

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
December 7, 1989
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brighttharp
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Howard G. Love
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Dr. Jeff Bartkovich
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Mr. Milton Kimpson
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Mr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Ms. Deborah Allen
Dr. Jeffrey S. Arpan
Mr. Todd Barnette
Mr. Les Boles
Mr. Charles Boykin
Ms. Katherine Bristow
Dr. Anthony DiGiorgia
Mr. James Edwards
Mr. Stanley Godshall
Dr. Karry Guillory
Dr. H. McLean Holderfield
Dr. William House
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. James F. Kane
Mr. David Larson
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Gen. George Meenaghan
Mr. Dennis Merrill
Dr. William Moran
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. William Pirkle
Mr. William Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. David Rinker
Dr. Herbert Robbins
Dr. J. D. Sheriff
Dr. Arthur K. Smith
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 2, 1989

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of November 2, 1989 be approved as written.

II. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

A.1. Report of the Consultants Evaluating Programs in Life Sciences - Undergraduate and graduate programs in the life or biological sciences were evaluated during 1987-88.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Craig), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee shown as Exhibit A be adopted.

A.2. Report of the Consultants Evaluating Programs in Public Affairs - Undergraduate and graduate degree programs in social work, public administration, criminal justice and criminology were evaluated for the first time in 1988-89.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee shown as Exhibit B be adopted.

A.3. Report of Consultants Evaluating Degree Programs in Business - Undergraduate and graduate degree programs in business were evaluated for the second time during FY 1988-89. Two programs were recommended for commendation based on their excellence as programs of regional or national distinction. Dean James F. Kane and Dr. Jeffrey S. Arpan accepted an award for excellence in the program leading to the Master of International Business Studies degree at USC-Columbia. Dr. J. D. Sheriff accepted an award for excellence for the program leading to the B.S. in industrial management at Clemson University.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee shown as Exhibit C be adopted.

B. Report on Annual Evaluation of Associate Degree Programs in Public Institutions - The South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education (1979) requires that the Commission annually review all programs leading to the associate degree. The purposes of conducting this review are to insure that programs to be continued are responsive to employment trends and meet minimum standards and to identify programs which may need to be strengthened.

The Committee recommends that the actions summarized in Tables 1 through 4, shown as Exhibit D, be adopted. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Love), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

C. Consideration of Study on Student Financial Assistance Programs - This study was called for in the Commission's Work Plan for FY 88-89 to assess the extent to which student assistance programs meet students' educational expenses; and to identify steps, if any, that might be needed to enable State programs and policies to respond to student financial needs in coming years.

The Committee recommends that the report on student aid be accepted as information with the understanding that the staff will conduct further study and analysis with the objective of making more specific recommendations by June, 1990. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

D. Consideration of Programs in Developmental Education - The General Assembly, in 1988, adopted The Cutting Edge legislation on developmental education as contained in Section 59-104-30. The Commission conducted a survey of all public institutions to determine both current practices and future plans for developmental education programs. Institutions were asked to provide enrollment data for FY 88-89 so that the magnitude of their efforts in developmental education might be better understood.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee shown as Exhibit E be adopted.

E. Consideration of Revisions in Admission Prerequisites - The Advisory Committee on Academic Programs has adopted the recommendation that the specific admissions prerequisites in economics and government be deleted and that an additional unit of social studies be required (for a total of two) with an indication that the additional unit may include economics, government, history, psychology, and sociology. The Office of Vocational Education of the State Department of Education requested that a newly-developed course in applied physics be accepted to meet the physics option.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Love), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee shown as Exhibit F be adopted.

F. Consideration of Procedures for Allotment of the Research Investment Fund, FY 1990-91 - The Research Investment Fund, a key element of the Cutting Edge program, provides incentives to the 12 public senior institutions to establish or expand research programs which are related to the continued economic development of the State.

The Committee has examined the procedures by which the three universities allot Research Investment Funds internally. The Committee recommends no changes in the current procedures for distribution of the RIF for FY 1990-91, with the understanding that, in accord with the enabling legislation, the Commission will examine this procedure annually hereafter. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

G. Consideration of Guidelines for Centers of Excellence FY 1990-91 - The Education Improvement Act of 1984 requires that the Commission, in consultation with the State Department of Education, establish particular areas of teacher education to which priority should be given in soliciting proposals from institutions for Centers of Excellence.

The Committee recommends that the Guidelines attached as Exhibit G be commended favorably to the Commission. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

H. Report on Annual Follow-up on Teacher Education Programs - In 1987, the Commission required that each institution submit to the Committee on Academic Affairs an annual report for each of the next three years on actions taken to strengthen the areas of weakness identified in the State's teacher education programs.

The Committee accepted the reports submitted by the institutions and encouraged the institutions to renew their efforts to refine and strengthen existing programs in education. This report was submitted for information only.

