

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
AT
SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CENTER

September 7, 1972
10:30 a. m. - 12:15 p. m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. John K. Cauthen
Mr. Hugh M. Chapman
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Harrison L. Peeples
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

GUESTS

Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Mr. O. Stanley Smith, Jr.
Dr. Theodore S. Stern

STAFF

Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. M. Hurst Marshall
Mr. James R. Michael

I. Approval of Minutes of July 16, 1972, and August 3, 1972,
Meetings of Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Stanback) and seconded (Cauthen) that the minutes of the July 16, 1972, and August 3, 1972, meetings of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. Approval of 1973-74 Budget Request for Commission on Higher
Education

In general discussion on the proposed 1973-74 budget submission of the Commission on Higher Education, Mr. Quattlebaum stated

that of the \$1,614,936 requested only \$417,936 was for actual costs of the Commission. The balance of the amount requested, \$1,197,000, was pass-through money administered by the Commission to other institutions and individuals for special programs. It was felt that the budget request should be presented in such a way to clearly reflect that the actual money requested for operation of the Commission is \$417,936 and that the money requested for special programs to be coordinated by the Commission be separated from the total administrative costs of the Commission. Mr. Michael indicated that this would be done.

After discussion on the \$100,000 request in the budget for the development of the Charleston Consortium a motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Walsh) that this request be eliminated from the budget until there were concrete plans for the administration of the requested funds, showing a detailed breakdown of expenditures. The motion was passed unanimously.

Further discussion ensued on the request in the budget for additional funds to employ an administrative program analyst, statistical clerk and systems analyst to implement the management information system. It was noted that in addition to new personnel, \$30,000 for rental of data processing equipment and \$27,000 for data processing supplies is being requested. Mr. Chapman stated that the request for new personnel, data processing supplies and rental of data processing equipment to computerize the management information system amounted to approximately \$100,000 and although there was no question in his mind that the Commission needs a management information system there was doubt that the problem was being approached in the right way. Mr. Chapman pointed out that it was very expensive to embark on a fully staffed computer system and there were computer software companies who could probably provide what the Commission needed at much less cost. Mr. Jennings explained that the plan was to employ an outstanding individual, similar to a college computer center director, to work with the colleges and universities in computerizing the management information system which the Commission now has in manual form, running on a rented computer at infrequent intervals cards or magnetic tapes data from the institutions for reports needed by the Commission. In addition, the computer coordinator would work with the colleges that have no ability or talent in computers to help them develop computer abilities. Mr. Scarborough recommended that a committee from the Commission be appointed to work with Mr. Jennings and the Computer Advisory Committee to come up with a complete program and clear understanding of what is to be accomplished, and how it can be accomplished in the most economical way, before making a budgetary request. Mr. Jennings urged that the budget request

not be turned down because of a lack of communication and understanding. Mr. Jennings further stated that he would be quite willing to cut the total amount requested for implementation of the management information system in half and to work with a committee appointed from the Commission to come up with a better understanding of what is to be accomplished through the management information system. A motion was made (Furman) and seconded (Marchant) that the total funds requested for implementation of the management information system be cut in half and that Mr. Jennings work with a committee appointed from the Commission in the computer and management information system area. The motion was passed unanimously. Chairman Smith appointed Mr. Y. W. Scarborough and Mr. Hugh Chapman to serve on the committee to work with Mr. Jennings and the Computer Advisory Committee.

A motion was made (Grier) and seconded (Cauthen) that the proposed 1973-74 budget request for the Commission on Higher Education as amended be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

III. Program Considerations

Greenville Technical Education Center

A. D. for Medical Laboratory Technicians - Approved

Tri-County Technical Education Center

A. D. for Medical Laboratory Technicians - Approved

IV. Appeal by the University of South Carolina on the Doctor of Arts Program in French and Spanish and the Ph. D. Program in Early Childhood Education

Mr. Michael announced that President Jones had advised in writing that the University wished to appeal the Commission's decision on the Doctor of Arts program in French and Spanish and the Ph. D. program in Early Childhood Education.

It was agreed by the Commission that if an appealing institution wants to make a personal appearance before the Commission to present its case, the Commission decision will be delayed until the following month to allow time for staff recommendations. However, if an appealing institution does not want to appear before the Commission and submits an appeal in writing, the staff could make a recommendation to the Commission with action being taken by the Commission at the same time.

V. Employment of Dr. William Allen Smith as Assistant Commissioner for Health Affairs

Chairman Smith announced that Dr. William Allen Smith has accepted the position of Assistant Commissioner for Health Affairs, effective September 14, 1972. Doctor Smith asked if he would be allowed to do outside consulting work on his own time and a ruling was requested from Attorney General McLeod who stated that there was no legal objection provided the outside activities do not interfere with the performance of the duties for which a person is employed, the outside activities do not conflict in any way with the interest involved in the performance of the employee's official work, and that public facilities and personnel are not used for private purposes. After general discussion a motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Peeples) that Doctor Smith be informed that at the present time he will not be allowed to do outside consulting work and that the Commission proceed immediately to formulate adequate guidelines on outside consulting by employees of the Commission. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Executive Session

A motion was made (Peeples) and seconded (Grier) that the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The motion was passed unanimously.

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Secretary