decisions made in medical education and health care services at the federal level and the means for financing same. The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Walsh) that the report of the Special Medical Education Committee as amended by the Commission be issued in the name of the Commission and that the press be briefed orally on what had taken place (the report of the Committee had been received and some changes were made by the Commission) and that a summary report would be made available in written form to the press at 3:00 p. m. The motion was passed unanimously.

### III. Lander College

In reviewing the report from the Legislative Committee to study the feasibility of the state acquiring Lander College it was noted that the Committee recommended that the state acquire Lander College as a part of the state-wide network of four-year colleges by July 1, 1972, and that Lander College be placed under the State College Board of Trustees. The amount required for the first year of operation as a state college would be approximately \$465,500. A delegation appeared before the Commission at the November 4, 1971, meeting to present the report of the Legislative Committee and to request the endorsement and backing of the Commission.

A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Commission endorse the recommendations made to the General Assembly by the Lander College study committee. The motion failed to carry.

In general discussion it was noted that Lander College is now receiving through the Commission's budget \$100,000 as a supplement for out-of-county students and \$50,000 for the Nursing program. A question was raised as to whether or not

the Commission wished to recommend that Lander again be provided state aid for 1972-73 for out-of-county students to the same extent that Greenwood County is providing or whether the Commission wished to take no action. It was pointed out by Mr. Walsh that other colleges in the state similar to Lander were also educating students from outside their counties and that anything that the state did for Lander should also be related to other independent colleges who have financial problems as pressing as Lander's. Mr. Walsh stated that the tuition equalization grants program needed to be substantially enlarged in order to help the needy students at all institutions eligible for the grants program and Lander should come in under this program. Mr. Sheheen expressed another point of view with the following questions: Does the state need an institution of higher learning in the area of the state in which Lander College is located, and is it fair or proper for the County of Greenwood, which is a governmental subdivision of the state, to educate more than half of its students from other counties in the state?

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Chapman) that assistance to Lander College be incorporated through the tuition grants program as is done for other colleges that are presently eligible, that substantial increase in the tuition grants program be recommended to the Legislature, and that Lander College should receive no less under the program than was received in state aid in 1971-72. The motion was passed.

#### IV. Formula Budgeting System

In a discussion on the budget requests for the colleges and universities Dr. Morris stated that the Commission's recommendations for increases for the colleges and universities were based on the formula system of budgeting and amounted to approximately \$12.6 million. The Budget and Control Board recommendations for increases amounted to approximately \$11 million for higher education, based on the same kind of approach used in years past. Dr. Morris stated that the formula system of budgeting was approved in principle when it was devised but when the results came out in terms of the amounts to be recommended there was somewhat less noticeable enthusiasm on the part of those schools which would not do as well. In general discussion Mr. Sheheen indicated the need to support the formula budgeting system. A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Smith) that the Commission decline to approve new programs for any institution which indicated an unwillingness to abide by the budgetary formula in preparing its budgetary request in subsequent years. After discussion on the motion Mr. Sheheen accepted a recommended amendment by Dr. Peebles that this matter be referred to a committee for study and reported back to the Commission in February. The

motion as amended was approved.

V. Requests for Permanent Improvements at The College of Charleston, Francis Marion College and Clemson University

The College of Charleston submitted requests to acquire eleven buildings to be used for an urban affairs center, student health center, maintenance and supply facilities and faculty and administrative offices at a cost of \$765,000; two project requests involving renovation of existing buildings (Towell Library and the Administration Building) at a cost of \$950,000; a project to renovate the Marine Biological Laboratory at Fort Johnson and build a new wing at a cost of \$500,000; a project concerned with campus development to include utilities, fire security and lighting systems at a cost of \$400,000; a student center at a cost of \$2,215,000 and a cultural affairs center at a cost of \$3,675,000.

The Commission staff recommended that all projects be approved except the urban affairs center, the cultural affairs center and the marine biological laboratory. A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Holliday) that the staff recommendations on the proposed permanent improvements be accepted. The motion was passed. Mr. Rogers was opposed.

Francis Marion College submitted a request for approval to purchase 150 acres of land at a cost of \$230,000, construct outdoor physical education facilities at a cost of \$160,000, build a classroom-faculty office building at a cost of \$2,036,000, campus development including mall, landscaping, paving, lighting, entrance gates, sidewalks and front pond development at a cost of \$259,000, and a parking lot for \$105,000. A motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Holliday) that these projects be approved utilizing the institutional bond capacity insofar as feasible, but providing state general revenue bonds as necessary to fund all projects. The motion was passed. Mr. Walsh was opposed.

Clemson University submitted requests for twenty-eight projects for a total cost of \$13,902,000 which includes construction of a School of Nursing, an addition to Kinard Hall, renovation and expansion of the Agricultural Engineering Building, improvement of intramural athletic facilities, replacement of the present dairy cattle research center and two projects classified residential and other miscellaneous renovation projects. The Commission staff recommended approval of all projects except the addition to Kinard Hall and the intramural athletic facilities. A motion was made (Chapman)

and seconded (Marchant) that the staff recommendations be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was suggested by Mr. Sheheen that the Commission staff submit capital improvement requests to the Commissioners as far in advance of the Commission meetings at which they are to be considered as possible. It was agreed that this would be done.

#### VI. Proposed Plan of Marine Science Development for the State by the Wildlife Resources Commission

Dr. Morris reported that the Wildlife Resources Commission presented for the Commission's endorsement a proposed plan of marine science development for the state. Essentially the plan provides access to the boats and laboratory at Fort Johnson for all the institutions of higher learning with the Wildlife Resources Commission coordinating efforts through the Comar Committee, the committee established by the Commission on Higher Education to work with institutions of higher education in developing programs of research and education in marine science. A motion was made (Peeples) and seconded (Chapman) that the proposed plan of marine development for the state as proposed by the Wildlife Resources Commission be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

In connection with the Comar report, a motion was made (Peeples) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Comar report be accepted as information and that the programs in marine science will be acted upon individually as they are presented to the Commission by the various institutions. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### VII. Annual Report of the Commission to the Legislature

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Smith) that the draft of the Commission's annual report to the Legislature as submitted be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### VIII. Report of the Joint Community College Study Committee

The report of the joint community college study committee was introduced. Dr. Morris reported that the Commission had met with the TEC Board the previous evening and they had jointly agreed on an alternative recommendation to submit to the Legislature. The alternative involved creating a new board of technical and comprehensive education which would absorb the present TEC activities but exclude the present university branches and centers. Mr. Sheheen who was not present at the joint meeting the evening before expressed keen feelings of opposition to the alternative recommendation and spoke for adopting the prime recommendation of the study committee which called for a comprehensive community college system

and deleting all alternative recommendations. Mr. Sheheen felt strongly that the prime recommendation takes into account all that needs to be done and that a golden opportunity to serve the state and provide better educational opportunities for the young people of the state would be missed if an all out effort for a community college system was not recommended. After much discussion it was agreed that another meeting would be held with the TEC Board and the Governor to consider the various alternatives.

In discussion on the recommendation in the report that no new university branches or centers be established it was called to the attention of the Commission that some of the two-year regional campuses were trying to put in junior and senior level courses which could be stepping stones to other four-year colleges. Mr. Marchant stated that this should not be done and the presidents of the universities should be notified of this right away. A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Walsh) that Dr. Morris inform the presidents that the branches and centers should not offer junior and senior level courses without the approval of the Commission. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### IX - Amendments to the Goals Report

Attached to the minutes as Exhibit A are recommended amendments to the Goals Report. Action taken on the amendments and other recommended changes in the report are as follows:

##### CHAPTER I - Goals in Higher Education

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Walsh) that on page I-6 the last phrase of the next to the last sentence, "and, more meaningfully, does not fit the South Carolina scene", be deleted. The motion was passed.

##### CHAPTER II - Enrollments and Admissions

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Furman) that the word "dual" be deleted in No. (5) on page II-2. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Chapman) that the recommendation on page II-10 limiting the enrollment at the University of South Carolina to 16,000 students be changed to state that the proposal of the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina to limit the freshman class enrollment to 2,500 plus or minus ten percent be accepted and that a maximum enrollment figure of 20,000 replace the previously stated 16,000 maximum enrollment. The motion failed to carry.

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Furman) that the recommendation on page II-10 remain as written. The motion

failed to carry.

A motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Smith) that the recommendation on page II-10 remain as written but the maximum enrollment figure for the University of South Carolina be changed to 18,000. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Furman) that the amendment on page II-17 under B (See Exhibit A) not be approved and that this paragraph remain in the report as originally written. The motion failed to carry.

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Sheheen) that the word "significantly" on page II-17 be deleted. The motion was passed.

### CHAPTER III - Academic Programs

A motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Sheheen) that the amendment on page III-3 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Furman) that the amendment on page III-6 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Sheheen) that the amendment on page III-8 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Peeples) that the amendment on page III-11 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Peeples) and seconded (Marchant) that the amendment on page III-13 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

### CHAPTER IV - Finances

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Furman) that the amendment on page IV-14 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

### CHAPTER V - Facilities

A motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Peeples) that the amendment on page V-3 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

## Chapter VII - Student Aid

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Furman) that the amendment on page VII-5, paragraph (4) (See Exhibit A) not be approved. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Chapman) that the amendment on page VII-5 at the bottom of the page (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Marchant) that the amendment on page VII-9 (See Exhibit A) not be approved. The motion was passed.

## CHAPTER XI - Non Public Institutions

A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Furman) that the last statement on page XI-1 be underscored and emphasized, making it stronger and putting it in a separate paragraph and changing the words "any state" to "State of South Carolina". The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Furman) that the amendment on page XI-4 (See Exhibit A) be approved. The motion was passed.

A motion was made (Walsh) and seconded (Sheheen) that the amendment on page XI-6 (See Exhibit A) be accepted but to it should be added the names of the schools eligible for the tuition grants aid, showing the capacity of these institutions, the number of students now enrolled and their potential without adding expensive facilities, and further stating that assistance is now being given to students attending these schools, and also changing the figures of \$100,000 and \$200,000 to \$200,000 and \$400,000. The motion was passed.

X. Letter from Mr. Wall to the Council of Presidents

A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Chapman) that the letter from Mr. Wall to the Council of Presidents on their suggested recommendations be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

XI. Letters to Members of Committees

A motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Marchant) that letters be sent to all members of the Special Medical Education Committee and the Comprehensive Community College Committee expressing appreciation for the outstanding job both committees had done. The motion was passed unanimously.

XII. Higher Education Facilities Commission

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Marchant) that the

Governor be requested to place the functions of the Higher Education Facilities Commission under the Commission on Higher Education with the administrator of the Higher Education Facilities Commission becoming a member of the Commission staff. The motion was passed unanimously.

XIII. Program Considerations

University of South Carolina

An appeal in connection with the BFA in Art Education - Approved subject to the following criteria to be met by June, 1975:

1. That upper-division enrollment in the BA-BS program be by that time at least 20 full-time students, and that there be some assurance that at least this minimum level will be maintained;
2. That the number of BA-BS degrees awarded annually be at least 10, and that there be some assurance that at least this minimum level will be maintained;
3. That the total (4 year) enrollment in the BFA program be at least 30, and that there be some assurance that at least this minimum level be maintained.

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