

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

October 1, 1981
10:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
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
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor
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.

MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA

Mr. Charles Aiken
Ms. Karin Burchstead
Ms. Cheryl Irwin
Mr. John Norton
Ms. Leslie Wheeler

GUESTS

Dr. Theodore R. Adkins, Jr.
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Edward M. Collins, Jr.
Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr.
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr.
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. David P. Rinker
Mr. Edward M. Shannon III
Mr. Sterling L. Smith
Mr. Paul J. Ward

STAFF

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

I. Minutes of September 10, 1981, Meeting

It was moved (Smith) and seconded (N. Taylor) that the minutes of the September 10, 1981, meeting of the Commission be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

II. Creation of Committee to Review Implementation of Master Plan

Dr. Bostic stated that the Commission agreed, at its retreat/work session in Charleston on September 10-11, 1981, that a Special Committee should be appointed to review the implementation of the Master Plan. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Gilliam), and voted that the Chairman be authorized to appoint a Special Committee to review the implementation of the Master Plan, and that the Committee consist of three members of the Commission who are not serving as chairmen of standing committees or officers of the Commission.

III. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Gallager, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, noted that Commission members had been provided copies of an analysis of 1981-82 appropriations and 1982-83 allocations for the State's public colleges and universities, and a summary of full-time equivalent enrollments at the public colleges and universities. He reported that 1981 FTE enrollments had increased slightly over 1980 FTE enrollments, consistent with the Commission's enrollment projections in the Master Plan.

IV. Report of Committee on Facilities

Consideration of Request from the University of South Carolina to Lease "The Wedge." Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported that the University of South Carolina has requested Commission approval of a lease by USC of The Wedge from the USC Research and Development Foundation. On July 10, 1980, the Commission approved the purchase of The Wedge by the University of South Carolina and the establishment of a Center for Public Health Research on the property, provided (1) no State funds are involved in the purchase or lease-purchase agreement of The Wedge property; (2) any purchase agreement, or lease-purchase agreement, be returned to the Commission for approval before it is finalized; (3) the purchase price not exceed \$1,250,000; (4) if purchase or lease-purchase agreement of The Wedge property is not completed by October 1, 1981, the Center be discontinued; and (5) that funds for operation and maintenance of the Center be requested annually by the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, The Citadel, and any other State-supported institution as itemized requests with appropriate justification under Step 12 ("Unique Costs") of the Appropriation Formula.

Mr. Taylor noted that the USC Research and Development Foundation was organized by President Thomas F. Jones as a non-profit eleemosynary organization. It is financed with private funds, and receives no State support.

The Committee on Facilities recommends that the proposed lease be approved with the stipulation that no State funds be provided for rent. It was moved (O. Taylor) and seconded (Smith) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The motion was adopted. Mr. Sheheen requested that Commission members be provided copies of the definition of State funds, as defined in the Appropriation Act.

V. Report of Special Committee on Implementation of State Desegregation Plan

Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Special Committee on the Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported that a Workshop on the Implementation of the South Carolina Desegregation Plan was held in Columbia on September 30-October 1, 1981, for representatives from the colleges and universities and Commission staff. A report on the Workshop will be provided the Commission on November 5, 1981.

Mr. Gilliam distributed copies of the "Role and Function of the Special Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan" (Exhibit A). It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Williams) that the Special Committee be changed to a Standing Committee of the Commission. The motion was adopted.

VI. Recommendation Concerning Licensure of Rutledge College to Award Degrees

Dr. Boozer reported that Section 3 of Act 201 of 1977 (Licensing of Non-Public Educational Institutions to Confer Degrees) provides for licensure by the Commission on Higher Education of those institutions which are considered to have met minimum standards as a result of their accreditation by an agency recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. Rutledge College in Greenville and Spartanburg was issued a regular (five-year) license by the Commission under this provision of the law on July 6, 1978. Rutledge College in Columbia and Charleston, however, then doing business as Rice College, was not acquired by Rutledge College until October 19, 1979, and was not then accredited as a degree granting institution. Accordingly, Rice College was visited by a licensing team on December 4 and 5, 1979, and was issued a provisional (two-year) license to offer associate degree programs on March 6, 1980. This license was continued under the Rutledge College name when the change was effected in early 1981.

Rutledge College in Columbia and Charleston has now received full accreditation as a junior college of business (associate degree granting institution) from the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools, an accrediting agency recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. Dr. Boozer recommends therefore that, in accordance with Section 3 of Act 201 (1977) and of Section 62-2 of the approved Regulations, Rutledge College in Columbia and Charleston be granted a regular license to award degrees at the associate degree level, for a period of five years, effective immediately, subject to continued accreditation by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. It was moved (Jacobs), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation be adopted.

VII. Report from the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents

Dr. Joab M. Lesesne, Jr., President of Wofford College and Chairman of the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents, made a presentation with respect to private higher education in the State, following which there was general discussion of enrollments, the tuition grants program, and other matters relating to the private institutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett

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Recording Secretary