I. Report on Compliance with Admissions Prerequisites, 1989 - Effective first in fall, 1988, public senior colleges and universities in South Carolina required that applicants for freshman admission who graduate from high school in 1988 or subsequent years must have completed certain high school courses before being admitted. Tables summarizing the extent to which freshmen who enrolled in fall, 1989, met these prerequisites were submitted for information only.

J. Report on SAT Scores of Entering Freshmen, 1988 - A consolidated report which lists the distribution of Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for first-time entering freshmen in fall, 1988, was submitted for information.

III. Report of Committee on Facilities

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

A. Sumter Area Technical College: Proposed Construction of Allied Health Building - Sumter Area Technical College is requesting authorization to construct a new building of 18,768 gross square feet to house its Allied Health programs, including nursing. The Committee concludes that given existing enrollments, planned new programs, and space requirements for such programs, the proposed facility is appropriately sized to meet the College's needs. The Committee recommends approval of the project as proposed.

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

B. York Technical College: Scope Revision and Budget Increase, Classroom and Library Buildings - The College received approval through the 1988 Capital Bond Act to construct an Educational Support Facility at a total cost of \$3,600,000. The College is now seeking approval to revise the scope of the project and increase the total project budget to \$5,600,000. The Committee recommends the requested scope revision and increase in total estimated project budget be approved as proposed.

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

C. Clemson University

1. RFP, Conference and Continuing Education Center Complex - Clemson proposes to issue RFPs seeking developers willing to build a conference and continuing education center, including hotel and championship golf course, on the University campus. There is no risk to the University and State in advertising this RFP. The solicitation itself does not commit Clemson to award a contract or pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals. The Committee recommends the University be

authorized to proceed with the RFP provided when and if a proposed final development and lease agreement is negotiated, it be submitted to the Commission for review and approval prior to execution.

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

2. Johnstone Hall Renovation - Clemson is seeking approval to proceed with Phase 1 of the renovation of Johnstone Hall. Phase 1 involves the demolition of approximately 108,000 square feet containing 608 beds. This space will be replaced with new construction of 127,500 square feet including 584 beds. The Committee recommends the project be approved as proposed.

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

3. Proposed Swap - Richardson House, Matthews Property - Clemson is proposing to swap these properties. The Richardson House is an asset of the University while the University Foundation holds title to the Matthews property. The Committee recommends the exchange be approved provided the environmental survey of the Matthews property identifies no significant problems.

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

- D. USC-Coastal - Student Center Renovations, Budget Increase - Coastal Carolina College is proposing to increase the budget of this previously established project by \$565,000, The Committee recommends the request be approved.

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

- E. USC-Spartanburg - General Classroom and Theatre Building, Budget Increase - The University is requesting permission to add an additional \$950,000 in Institution Bonds to the project budget of \$5.5 million in order to acquire equipment and supplies for the building. The Committee recommends the requested increase be approved as proposed.

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

- F. 1. Williams Brice Stadium Modifications - The University is proposing to make structural modifications to the Williams Brice Stadium. These modifications involve the installation of steel support struts to stiffen the upper deck. The Committee recommends the project be approved as proposed.

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

2. R. G. Bell Camp Property, Proposed Sale - The University proposes to sell the R. G. Bell Camp property located in Columbia. The Bell Camp has been owned by the University for a number of years and serves the University community as a recreation area. The University contends that utilization of the Camp by the University community has been declining steadily over the past ten years. The Committee recommends the University be authorized to proceed with sale of the Camp provided: 1) The sale contract price equals or exceeds the approved value of \$4,350,000, and 2) All proceeds, including future interest earnings, are set aside for the future development of student recreation areas.

Mr. Love asked if the proceeds would be used for the construction of a coliseum on the Gibbes property. Dr. Smith and Mr. Rinker responded that the proceeds would not be used to build such a coliseum.

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

3. Journalism/Mass Communication Center - USC-Columbia is proposing to construct a new Journalism/Mass Communication Center in the near future. The University intends to raise a substantial portion of the project cost through private contributions. The Committee recommends the potential project be approved for A & E in the amount of \$50,000 from private funds.

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

IV. Report of Committee on Access and Equity - Final Allocations for FY 1989-90 Access and Equity Program Funds

Report of Committee on Access and Equity

Ms. Kinon, chairperson of the Committee on Access and Equity, reported on the following matter:

The Committee approved final allocations to institutions for the FY 1989-90 year. These allocations were made possible because of support from the Governor's office in the amount of \$100,000 which the Commission acknowledges with gratitude. Also noteworthy, is the fact that the Commission is giving up all of its Access and Equity funds for statewide initiatives (\$50,000) to make the allocation possible.

V. Report of the Commissioner - Consideration of an Appointment to Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention Mr. Sheheen stated that in 1988, the General Assembly authorized the establishment of the Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention. The Policy Council must be composed of thirteen members appointed by the Commission. In August, 1989, one of the original members resigned. Mr. Sheheen recommends that the Commission appoint Ms. Billie Boette, R.N., Dean of the Health Studies Division at Florence-Darlington Technical College, effective immediately, to the Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention, to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Collins.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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