

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 4, 1969

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, December 4, 1969, in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Grier, Holliday, Osborne, Schachte, Stanback, Vance, Wall, Walsh and Dr. Morris. Mr. W. D. Green attended the meeting as a representative of the State College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Vance, who called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., welcomed Mr. I. P. Stanback to the Commission as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State College.

Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the November 6, 1969, meeting they were approved as written.

Because the first Thursday in January falls on January 1, it was agreed that the Commission would postpone the January meeting until Tuesday, January 6.

It was requested by Mr. Vance that Dr. Morris report on the Commission's activities for the previous month.

Dr. Morris reported that Winthrop had requested approval of a proposal to reactivate a major in Political Science, and approval for the establishment of a Department of Elementary Education in the School of Education. Both requests were approved by the Commission on the recommendation of Dr. Morris.

The University of South Carolina had requested approval of a Master of Science program in the School of Nursing and a Mental Retardation teachers program. Dr. Morris recommended that both proposals be postponed until the next meeting of the Commission because both requests needed further internal approval, and it was also felt that the Master of Science in Nursing program should be coordinated with the Nursing programs at the Medical University and Clemson University. It was moved by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Cauthen that approval of these programs be postponed until the next meeting. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The next issue to be called to the attention of the Commission was the current status of the higher education situation in Charleston. Dr. Morris reported that the Commission had proceeded, as directed by the Legislature, to make a study of the higher education situation in Charleston and to determine the feasibility of the State acquiring the College of Charleston in July, 1970. A site survey to determine the best location for a public college has been

completed and negotiations with President Stern and the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston were moving in the direction of the College becoming a state institution. Four committees were also working on plans for forming a consortium in that area. Mr. Walsh stated that he was opposed to the state taking over the College of Charleston at this point because there were other higher education needs in the state that should be met first, and in particular something should be done to aid the private colleges. Mr. Walsh felt that before any further recommendation on the Charleston situation was made that there should be a definite plan for take over, with data. In general discussion it was pointed out that the Commission had only proceeded with the directive of last year's legislative act to negotiate, and that before recommending the acquisition of the College of Charleston the facts should be reviewed. Mr. Schachte made a motion that Dr. Morris have available at the next meeting further information on the Charleston situation as a basis for decision. The motion was seconded by Colonel Holliday and unanimously adopted. A motion was made by Mr. Wall that a special Commission meeting be held on Tuesday, December 16, to discuss the Charleston situation before making a recommendation to the Legislature in this connection. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Morris said that two year nursing programs had been offered at the University branches and that there is now developing an interest by TEC in two year nursing programs. TEC had asked the Commission if there was any objection to offering a two year nursing program at the Greenville TEC Center. Mr. Hurst Marshall of the Commission staff had been investigating the situation and was asked by Dr. Morris to make a report on his study. In summary, Mr. Marshall found that some of the nursing programs now in existence were in financial difficulties and that a possible solution to the problem would be to offer these courses in TEC centers provided the programs met the qualifications and standards of the State Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing, and that the Centers offering these courses were accredited.

A motion was made by Mr. Cauthen and seconded by Mr. Grier that the Commission on Higher Education endorse the establishment of two year nursing programs in Technical Education Centers, in principle, provided the programs meet the standards set by the South Carolina Board of Nursing and the National League of Nursing, and that specific proposals and programs come back to the Commission for approval. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Morris presented a recommended program for 1970, which will be presented in more detail to the Legislature. It was moved, seconded and adopted that Items 6, 7, 10, and 11 of the attached program for 1970, which require Legislative action be approved by the Commission. The remaining Items, with the exception of Items 3 and 4 concerning the Charleston situation which will be discussed at the meeting on December 6, were approved as action programs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Morris