

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 4, 1980  
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Robert C. Gallager  
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley  
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith  
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth  
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor  
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mrs. Margaret E. Wells  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.  
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBER OF THE PRESS

Ms. Sally Saunders

GUESTS

Dr. Stephen H. Ackerman  
Dr. Carl A. Carpenter  
Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.  
Dr. Carolyn McIVER  
Dr. William C. Moran  
Dr. M. Maceo Nance, Jr.  
Mr. Wyman D. Shealy  
Dr. Walter D. Smith  
Dr. Glenn G. Thomas

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Dr. George P. Fulton  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes  
Mrs. Lynn Metcalf  
Mr. James R. Michael  
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett  
Mrs. Carol D. Waldo

I. Welcoming Remarks

President Nance welcomed the Commission to the campus of South Carolina State College and invited Commission members, guests, and staff members to visit the I. P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium, and to a luncheon and bus tour of the campus following the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes of November 6, 1980, Meeting

Dr. Bostic requested that the record show that he opposed approval of the recommendations of the Committee on Facilities with respect to Part II (p. 55), minutes of the November 6, 1980, Commission meeting) because of the inclusion of funds for the USC-Columbia Film Library (Priority 7, Part II). It was moved (Gallager) and seconded (Gilliam) that the minutes of the November 6, 1980, meeting be approved, as amended. The motion was adopted.

III. Progress Report on CHE and State Auditor Review of USC School of Medicine

Dr. Bostic reported that the review of the USC School of Medicine by the State Auditor and the Commission on Higher Education is nearing completion. The Committee on Business and Finance and the Committee on Health and Medical Education met in

Columbia on November 24, and the draft of the Commission's part of the study was forwarded to the University of South Carolina on November 25, with a request that USC provide written comments of this part of the review. The State Auditor's draft report was forwarded to USC on November 26. The Committee on Business and Finance and the Committee on Health and Medical Education are scheduled to meet again on December 19 to develop their recommendations to the Commission. These recommendations will be considered by the Commission at its meeting on January 8.

#### IV. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

a. Recommendations on Faculty Performance Appraisal Procedures and Grievance Procedures. Mr. Sheheen, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported that the Committee met on Wednesday, December 3, to consider performance appraisal procedures submitted by three institutions. The State Personnel Division has tentatively approved procedures submitted by the first two institutions listed below:

South Carolina State College -- performance appraisal. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (N. Taylor), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Francis Marion College -- grievance and performance appraisal procedures. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Gallagher), seconded (Gilliam), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

College of Charleston -- grievance and performance appraisal procedures. Mr. Sheheen reported that certain changes are necessary in the procedures submitted by the College of Charleston in order to bring them into consistency with State laws and with policies of the State Personnel Division. The procedures were returned to the College of Charleston by the State Personnel Division for that purpose and have not been resubmitted for final approval. He noted that the law requires that the procedures be approved by December 31. Since the Commission will not meet again before that date, the Committee requests that it be delegated the authority to approve the performance and appraisal procedures of the College of Charleston at such time as those procedures have been reviewed and approved by the State Personnel Division. It was moved (Smith), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the request of the Committee be approved. Dr. Bostic suggested that action by the Committee be subsequently ratified by the Commission.

b. Progress Report on Development of a Cooperative MBA Program in Florence. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr. William C. Moran, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Francis Marion College, reported that a meeting was held on November 25, 1980, in the USC Provost's office. Those attending were Dr. Francis T. Borkowski, Dr. James B. Henry, Dr. James F. Kane, and Dr. W. Pierce Liles of USC; and Dr. Morgan B. Coker, Dr. Johannes R. Lischka, and Dr. Moran of Francis Marion College. The group agreed on the following:

1. Francis Marion's proposal that a graduate program leading to the MBA degree offered by Francis Marion College is essentially that originally submitted for the consideration of the Commission;
2. The program has been modified to allow students matriculating in this curriculum to take a minimum of nine semester hours (one-fourth of the total curriculum) through televised courses offered by the University of South Carolina. Students may take these courses
  - a. directly by individually applying to and being admitted by USC specifically into each respective course;

b. indirectly by enrolling in FMC courses utilizing USC televised courses either "live" or video-taped. When this "indirect" arrangement is employed, FMC will pay USC a minimum charge, as yet to be negotiated between the two institutions, for the use of the televised courses.

3. Francis Marion College will retain sole responsibility for deciding which USC-TV courses it will require of each of its students. The University of South Carolina will retain sole responsibility for deciding whom it will admit directly into each of its courses (see 2-A above).

