

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 6, 1969

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 6, 1969, in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Furman, Grier, Holliday, Lumpkin, Osborne, Rogers, Schachte, Vance and Walsh, and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Vance called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. On motion by Mr. Lumpkin it was adopted that the minutes of the meeting of January 2, 1969, be approved as written.

Mr. Vance asked Dr. Morris for his report. Dr. Morris stated that he had continued to work with the Budget and Control Board on the budgets for the higher education institutions. He announced that in addition to the original recommended budget appropriations, a supplemental amount of five million dollars had been recommended for the colleges and universities, which would be meaningful in meeting the demands of the institutions. Dr. Morris said that the increase for research would be worked out on a formula basis, per graduate student, and that they were working to get research money into the Medical College budget.

As part of the activity to promote public understanding of the Commission's position, Dr. Morris stated that he had been making talks to various civic clubs over the state and visiting the local higher education commissions when possible. Dr. Morris commented that he had had a nice visit in Spartanburg with Dr. Hodge and also Dr. Stirzacker in connection with the Spartanburg Branch of the University. Mr. Walsh commented that Dr. Morris' visit to Spartanburg was well received and opened the door for further understanding.

Dr. Morris read to the Commission a letter from General Harris of The Citadel stating that the Southern Association had approved The Citadel's Master of Arts in Teaching program. General Harris thanked the Commission for its assistance in this connection.

Dr. Morris announced that he had been appointed the Governor's Science Advisor and that he had also been elected to the Board of Directors of the Regional Education Laboratory for the Carolinas and Virginia. Other staff activities included work on the scholarship program and other projects by Dr. Kinard, and visiting various colleges in the state and work on the reporting system by Mr. Jennings. There would be reports from both Dr. Kinard and Mr. Jennings later in the meeting. Plans for the immediate future included work on marine science, ETV, the scholarship program, and teacher education, said Dr. Morris.

Dr. Morris announced that he had been working with Mr. Pete Hyman and Mr. Henry Lake on a bill to be introduced in the House creating a board to administer the two and four year colleges. This bill would recommend a combined board, and because the Commission recommended that there should be separate

boards for two and four year colleges, Dr. Morris asked if the Commission had any objections to his helping to write this bill. It was agreed that Dr. Morris should continue to help with this bill. The Commission members asked to receive a copy of the bill as soon as it was available.

A study of the state computer system for colleges used in North Carolina had been received by Dr. Morris, who had asked Dr. Eccles in the Computer Center at the University of South Carolina to evaluate it in terms of use in South Carolina. Dr. Morris will report on this at another meeting.

In connection with the personnel classification system, Dr. Morris said he had met with Mr. Ellis, State Personnel Director, who wants a minimum number of exceptions made in exempting certain key personnel in colleges and universities. Dr. Morris and Mr. Ellis will meet again to work out these exceptions.

Dr. Morris stated that the Commission had been working hard on efforts to promote health sciences, and that in this connection he had met with the Planning Committee of the Medical College. Dr. Morris announced that the Governor was going to appoint an advisory committee to work with the Technical Education Committee on allied health programs. Dr. Aycock, Dr. McCord and Mr. Barton were to meet with Dr. Morris to coordinate para-medical programs in general.

It was stated by Dr. Morris that Clemson had executed a Memorandum of Agreement between the Trustees of the Belle W. Baruch Foundation and Clemson University for the establishment of the Belle W. Baruch Professorship in Forestry, along with financial support for four graduate students. Clemson also will manage other programs for the Foundation. Dr. Edwards had inquired if the Commission should approve the Agreement. Dr. Morris had replied to Dr. Edwards that the Commission should approve the Agreement in general, then specifically approve new research programs in new areas not previously covered by Clemson. Dr. Morris asked the Commission if there were any objections to these arrangements. There were no objections. This concluded Dr. Morris' report.

Mr. Vance said the next item on the agenda was the consideration of the revised program approval guide. The revised program approval guide had been sent to the state college and university presidents and all were in favor, with the exception of the University of South Carolina which had not responded at the time of the Commission meeting. Colonel Holliday moved that the Commission accept the revised guide. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously adopted.

Consideration of the Dental Assisting program submitted by the Medical College was called to the attention of the Commission by Chairman Vance. Mr. Cauthen asked Dr. Morris for his recommendation. Dr. Morris replied that he recommended approval of the Dental Assisting program. Mr. Cauthen then moved that the Commission approve the program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lumpkin and unanimously adopted.

Chairman Vance announced that Winthrop had requested approval of two new programs, a Master of Science in Business Education and a Master of Science in

Speech Pathology. Dr. Morris had reviewed the two programs with President Davis and suggested that the Master of Science in Business Education be reworked and submitted at a later time. The Speech Pathology program was given to the Commission but it was moved by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Cauthen that the Commission review the program and take it up at the next meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The next item to be brought before the Commission was the consideration of a memorandum from Mr. Cauthen, copies of which had been sent to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Mr. Cauthen stated that he did not feel the medical problems of the state had been met with any urgency and that one of the highest priorities in the state was medical education. He moved that the Commission on Higher Education set up a sub-committee of three to get into the medical college area and begin immediate negotiations with the presidents of the Medical College, University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Furman University, and the Director of the Technical Education Committee for the purpose of determining the most feasible and effective steps to increase as soon as possible the number of doctors, dentists, nurses and various other allied health science personnel to be educated in South Carolina. In the discussion following Mr. Cauthen's motion, Mr. Lumpkin stated that he felt Mr. Cauthen had some valid points and that the Commission had taken medical education as a high priority. Mr. Lumpkin suggested that the responsibility for coordination in the area of medical education be put on the staff of the Commission rather than a sub-committee. Mr. Cauthen agreed that the staff could handle it, and he would also like to see a medical doctor working with the staff in this connection. Mr. Osborne made a motion that the responsibility be put on the staff of the Commission, and to have the staff report to the Executive Committee, with authority to call on and employ anyone they needed for help or consultation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lumpkin and unanimously adopted.

A report on scholarships and student aid was then given by Dr. Kinard who reported that replies to the questionnaire on student aid had been received from all six public institutions and from thirteen non-public senior institutions. In 1967-68 these nineteen institutions enrolled 33,700 full-time students with 18,359 of these students receiving some kind of student aid for a total dollar value of \$10,819,000. A table showing detailed break-down was distributed for information. Dr. Kinard said that if the \$200,000 for student loans was forthcoming the Student Aid Committee should be expanded to include some members from the Bankers Association. Mr. Lumpkin suggested that Dr. Kinard also discuss this with some members of the South Carolina National Bank.

Mr. Vance then called on Mr. Jennings for a report on the data and planning system.

Mr. Jennings reported that the DAPS report developed by Campus Facilities Associates had been reviewed by Mr. Mel Wilson, and that Mr. John Gaskie of Campus Facilities Associates had spent January 27 in Columbia receiving the specific comments of Dr. Morris, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Jennings. A conference to discuss and review the DAPS report has been set for February 20 at which time representatives from Campus Facilities will meet with the college and university presidents and business officers, along with Dr. Morris, the State Auditor, and possibly the Governor.

Dr. Morris announced that the Wildlife Resources Commission had requested funds for a marine science research laboratory and funds for operating this laboratory. The Wildlife Commission would like to set up an advisory committee from the universities and the Commission on Higher Education to coordinate research in the marine science area and to work with the laboratory on an academic liaison basis. This committee would consist of the Deans of the Graduate School at Clemson and the University of South Carolina and Dr. Morris. Dr. Morris felt that the Commission should support this request from the Wildlife Commission. The motion was made by Mr. Osborne that the Commission endorse this project of the Wildlife Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grier and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Vance asked if there was any new business to come before the Commission. Mr. Walsh stated that in connection with the new two year centers and branches we need some accurate data on present admission requirements, transferability of credits, programs, how well students perform after transferring from a center or branch to a university, the percentage of students going forward, etc. It was suggested that this data be put into a memorandum to be sent out by Dr. Morris. It was further suggested that the statistics in the Thomas Report be brought up to date.

Mr. Vance thanked Commission members for being present and said that if anyone had any problems in their particular area, Dr. Morris and the Commission staff was available for help.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James A. Morris  
Commissioner.