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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, January 2, 1969, in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Coker, Grier, Lumpkin, Osborne, Rogers, Schachte, Vance, and Walsh. Dr. Morris, Dr. Kinard and Mr. Jennings were also present.

The minutes of the meeting of the Commission on Higher Education on December 5, 1968, were unanimously approved.

Mr. Vance asked Dr. Morris to explain to the Commission the DAPS report being made by Campus Facilities Associates. Dr. Morris stated that the Governor's office commissioned some time back a report on development of a reporting and planning system for higher education, to be done by Campus Facilities Associates. The money for this report was acquired under the Higher Education Act of 1965. Dr. Morris felt that even though this report was commissioned by someone other than the Commission on Higher Education that the Commission should accept it as a useful document and use it as a guide in setting up a reporting and planning system of its own that would best meet the needs of the colleges and universities, the Budget and Control Board, and the Commission. Dr. Morris further suggested that a conference be held with university and college administrators in February and that copies of the report be sent ahead of time for study by these administrators. A meeting here with Mr. Rovetch of CFA and Mr. Kettler, financial officer for the state university of New York, would be beneficial. Also, Mr. Jennings will be working with Mel Wilson on this particular problem. Mr. Lumpkin moved that we accept the DAPS report for study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh and unanimously adopted.

The next item of business on the agenda was that of scholarships for students in the state and the role the Commission should play in a state scholarship program. Dr. Morris explained that the Governor was very interested in a state scholarship system and that Dr. Kinard had been working on this subject for some time. Questionnaires have been sent to colleges and universities and the staff of the Commission has been working with the Governor's office and the South Carolina Student Aid Fund Committee. The Commission has been asked to take an active role in the scholarship program if the state should provide aid for this, this year.

Dr. Kinard, in giving some background information on the student aid program, said the particular problem at this time is connected with the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. The seed money given by the federal government to start this student loan program was running out. Dr. Kinard explained that if the state did not put up additional money this year, students in the state wishing to participate would not be able to. Dr. Kinard said that the Student Aid Fund Committee has requested that the state contribute \$200,000 this year so that we can continue this program.

Dr. Morris stated that questionnaires were due back which would give an accurate view of scholarships available to South Carolina students and he could then present to the Commission the nature of the problem and what the Commission

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should recommend. Dr. Morris also planned to take up the student loan program with the South Carolina Bankers Association to get their reactions and to find out if the state can plan on their continued cooperation. Dr. Morris had stated in a letter to the Governor that he felt it highly desirable to maintain the Guaranteed Student Loan Program. Mr. Grier moved that the Commission approve the recommendation made by Dr. Morris to the Governor concerning the maintenance of the student loan program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schachte and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Vance asked Dr. Morris for a report on implementation of the Commission's recommendations, which was the next item on the agenda. Dr. Morris stated that the Commission had sent its recommendations on higher education issues as a report to the Governor as Chairman of the Budget and Control Board. Copies were also sent to Speaker Blatt, Governor West and Senator Brown for the General Assembly. Additional copies of the report on recommendations are being printed for members of the Legislature. A general discussion followed in connection with the most appropriate time to release recommendations to the press and Legislature. Some Commission members had been put on the spot when they were questioned about the contents of the report, which they still considered confidential.

It was agreed that Dr. Morris should talk with the Governor concerning his wishes for the release of these particular recommendations, but that in the future the Commission might want to handle release of information differently in order to prevent embarrassment to Commission members and to keep erroneous information from getting out. Besides release of the recommendations to the Legislature, Dr. Morris stated that a press conference should be held to answer questions and give reasons for the Commission's recommendations. It was agreed that it would be very helpful if Commission members would talk with their local delegations and local boards of higher education. It was further suggested that the ad hoc committee members receive copies of the recommendations.

The final item on the agenda was plans for activity in 1969. Dr. Morris stated that the Commission had just added a finance officer to the staff, and that the Commission offices would probably move to the 11th floor of the Rutledge Building in February. He explained that if our budget was approved, and he saw no reason why it would not, an additional person to work on programs would be employed. Dr. Morris announced that as Commissioner he would be project officer of a technical assistance project being submitted to the Economic Development Administration in Washington through the Commission and the State Development Board. If approved, this grant would involve \$105,220 from the federal government and \$20,000 matching funds from the State Development Board. Dr. Morris stated that he felt it time to get out a newsletter on higher education in South Carolina, pointing out new developments in education in the state. This letter would be useful for the Legislature, colleges and universities, other higher education commissions and the public. Mr. Lumpkin suggested that this newsletter could also state why the Commission made the various recommendations. Mr. Rogers made a motion that the Commission send out a newsletter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh and unanimously adopted. In summary, it was pointed out that acquainting the public with the Commission would involve the Commission newsletter, press conferences, visits and talks by Commission members and Dr. Morris.

Dr. Morris proposed that the Commission send to the colleges and universities a revised policy on procedures for approving new programs to include new research

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programs, public service programs, etc. Dr. Morris felt that the policy as now stated covered only one-third of the area to be covered because it was limited to new teaching programs. A motion to revise the policy for approving new programs to include research programs and public service programs was made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Lumpkin. The motion was unanimously adopted.

It was announced by Dr. Morris that the Wildlife Commission had issued a report recommending the creation of a new state body for conservation of our marine resources. Mr. Eltzroth of the Wildlife Commission wants the Commission's support in this matter. Dr. Morris stated that he will meet with Mr. Eltzroth to discuss this before recommending to the Commission what seems appropriate.


Promoting the use of educational television by the colleges and universities is another area in which the Commission can be of service to the state, said Dr. Morris, who reported that one meeting had been held on this subject and others would follow. As a matter of much interest to the Commission in this connection, it was announced by Mr. Lumpkin that he was a former lecturer on educational television. His subject was geometry as related to law. This was taken as information by the Commission and would be kept in mind should it receive a request for an experienced geometry lecturer!

The editorial from WSPA was called to the attention of the Commission. Mr. Walsh suggested that Dr. Morris respond to the editorial.

Chairman Vance asked if there was any further business. Mr. Schachte stated that in the recommendations on higher education issues he noted that under the recommendation on support of the private colleges the paper mentioned tuition grants only for accredited colleges and his understanding was that the grants were recommended for accredited colleges and those colleges recognized as candidates for accreditation. It was agreed that Mr. Schachte was right and that the position paper should be corrected.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris
Commissioner