Mr. Sheheen noted that at the Committee meeting on December 3, reference had been made to a difficulty in accreditation. Because the College of Business Administration at USC is accredited by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business and the undergraduate program at Francis Marion is not so accredited, problems related to joint operation have arisen. The Committee on Academic Affairs believes that the Commission intended for the program in Florence to be a cooperative one rather than separate. Because this objective has not been accomplished, the Committee recommends that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Academic Affairs for consultation with appropriate officials from USC and FMC. In the event that valid and insuperable difficulties are identified, the Committee will outline the various options for the Commission. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Lewis) that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

At the invitation of the Chairman, President Smith of Francis Marion College stated that it was the intent of Francis Marion to offer a program that would be of service to business and industry in the Florence area. Because such a program would not be identical to one offered by USC, the proposal outlined above was developed. He noted that the two institutions are not optimistic about the possibility of offering a cooperative program because of differences in purposes and operations.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he finds the joint proposal, as stated above, unacceptable. He expressed the view that the Committee should consider placing limitations on the two programs, if the problems cannot be negotiated. He noted that the ramifications of programs offered over the ETV network should be considered on a Statewide basis. Mr. Sheheen stated that the issue ultimately must be judged on productivity. He noted that the enrollments in Florence, as well as in Charleston and Rock Hill, indicate that students prefer on-campus programs.

On the invitation of the Chairman, President Nance commented, on behalf of the Council of Presidents of Public Senior Colleges and Universities, that proliferation over the State of ETV programs by one institution would create problems for other institutions that wish to initiate programs on individual campuses. He noted that the matter is a Statewide problem and should be addressed in a broad context.

The motion that the recommendations of the Committee be approved was adopted.

Mr. Sheheen stated that the consultants' reports on the review of graduate programs in mathematics and physical sciences have been submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs for its consideration. The report on the review of duplication of missions will be completed within the next few days. The Committee is scheduled to meet on December 18 to consider the reports and to formulate its recommendations, to be considered by the Commission on January 8. The report on the review of graduate programs in biological sciences is expected to be completed prior to the January Commission meeting.

## V. Report of Committee on Facilities

a. Recommendation Concerning State Plan for Administering the Higher Education Facilities Grants Program for Removal of Architectural Barriers (Title VII, Higher Education Act of 1965 as Amended). Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported that in August the supplemental Appropriations and Rescission Act of 1980 was passed by Congress, deferring \$10 million for obligation in Fiscal Year 1981 under Title VII-A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended. These funds will be used to provide grants to eligible institutions for removal of architectural barriers. South Carolina has been allocated \$133,924 for this program (\$50,000 for public community colleges and public technical colleges, and \$83,924 for other institutions, public and private). The Commission on Higher Education is designated the State Commission for administration of the Title VII-A program in the State.

One of the Commission's responsibilities in administering the program is to develop the State Plan containing (1) specific criteria for ranking projects; (2) methods for determining amount of recommended grants; and (3) closing dates for filing applications. On November 26, 1980, Commission members were provided copies of a draft State Plan. The draft was considered by the Committee on Facilities on December 3. The Committee recommends that the draft State Plan be approved. It was moved (O. Taylor), seconded (Smith), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Recommendation on Priorities of Capital Improvement Requests of Technical Colleges. Mr. Taylor stated that at its meeting on November 6, 1980, the Commission approved a motion, with reference to Capital Improvement Requests of the Technical Colleges, to "approve the priority numbers assigned to projects submitted by SBTCE (6, 8, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 31, 33, 35, 46, 49, 51, 63, and 68), and that the Committee on Facilities review with SBTCE the projects to be assigned to each priority." Mr. Taylor reported that after subsequent discussions with SBTCE officials, the Committee recommends that the following projects be assigned the priority numbers shown below: Priorities 1-30 are approved; 31-68 are deferred.

