

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 3, 1969

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, April 3, 1969, in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Furman, Grier, Lumpkin, Osborne, Rogers, Russell, and Schachte, and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Lumpkin, who had been designated Acting Chairman in Mr. Vance's absence, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 6, 1969, meeting, they were approved as written.

Mr. Lumpkin asked Dr. Morris for a report on the Commission's activities for the previous month. Dr. Morris reported that he had met with the Council of Presidents on the issue of capital financing for new buildings at the institutions of higher learning on the State. The State colleges and universities have reached their bonding capacities and the building programs have been at a virtual stand-still since January, 1968. The Presidents would like for the State to absorb outstanding bonds which would give them more borrowing power and the building programs could be resumed. The Council of Presidents requested that Dr. Morris draft a resolution to be sent to the State Budget and Control Board to take action in whatever way they deemed suitable to relieve the building program crisis. Dr. Morris asked the Commission for its thoughts on endorsing such a resolution. Mr. Coker said he thought it appropriate for the Commission to endorse these plans, and he made a motion that the Commission endorse the Council of President's resolution to the Budget and Control Board stating that the capital bonds should be lifted to allow the colleges and universities to go on with their much needed new buildings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russell and unanimously approved.

Dr. Morris announced that the Marine Science Research Advisory Committee had met with the Executive Committee of the Wildlife Resources Commission and that a person had been selected to be Director of the Marine Science Research Laboratory. The Wildlife Commission should know by April 21 if the offer is accepted. It was also announced that the budget for the Marine Science project had been approved by the House Ways and Means Committee.

On the DAPS reporting system, Dr. Morris reported that the colleges and universities had accepted the program with enthusiasm and it continued to move with great productivity. Meetings of the Working Committee and the Policy Committee had been held and the following specific objectives were set:

1. The 1968-69 budgets would be recast in DAPS terms to see where colleges and universities stood in terms of this system.
2. After recasting 1968-69 budgets, some of the formulas would be recast, and revised forms would be sent back to the colleges and universities for use in preparing the 1970-71 budgets. Dr. Morris stated that the

Pursuant to the desire of the Commission, Dr. Morris had met with each of the local Higher Education Commissions, which had requested him to do so, on the two year college issue. Also, the House Education Committee Chairman had asked Dr. Morris to meet with him and the Governor to discuss the bill to be introduced on a combined board for two and four year colleges in the State. Dr. Morris said he planned to appear at the public hearing on April 16 and had prepared a general statement of facts.

Dr. Morris announced that HEW had been interested for a year or two in doing something about integration of colleges of a more forceful nature. Five states have been asked to submit plans for total desegregation or their federal funds would be cut off. Dr. Morris said the Commission on Higher Education would be the responsible body to look into this should it come up for South Carolina.

Acting Chairman Lumpkin announced that two University of South Carolina programs and four Clemson University programs were on the agenda for approval. Mr. Lumpkin asked Dr. Morris for his recommendations. Dr. Morris said the University of South Carolina had requested approval of a Master of Arts in Teaching program, but the program as submitted, Dr. Morris thought, was a little vague and he had asked Dr. Jones to provide more information. At the time of the meeting this additional information had not been received and Dr. Morris suggested that the program be held in abeyance until this was received. Mr. Osborne made a motion that this be done and that the Commission follow up on the request for more information on the program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schachte and unanimously adopted.

The other University of South Carolina program submitted for approval was a two year program in Institutional Administration. Dr. Morris explained that the purpose of this program was to prepare technicians and managers for the food service and motel industry. The University would teach this course in Columbia and the Conway branch. Dr. Morris said a similar program was being taught at the TEC center in Conway and he recommended approval of the curriculum, but not for teaching in Conway. Mr. Cauthen said he did not think the program should be approved until it was explored a little further. Mr. Osborne moved that Dr. Morris' recommendation that the program be approved but not for teaching at the Conway branch be adopted. The motion failed to pass by a vote of five to three. In a counter motion Mr. Cauthen moved that the Commission staff consult further with the University of South Carolina and the TEC authorities to determine where this program should be placed to best meet the needs of the State. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Morris announced that Clemson had requested approval of a program in International Agriculture and a program in Microbiology. Because there was no cost involved in either program, Dr. Morris had approved both programs, subject to approval by the Commission. It was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted by the Commission that Dr. Morris' action in connection with these two programs be endorsed.

Two other Clemson programs, Engineering Analysis and Technical Operations, had been submitted to the Commission for approval. Dr. Morris recommended that these programs be approved by the Commission. Mr. Osborne made a motion that both programs be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coker and unanimously adopted.

In general discussion following it was suggested that each college and university be asked for its policy in connection with Item III of the Commission's Policy and Procedures with Respect to New Programs which states, "Prior approval of the institution's governing board may or may not be required, depending upon the policy established by each institution's governing board in the applicable case."

Dr. Kinard was invited to the meeting and gave an informative talk on the current student aid problems. It was pointed out that there does exist a financial barrier standing between South Carolina students and colleges. Applying the model developed by the College Entrance Examination Board for the State of North Carolina, to the situation in South Carolina, indicates that a "dollar gap" between which students and parents can reasonably be expected to pay and actual college costs, amounting to about \$8,500,000, now exists. This "gap" applies to those residents currently enrolled in South Carolina colleges. Dr. Kinard stated that the purpose of this study was to provide background information on what judgements as to form any new State support for student financial aid might take.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris