

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 1, 1983  
10:30 - 11:20 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman  
Mr. George L. Brightharp  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Robert C. Gallager  
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Mr. David B. Smith  
Mr. Mortimer F. Smyth  
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth  
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor  
Dr. Hugh H. Wells  
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.  
Mr. Robert L. Wynn III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Avis Blackman  
Mr. Lou Fontana  
Mr. David Hall  
Mr. Broderick Samuel  
Mr. Howard Schneider  
Mr. Jim Tharpe

GUESTS

Dr. Jo Anne Anderson  
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson  
Dr. Joseph L. Hopkins  
Mr. Hans Knoop  
Mr. Timothy Knowles  
Dr. Kenneth Kyre  
Mr. Philip Lader  
Dr. Carolyn McIver  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.  
Dr. Glenn G. Thomas

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Mrs. Denise L. Jones  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes  
Mrs. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Mrs. Alvena M. Smarr  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett  
Mrs. Carol D. Waldo

I. Approval of Minutes of November 3, 1983, Meeting

It was moved (Smyth), seconded (Wells), and voted that the minutes of the November 3, 1983, meeting be approved as written.

At the invitation of the Chairman, President Lader introduced Mr. Timothy Knowles, recently named Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Winthrop College.

Mr. Sheheen invited Mr. Gilliam to present a Resolution honoring Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr., recently named Commissioner of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Mr. Solomon served as the Commission's Assistant Director for Facilities and Planning (1982-83) and Coordinator of Facilities Planning (1974-82), and as Executive Director of the South Carolina Higher Education Facilities Commission (1973-74). The Resolution is attached as Exhibit A.

Mr. Solomon stated that his work with the Commission has been the most rewarding of his career. He expressed appreciation to the Commission and the staff for their support and encouragement over the years.

## II. Report of the Executive Committee

Consideration of Draft Review (and "Summary") of the Master Plan for Higher Education. Mr. Sheheen noted that two draft documents, the Review of the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education (53 pages) and the "Summary" of the Review (22 pages), were forwarded to members of the Commission, presidents of public colleges and universities, and others on November 23, 1983. An earlier draft of each report was similarly distributed on October 12, 1983, for review and comment. Revision of these reports was approved by the Executive Committee after careful consideration of the comments that were received. Dr. Boozer noted that the Budget and Control Board is scheduled to meet on December 6, 1983, to consider implementation of its Statewide policy with respect to campus rehabilitation needs. Text will be added on page 52 of the Review and on page 21 of the "Summary" to reflect action by the Budget and Control Board on December 6.

Mrs. Taylor noted that Gen. Grimsley's letter of October 31, 1983, expressed the concern of the Council of Presidents with respect to institutional participation at the working level during the early stages of the review process. Dr. Boozer reviewed the steps followed in preparing these documents, in which suggestions of topics to be dealt with were solicited from a variety of sources, and draft materials were shared widely and further comments and suggestions solicited. Mr. Sheheen noted that steps specified in the proposed Annual Review Procedure will assure participation of all interested parties at all stages of the process.

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Taylor), and voted that the Review of the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education and the "Summary" of the Review be approved. Dr. Wells expressed pride in the work of the Commission and the progress made in coordinating public higher education in the State. It was moved (Wells), seconded (Wynn), and voted that the "Summary" of the Review be distributed widely, including distribution to libraries and news media.

## III. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan

a. Consideration of Request for Waiver of Fellowship Regulation. Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported that under the Plan's Graduate Incentive Fellowship regulations recipients of Fellowship grants who leave the State are required to repay those funds unless waiver of this regulation is justified. The Committee recommends that waiver be denied in the case of a Fellowship recipient who moved to another state for personal reasons and requested relief from obligations. It was moved (Gilliam), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Report on Committee Action Concerning B.S. in Nursing, South Carolina State College. Mr. Gilliam reported that at its meeting on November 17, 1983, the Committee designated the B.S. in Nursing (approved by the Commission on May 5, 1983) as the "unique" program required by the Desegregation Plan.

IV. Report of Committee on Health and Medical Education

At the request of Dr. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Education, Mr. Jacobs reported that a subcommittee of the Joint Health and Medical Education Board continues to examine the issue of limiting enrollments at the State's two medical schools. He noted that the subcommittee is scheduled to meet on December 1 following adjournment of the Commission meeting to discuss further the Medical University's concern that enrollment limitations would adversely affect the institution financially.

Dr. Wells suggested that the Commission monitor the progress made by the Joint Board. Mr. Sheheen stated that, if the structure of the Joint Board does not prove to be effective, the Commission can request that the General Assembly take action to restructure the Board. Mr. Jacobs stated that it is too soon to evaluate the Board's progress. He commended the efforts of the Board to date and expressed the hope that its goals will be accomplished without further action by the Commission or the General Assembly.

V. Report of the Executive Director

Dr. Boozer expressed appreciation to Mr. Solomon for his comments in response to the Resolution that was adopted. He stated that he regrets, on behalf of the staff, that Mr. Solomon will no longer be a member of the staff, and thanked him for his contributions to the Commission and the State over the years.

VI. Other Business

a. Recognition of Furman University and Wofford College. Mr. Gilliam noted that Furman University and Wofford College were cited in a report published on November 28, 1983, by U.S. News and World Report as being among the outstanding colleges east of the Mississippi. It was moved (Gilliam), seconded (Wells), and voted that Furman and Wofford be commended for this recognition.

b. Meeting with Council of Presidents. Mr. Sheheen noted that the Commission will meet with the Council of Presidents of Public Colleges and Universities at a luncheon meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Carolina Room of Capstone House at the University of South Carolina.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gaylon Syrett*

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Recording Secretary