### Priority

- 6. Site Work, Phase III, Midlands Technical College/Airport Campus, \$475,000
- 8. Engineering/LRC, Florence-Darlington Technical College, \$2,480,000
- 13. Developmental Studies/Student Services, Sumter Area Technical College, \$855,000
- 16. Classroom/Lab, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, \$170,000, for Developmental Design
- 18. Equipment, TEC System, \$4,500,000
- 19. Renovation of Shop/Classroom Building, Midlands Technical College/Airport Campus, \$169,600
- 20. LRC/Administration Building, Tri-County Technical College, \$2,800,000
- 21. Industrial Training Expansion, Spartanburg Technical College (no State funds)
- 29. Engineering Building Renovation and Expansion, Greenville Technical College, \$288,000
- 30. Engineering Technology Building, Piedmont Technical College, \$833,600
- 35. SBTCE, Equipment for the System
- 46. Library/Student LRC, Midlands Technical College/Airport Campus

- 49. Classroom/LRC, York Technical College
- 51. Expansion of LRC and Developmental Labs and Classrooms, Piedmont Technical College
- 63. West Building Administration Expansion/Renovation, Spartanburg Technical College
- 68. Learning Resource Center, Greenville Technical College

Mr. Taylor noted that the recommendations of the Committee include additional funds totaling \$933,000 over the earlier recommendations of the Committee on November 5. It was moved (O. Taylor) and seconded (Smith) that the recommendations of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted. Mr. Smith suggested that the Commission develop a policy with respect to priorities as submitted by the institutions. Dr. Bostic stated that the issue should be discussed by the Committee on Facilities.

c. Recommendation on Purchase of Former Elementary School by USC-Beaufort. At the meeting of the Commission on November 6, 1980, with respect to a Capital Improvement Request by USC-Beaufort for \$1,285,000 for renovation of a former elementary school and for an additional \$1 million for the purchase of the property, the Committee on Facilities recommended that \$1,285,000 be approved for renovation of the building, and that arrangements be made locally to donate the facility to the institution. The Commission adopted a motion on November 5, 1980, "that the recommendation of the Committee be approved, but that action on the \$1 million for purchase of land be deferred pending receipt of a proper appraisal . . ."

Mr. Taylor reported that the Committee recommends that the report of the Commission, with respect to Permanent Improvement Requests, be forwarded to the Budget and Control Board, with the understanding that the Commission will forward a recommendation concerning the purchase of property by USC-Beaufort at a later date. It was moved (O. Taylor), seconded (Smith), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

d. Progress Report on Building Quality Survey. Mr. Taylor reported that the J. E. Sirrine Company has completed field inspections of Chesterfield-Marlboro and Piedmont Technical Colleges and Lander College. The team has completed field inspections of 81 buildings or 24 percent of the total. It is expected that the survey will be completed by June 30, 1981.

VI. Recommendation Concerning Licensure of Southern College of Optometry to Provide a Clinical Rotation in Orangeburg for Advanced Optometry Students

Act 201 of 1977 (Licensing of Non-Public Educational Institutions to Confer Degrees) provides that "the commission shall be the sole authority for licensing non-public educational institutions established in this State and for those established elsewhere to operate in or confer degrees in this State." Southern College of Optometry, located in Memphis, Tennessee, has applied for licensure to operate an externship program at the Family Health Center in Orangeburg, South Carolina. The institution proposes to rotate qualified senior students to Orangeburg, for a five- to ten-week period each, for supervised clinical experience in that setting.

An examination team visited the Orangeburg Family Health Center on October 9, 1980, and met with representatives of that Center and of Southern College of Optometry. Commission members were provided, on November 25, copies of the team's report recommending that a regular license be granted the College for this purpose. Dr. Bostic

and the chairmen of the standing committees considered the application on December 3 and recommend that Southern College of Optometry be granted a regular license to operate in South Carolina. It was moved (Williams) and seconded (Shirley) that the recommendation be approved. The motion was adopted.

VII. Report of Executive Director

Dr. Boozer expressed appreciation to President Nance and his staff for hosting the Commission on the campus of South Carolina State College at the meeting and reception on December 3, and at the meeting, luncheon, and tour of the campus on December 4.

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Gilliam requested that the Task Force on Affirmative Action be given an extension on its reporting date from February to March, 1981. Dr. Bostic indicated that an extension would be acceptable.

Mr. Gilliam noted that the Health Education Authority is scheduled to meet in Columbia on December 17, 1980. He invited Dr. Bostic, Dr. Boozer, and members of the Committee on Health and Medical Education to attend the meeting.

Dr. Bostic stated that the Committee on Business and Finance and the Committee on Health and Medical Education will meet on December 19 to consider the review of the USC School of Medicine.

Dr. Bostic noted that George Rogers of USC recently was awarded the Heisman Trophy for outstanding achievement in intercollegiate football. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (N. Taylor) that the Commission forward an appropriate resolution to Mr. Rogers for this honor. The motion was amended (Gilliam) and seconded (Sheheen) that a resolution also be forwarded to Mr. William R. Davis, head football coach at South Carolina State College, who recently was named Black College Coach of the Year in the United States. The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary