

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
October 5, 1989
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Howard G. Love
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Dr. Jeff Bartkovich
Mr. Milton Kimpson
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. James A. Paschal
Mr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Ms. Janet Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells

I. Welcoming Remarks

President Max Lennon welcomed the Commission to Clemson University as a part of the centennial celebration which marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Thomas Green Clemson whose will provided for the establishment of what has now become Clemson University. The theme of the celebration has been Tradition and Vision. Mr. Whitener stated that the Commission on Higher Education joins in the centennial celebration of Clemson University with admiration, with enthusiasm, and with appreciation. Dr. Lennon invited members, guests, and staff to a luncheon following the meeting.

GUESTS

Mr. Ken Cook
Ms. Peggy Dean
Dr. Anthony J. DiGiorgio
Dr. James A. Drake
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Stan Godshall
Dr. Opal S. Hipps
Mr. U. S. Jones
Dr. Robbie Kendall
Mr. David R. Larson
Dr. A. Max Lennon
Dr. John Luedeman
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Markus Moore
Ms. Lynn Owings
Dr. Jerome V. Reel, Jr.
Dr. George M. Reeves
Ms. Elaine Reimels
Mr. David Rinker
Dr. Kenneth Schwab
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Edwin Wilde
Mr. Jack Wilson

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Jenny Munro
Mr. Bill Robinson

II. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of August 28-29 and September 7, 1989

It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the minutes of the meetings of August 28-29 and September 7, 1989, be adopted as written.

III. Report of the Executive Committee - Ratification of Committee Action Concerning Emergency Repairs Necessitated by Hurricane Hugo

Dr. Askins reported that the Executive Committee would like a report from each institution with respect to emergency repairs due to damages caused by Hurricane Hugo by December 15 detailing damages, repairs, costs, and sources of funds.

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

Mr. Sheheen stated that after the reports come in, an account will be given to the Commission.

IV. Report on Centers of Excellence at Clemson University and Winthrop College

Dr. Reel introduced Dr. John Luedeman who is the Director of the Center of Excellence in Math and Science Education at Clemson University. Dr. Luedeman stated that the Center began with a grant from the Commission in 1987. The Center has six activities designed to assist teachers. Training manuals and tapes are available to public schools in the State free of charge.

Dr. Smith introduced Dr. Robbie Kendall, who is the Director of the Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Education at Winthrop College. In July 1987, the Commission awarded Winthrop College a grant, under the Education Improvement Act, to support the Center of Excellence. Dr. Kendall stated that the Center has just received a five-year federal grant of \$400,000 to assist in continuation of the Center.

V. Report on Nurse Recruitment and Retention Resource Center

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Nurse Recruitment and Retention Resource Center was established and funded by the General Assembly last year. The Commission has administered those funds and has oversight responsibility for the activities of the Center. Ms. Elaine Reimels, Director of the Center, stated that the major goal of the Center was to encourage more young people to enter the profession. The Center has developed a plan to market nursing career opportunities to elementary, secondary and high school students, minorities, nontraditional students, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors. The Center also serves as a clearinghouse of information regarding nursing recruitment and retention issues.

VI. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Brightharp, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. University of South Carolina:

(1) Consideration of Gibbs Property Acquisition

The University of South Carolina proposes to purchase the Gibbs property located at Blossom and Assembly Streets in Columbia. The property is prime for a future major building site for the University. The proposed purchase price of \$1,742,400 is payable as follows: 1) \$600,000 at closing, 2) a Note, secured by a purchase money mortgage, in the amount of \$1,142,400 payable in full in two years.

It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Jones), and voted that 1) the site be used for future construction of an academic facility including parking with the understanding that any other use will result in the Commission recapturing any State-invested funds from formula allocations to the University. Specifically, if a sports facility is constructed, with or without the approval of the Commission, funds invested will be recaptured; 2) the underground storage tanks be removed at the owner's expense prior to closing; 3) all friable asbestos be abated at the owner's expense prior to closing; 4) funding for the second and final payments be requested outside the formula in a separate section of the higher education funding request. It was moved (Gallagher), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation be amended to require, with respect to the payment required at closing, that the University obtain external financing in the amount of \$600,000 to replenish the general operating fund this fiscal year and formally notify the Commission that this has been accomplished.

(2) Consideration of Monticello Road Property Acquisition

The University of South Carolina-Columbia is requesting permission to accept a donation of property on Monticello Road. This property is in close proximity to the University's Monticello Road property owned by the Carolina Research and Development Foundation.

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

b. USC-Coastal Carolina: Consideration of Lease of Portables

USC-Coastal is requesting approval of a lease agreement with the Horry County School District for 41 portable classrooms. Annual rent for the 41 portables is \$20,500.

It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Kinson), and voted that this lease be approved with the annual rent payment of \$20,500 requested outside the formula in a separate section of the higher education funding request.

c. Francis Marion College: Consideration of Multipurpose Student Educational Facility

Francis Marion proposes to construct a 4,000 square foot multipurpose student educational facility. This is a reconfiguration of a request denied by the CHE at its meeting of June 1, 1989. Proposed usages of the facility have been expanded to include, in addition to late evening study space for residential students, space for student activities and additional classroom/seminar rooms for instruction during the College's peak instructional hours. College officials have agreed to eliminate all State funding from the project and further agreed to its classification as residential space not eligible for formula funds for maintenance and operations.

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

- d. Mr. Jack Wilson briefed the Commission on potential structural problems with the roof support structure at Littlejohn Coliseum. The Coliseum has been closed, based on an initial evaluation, for safety purposes. He stated that engineers are evaluating the situation and that a final report is expected by October 10, including a recommendation as how to best proceed. Mr. Wilson expressed confidence that repairs can be made before basketball season begins.

VII. Report of Committee on Access and Equity: Update on Plans for 11th Annual Meeting of South Carolina Black Students Association

Ms. Kinon reported that the 11th annual meeting of the S. C. Black Students Association will be held November 3-4, 1989, in Columbia. Through its Access and Equity Program, the Commission will promote its initiative to increase the participation of blacks in graduate and professional schools at this meeting. Ms. Kinon invited Commission members to attend and encouraged the colleges and universities to send representatives.

Ms. Kinon welcomed Mr. Markus Moore, president of the S. C. Black Students Association. Mr. Moore stated that the Association was established for the development and preservation of a communication system among black students in the State of South Carolina. It is a source of encouragement for achieving academic excellence in higher education. Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Fred Sheheen and Ms. Julia Wells of the Commission staff and Mr. Ken Cook, a counselor from Clemson, for their support.

VIII. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reminded Commission members that they have received invitations to the Higher Education Week Banquet on October 11, at which time the Governor's Professor of the Year will be honored. He added that the Governor has scheduled a press conference on Tuesday, October 10, at 3:00 p.m. to announce the Professor of the Year. Dr. Francis T. Borkowski will be the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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