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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
August 29-30, 1988

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Mrs. Reba Ann Kinon
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Howard G. Love
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mrs. Mildred R. Williams
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. James A. Paschal
Ms. Sarah P. Reynolds
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Ms. Betty Simmons
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sid Gaulden
Ms. Jenny Munro
Mr. Steve Smith

GUESTS

Mr. P. Henderson Barnette
Mr. Les Boles
Dr. Lester Corley
Dr. Robert W. Denton
Mr. Jim DuBeau
Mr. Daniel Dukes
Dr. Daniel Edie
Dr. James B. Edwards
Mr. N. Casey Frederick
Dr. C. P. Leslie Grady, Jr.
Maj. Gen. James A. Grimsley, Jr.
Dr. H. M. Holderfield
Dr. James B. Holderman
Mr. Earle Holley
Dr. Larry A. Jackson
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. David Larson
Lt. Col. B. W. Legare, Jr.
Dr. Max Lennon
Mr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.
Col. C. G. Lyons
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Alden L. McCracken
Mr. J. P. McKee
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr.
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry, Jr.
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. Blanche L. Premo-Hopkins
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. Jamie Roots
Mr. James Salley
Ms. Mary Sandifer
Dr. Olin Sansbury
Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab
Dr. Arthur Smith
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton
Ms. Janice Traywick
Mr. William E. Troublefield
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde
Mr. Leon Wiles
Mr. Jack Wilson

I. Introduction of New Staff Members

Dr. Kinard introduced new staff members who have been employed by the Commission to help implement its expanded activities: Dr. Robert A. Day and Dr. Aileen C. Trainer, Coordinators of Academic Programs. Day, former coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gerontology program (1986-88) and assistant professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (1981-88) at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, is a graduate of the University of Montana (B.A., 1966), the Ohio State University (M.A., 1969), and the University of Missouri-Columbia (Ph.D., 1981). Trainer, former coordinator of research and budget analysis for resource planning at Virginia Commonwealth University (1985-87), is a graduate of the University of Vermont (B.A., 1979), Colorado State University (M.A., 1981), and the University of Virginia (Ph.D., 1987).

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 7, 1988

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (M. Williams), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of July 7, 1988, be adopted as written.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Mr. Turner, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Dr. Kinard reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Admission Standards (Cutting Edge) The Cutting Edge statute contains a requirement with respect to admission standards at public colleges and universities:

"In consultation and coordination with the public institutions of higher learning in this state, the State Commission on Higher Education shall ensure that minimal admissions standards are maintained by the institutions."

In April 1988 the Advisory Committee adopted a procedure that requires each institution to specify the minimum approximate total SAT score required of applicants for admission as freshmen. In July 1988 the Advisory Committee and the Committee on Academic Affairs reviewed and endorsed a table containing institutional requirements and explanatory comments.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the proposed table and comments be approved and that the staff be authorized to distribute this information to prospective students through the secondary schools. It was moved (M. Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The table is attached as Exhibit A.

b. Consideration of Proposal for New Program: Center for Advanced Engineering Fibers and Composites, Clemson University. Clemson University proposes to establish a new Center for Advanced Engineering Fibers and Composites. Its purpose is to serve as a focal point for grants and contracts in the subfield of fiber-reinforced materials and to facilitate

joint efforts in this subspecialty by faculty members in various departments at Clemson. The Committee recommends that the Center be approved provided no unique cost or other special State appropriation be required or requested. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (M. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Report on Grant Awards, Education for Economic Security Act, FY 88-89. Title II of the Economic Security Act of 1984 (PL 98-337) provides for grants to the states based on the proportion each has of the population ages 5-17. In each state, 70% of the allocation is to be administered by the state agency for the public schools and the remaining 30% by the state agency for higher education. The act provides for two separate grant programs for higher education: the Higher Education Competitive Grants Program (Part I) and the Higher Education Cooperative Demonstration Program (Part II).

For FY 88-89 the federal allocation to South Carolina for Part I is \$349,000. On June 13, 1988, a panel consisting of academic affairs staff and two representatives of the State Department of Education reviewed 11 proposals from eligible institutions. On July 25 the Committee on Academic Affairs reviewed the panel's recommendations and approved the funding of six of the proposals.

