



# South Carolina

## Commission On Higher Education

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### SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, December 3, 1981

#### APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR FACILITY AT WINTHROP COLLEGE

The Commission on Higher Education, at its meeting on December 3, 1981, reaffirmed its approval for a new academic building at Winthrop College and endorsed a recommended change in funding to a mixture of Capital Improvement and State Institution Bonds as included in the 1981 Capital Improvement Bond Bill.

The Commission first approved the facility in Fall, 1979. The 1980 Capital Improvement Bond Act authorized construction to be funded with \$7,400,000 from Institution Bonds. Because in present financial circumstances Winthrop can fund only \$5,500,000 from Institution Bonds, the General Assembly in the 1981 Capital Improvement Bond Bill reduced the authorization for Institution Bonds to \$5,500,000 and provided \$2,600,000 from Capital Improvement Bonds. This project was vetoed by the Governor, in part because it had not been considered by the Commission on Higher Education in its present form.

#### REPORT ON USE OF TUITION

The Committee on Facilities reported that in 1981-82 student tuition in the public senior colleges and universities, used for debt service and capital expenditures, averaged approximately 25% of all the charges paid by students, ranging from a low of 7% at Francis Marion College to a high of 53% at the Medical University of South Carolina. A study of student fees, now underway, will include the uses of tuition and all other student fees.

#### APPROVAL OF POSITION PAPER ON FUNDING OF STATE DESEGREGATION PLAN

The Commission approved a "Position Paper on Full Funding of the State Desegregation Plan" for transmittal to the State Budget and Control Board and appropriate committees of the General Assembly.

#### APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR 2.19% REDUCTION IN 1981-82 APPROPRIATION

The Commission approved a plan for achieving a 2.19% reduction in its 1981-82 appropriation, as required by the State Budget and Control Board. This reduction results in a decrease of \$37,174 in the Commission's 1981-82 budget.

#### REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

The Council of Presidents of Public Colleges and Universities reported on action by the Council on December 2, 1981, with respect to the required 2.19% reduction in 1981-82 appropriations at the colleges and universities. The Council of Presidents voted on December 2 to propose to the respective boards of trustees that the institutions be allowed to institute a surcharge to each student for the 1982 spring semester, the amount of the surcharge to be determined by each institution.

#### RECOGNITION OF FOOT- BALL TEAMS AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY AND SOUTH CAROLINA STATE COL- LEGE

The Commission voted to transmit letters of congratulations to Clemson University and South Carolina State College for the national recognition received by their football teams during the 1981 season.

The Commission also voted that a letter be written to the American Broadcasting Company urging that it refrain in the future from broadcasting a position, with respect to a dispute which is before a forum of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, before a decision in such a dispute has been announced.

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