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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
January 4, 1990
10:30 a.m.
Midlands Technical College

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Howard G. Love
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Dr. Jeff Bartkovich
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Mr. Milton Kimpson
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Ms. Debra Allen
Mr. Les Boles
Ms. Katherine Bristow
Dr. Dean Cleghorn
Dr. G. Jay Gogue
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. James Hudgins
Dr. Paul G. Huray
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. Deborah Knowles
Dr. Ben Lawson
Dr. Terry Peterson
Mr. William Putnam
Dr. Les Reed
Mr. James Salley
Dr. Earline Simms
Dr. Arthur K. Smith
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith
Dr. Michael Smith
Mr. Sterling Smith
Dr. Robert White
Dr. Edwin Wilde

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sid Gaudin
Ms. Julie Jordan
Ms. Juliet Nader
Mr. Bill Robinson

I. Welcoming Remarks

President Hudgins welcomed the Commission to Midlands Technical College and invited those present to a luncheon and a tour of the campus following the meeting.

Mr. Whitener announced that Dr. Peter Mitchell, President of Columbia College, was selected to serve as Chairman of the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents.

II. Election of Officers

Mr. Turner nominated Mr. Whitener for Chairman for 1990. It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Ramage), and voted that nominations be closed and Mr. Whitener be elected by acclamation. Mr. Whitener was elected Chairman.

Ms. Kinon nominated Dr. Askins for Vice Chairman for 1990. It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Freeman), and voted that nominations be closed and that Dr. Askins be elected by acclamation. Dr. Askins was elected Vice Chairman.

III. Election of Members to Joint Board for Health and Medical Education

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Kinon), and voted that Dr. Ramage and Dr. Louis D. Wright (former member of the Commission) be elected to the Joint Board for Health and Medical Education for 1990. It was moved (Ramage), seconded (Jones), and voted that Dr. Askins be named an alternate.

IV. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 7, 1989

Mr. Love requested that the minutes be amended to include the following on page 5, section 2: "Mr. Love spoke to the extremely high cost of the project as proposed and implored Clemson University to reconsider it in terms of cost and long-range facility master planning for the University." It was moved (Turner), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of December 7, 1989 be approved as amended.

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 Study on Academic Performance of Students Granted Abatement of Non-Resident Tuition and Fees

At the request of the Committee on Business and Finance, the staff conducted a study on the Academic Performance of Students Granted Abatement of Non-Resident Tuition and Fees. The request was made in response to a request by the Senate Education Committee that the Commission review the use of the tuition abatement authority granted to the public institutions through Section 59-112-70. The study was completed and presented to the Committees. Both Committees concluded that the study showed no reasons, based on students' academic performances, to proceed with further study or to modify the statute which allows the abatement. The Committee on Business and Finance recommends that the conclusions of the study be submitted to the Commission, and that a report based on the results be prepared and submitted to the Legislature for information.

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

B. Consideration of Request for Funding of Impact Study by Governor's Economic Recovery Commission

The Governor's Economic Recovery Commission (GERC) has sought the help of South Carolina public colleges and universities in developing a comprehensive plan for guiding the State's recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo. Representatives from each of the public colleges and universities, including a representative from the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, will comprise the working group, the Economic Recovery Research Group (ERRG). The ERRG will submit one coordinated proposal for a Post-Hugo Impact Study, which will be incorporated into the omnibus proposal to be submitted to Washington. The GERC is requesting funding in the amount of \$27,600.

Dr. Jay Gogue (Clemson) and Dr. Paul Huray (USC) spoke on the joint effort and the benefits to the State.

The Committee on Business and Finance recommends that the GERC be funded for this amount. The source of the money will be from the Cutting Edge Research funds that are set aside for Economic Development Projects. It was moved (Jones), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

C. Consideration of Allocation of Cutting Edge Research Funds for Economic Development

The total amount of set aside Economic Development Project funds (5% of \$3,260,000) in the Cutting Edge for FY 1990 is \$163,000. Appropriations for Coastal Hazards Advisory and Mitigation Project - \$30,000 and Governor's Economic Recovery Commission - \$27,600 have been approved by the Commission.

The Committee on Business and Finance recommends that the remaining \$105,400 of Cutting Edge Research Funds for Economic Development be distributed to the universities in the following amounts: University of South Carolina - \$43,741, Clemson University - \$30,566, and Medical University of South Carolina - \$31,093. It was moved (Jones), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VI. Report of Committee on Planning and Assessment

Dr. Askins, chairman of the Committee on Planning and Assessment, reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of Effectiveness Plan for the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

At the recommendation of members and representatives of the Advisory Council on Planning, Commission staff developed a plan to assess the effectiveness of the Commission on Higher Education. On December 21, the Committee approved the plan.

The Committee on Planning and Assessment recommends that the effectiveness plan for the Commission on Higher Education be approved. It was moved (Askins), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

B. Consideration of Summary Report on Institutional Effectiveness

A summary report on institutional effectiveness was prepared and approved by the Committee on Planning and Assessment. The Commission's report places a strong emphasis on how the colleges and universities are using assessment information when problems are discovered. It has reported on each institution separately and urges readers to focus on the institution's accomplishments and concerns in the context of its individual goals and clientele. The central purpose of the ongoing Statewide institutional effectiveness effort is not to compare institutions but to strengthen the quality of individual colleges and universities through a continuous cycle of improvement.

The Committee on Planning and Assessment recommends that the summary report on institutional effectiveness be approved. It was moved (Askins), seconded (Craig), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VII. Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Ms. Kinon reported that the Fifth Annual Technical Assistance Workshop on the Development and Implementation of Successful Programs for Increasing Minority Access and Equity in Colleges and Universities will be held on February 8-9, 1990, at the Marriott Hotel in Columbia. She urged the Commission members to attend this workshop.

VIII. Report of the Commissioner

Annual Report on EIA-Funded Teacher Recruitment Programs

Mr. Sheheen stated that provisos in the Appropriations Act direct that the Commission monitor and evaluate the State-funded teacher recruitment programs authorized for the S. C. Teacher Recruitment Center, Benedict College, and S. C. State College. A report is required by January 15, 1990. The report and a recommended response to the current requirement were completed.

Dr. Vermelle Johnson and Dr. Earline Simms of S. C. State College addressed some concerns about the report and asked that the Commission reconsider the staff recommendations in terms of the proposed reduction in funding (\$17,500) and the phase-out of the forgivable loan program.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Kinon), and voted that recommendation 6 be amended to read: "S. C. State and Benedict College submit to the Commission on Higher Education for its approval proposed guidelines for the administration of their forgivable loan programs prior to their implementation in FY 90-91."

It was moved (Phillips) and seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendations be amended to change S. C. State's funds for FY 90-91 from \$147,500 to \$165,000.

Mr. Jones asked the representatives from S. C. State if there were any objections to the other recommendations. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Simms indicated that they support the amended recommendations, as well as all other recommendations included in the report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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