Federal regulations permit more flexibility in tailoring the smaller proportion of funds for higher education in Part II of the EESA program to immediate needs in the State. The Committee therefore adopted revised guidelines for Part II for FY 88-89. The intent is to encourage colleges and universities to establish creative linkages with middle and high schools to enhance student preparation for postsecondary options.

d. Report on Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs. The South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education requires that the Commission annually review all programs leading to the associate degree. Each program's productivity is evaluated in terms of enrollment, number of graduates, and percent of graduates placed in related jobs or continuing their studies full time. Programs which fail to meet the criteria must be cancelled, suspended, or put on probation unless their continuation is justified to the Commission in writing.

During spring 1988, 267 associate degree programs in 26 institutions were evaluated. These institutions included the 16 technical colleges, the branches of USC, USC-Columbia (Fort Jackson), and Francis Marion College. Of the programs evaluated, 202 met all criteria and are recommended for continuation in good standing. Two programs did not meet all criteria, but supplemental information was provided to support the recommendation for their continuation. Forty-four programs are recommended for probation; fifteen are recommended for suspension; and four are recommended for cancellation.

The Committee recommends that the actions described in its report be approved with the proviso that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education continue the heating-ventilation-air conditioning program at Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College on probation until fall

1989, at which time the program will be suspended if it does not meet all the criteria. It was moved (M. Williams), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. Report on Certain Programs in Teacher Education. Undergraduate and graduate degree programs in education were evaluated by Commission consultants during 1985-86. The Commission accepted the consultants' final report in May 1987. At that time the Commission adopted two statewide recommendations: (1) to impose a three-year moratorium on new programs in education unless these were specifically linked to recommendations made by the consultants; and (2) to provide a mechanism by which the Commission could monitor steps to enhance existing programs during the moratorium.

The Commission requested that each institution submit to the Committee on Academic Affairs a report for each of the next three years summarizing actions taken to strengthen the eleven general areas of weakness identified through the State's education programs.

At its meeting on July 25, 1988, the Committee accepted the reports as information and encouraged the institutions to continue their efforts to strengthen existing programs in education.

f. Report on Status of Grant Awards for Research and for Undergraduate Education (Cutting Edge). On March 3, 1988, the Commission approved guidelines for research grants to senior public colleges. Forty-three research proposals were submitted by the June 1 deadline. Four out-of-state educators have agreed to serve as the panel to evaluate these proposals. The Committee on Academic Affairs will meet in September to review the panel's recommendations. The Committee's recommendations will be considered by the Commission on October 6.

Guidelines for grants to enhance undergraduate instruction were approved by the Commission on July 7. Proposals are due on September 1. A panel of out-of-state evaluators is being assembled. It is expected that the Commission will consider the Committee's recommendations on November 3.

IV. Distribution of Research Funds to the Universities. Mr. Sheheen reported that of the \$5,000,000 appropriated for The Cutting Edge, the Commission will allocate \$3,550,000 for research as follows:

(1) \$3 million to the three major universities "in a manner that takes into account the previous year's expenditures of externally generated funds for research . . ."

USC and	
USC School of Medicine	\$1,176,454
Clemson University	929,565
MUSC	893,982
Total	\$3,000,000

It was moved (M. Williams), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation concerning item 1 above be adopted.

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(2) the remaining \$550,000 will be allocated to the two other components mentioned in the legislation: (a) the four-year colleges, based on the Commission's review of proposals submitted by them; and (b) as stipulated in The Cutting Edge legislation, "the Commission may make exceptions to accommodate economic development opportunities in any area of the State." By November 30, 1988, any research funds remaining from components "a" and "b" will be reallocated to the universities.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation concerning item 2 above be adopted.

V. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matters:

a. Comparative Funding Study. Mr. Sheheen stated that the consulting firm, MGT, Inc., of Tallahassee, Florida, will conduct the Commission's comparative funding study. A report will be made to the Commission by December 31, 1988.

b. Scheduled Events. Mr. Sheheen noted that a dinner honoring the 1988 Palmetto Fellows will be held on September 20. The Higher Education Week banquet, at which the Governor's Professor of the Year will be honored, is scheduled for October 11. Both will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia.

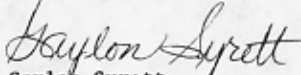
VI. 1989-90 Appropriation Presentations by Colleges and Universities and SBTCE

Dr. Williams welcomed the presidents and other representatives of the colleges and universities who were scheduled to present their 1989-90 appropriation requests to the Commission on August 29 and 30.

Dr. Williams noted that the Committee on Business and Finance will meet following the meeting of the Commission to consider the appropriation requests and to develop its recommendations. The Commission is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 8, to adopt final recommendations to be presented to the Budget and Control Board, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee on September 9.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon on August 30.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary