

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

July 7, 1977
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
- Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr.
- Mrs. Wanda L. Forbes
- Mr. Paul W. McAlister
- Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
- Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
- Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
- Mr. I. P. Stanback
- Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

STAFF

- Dr. Howard R. Boozer
- Mr. Charles A. Brooks
- Dr. George P. Fulton
- Mr. William C. Jennings
- Dr. Frank E. Kinard
- Mr. Alan S. Krech
- Mr. James R. Michael
- Mr. John J. Powers
- Mrs. Gaylon Syrett
- Mrs. Judi R. Tillman

GUESTS

- Mr. Gary Ballard
- Dr. John M. Bevan
- Dr. F. I. Brownley, Jr.
- Ms. Patricia Cole
- Mr. John M. Cooper
- Dr. Keith E. Davis
- Mr. Judson H. Drennan, Jr.
- Dr. Richard D. Houk
- Dr. William H. Knisely
- Mr. J. Lacy McLean
- Mr. Joel Nichols
- Dr. Charles B. Vail
- Dr. Robert H. White
- Dr. W. Curtis Worthington, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

- Mr. Mike Clements
- Mr. Andy Sidden

I. Orientation to Winthrop College

President Vail welcomed the Commission to Winthrop College and introduced members of the faculty and staff. After a presentation concerning the history of the College and plans for future development, he invited Commission members to join him on a bus tour of the campus, followed by a luncheon in Joynes Center.

II. Approval of Minutes of June 2, 1977, Commission Meeting

It was moved (Clement) and seconded (Quattlebaum) that the minutes of the June 2, 1977, Commission meeting be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

III. Consideration of State Plan for Community Service and Continuing Education (Title I, Higher Education Act of 1965)

Mr. Michael stated that since July 1, 1974, the Commission has been responsible for the administration of Title I, Higher Education Act of 1965 (Community Service and Continuing Education). In accordance with the legislative requirements of Title I, a State Plan for administration was prepared and was approved

by both the Commission and the U.S. Office of Education in 1974. The State Plan provides the basis for the selection of proposals to be funded under Title I in South Carolina. Commission members were provided, on June 24, 1977, copies of the proposed revised State Plan and information comparing the existing and revised documents. Mr. Michael noted that the proposed changes do not radically alter the existing plan but reflect 1976 changes in the Federal laws and actual administrative practices as they have evolved since 1974. He stated that the Annual Program Plan Amendment, reflecting the proposed expenditure of the Federal allotment of funds to the State, will be submitted to the Commission for approval at a later date.

In the absence of Mr. Howe, chairman of the Committee on Facilities and Federal Programs, Mr. Clement reported that the committee and the staff reviewed the proposed revised plan and recommended that it be approved. It was moved (Clement) and seconded (McAlister) that the proposed revised State Plan be approved.

Dr. Knisely suggested that the Commission consider the addition of professional representation from the health professions to the Advisory Council for the Community Service and Continuing Education Program. He stated that members of the health professions comprise a significant proportion of participants in continuing education programs and it is therefore appropriate that they be adequately represented. Mr. Michael noted that the Advisory Council includes representatives from educational institutions, State agencies, and the public-at-large, including the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Environmental Control or his designee. He stated that while all professional groups are, in his opinion, adequately and fairly represented, additional members can be appointed if that is the decision of the Commission. Mr. Powers noted that the Advisory Council was created in accordance with the recommendations of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. He stated that, because one of the priority areas of the CSCE Program has been health services, the Commissioner of DHEC was appointed to the Advisory Council to represent the health field.

Mr. Clement commented that when the Commission discusses exclusion of various groups from boards or committees it should be concerned also that other important segments of society are often excluded. He stated that the Commission rarely mentions that minority groups are excluded from such influential committees and advisory groups, and expressed concern that he had not seen a minority administrator or faculty member on the Winthrop campus.

Dr. Boozer suggested that the Commission take note of Dr. Knisely's concern for possible later reference. Dr. Knisely requested that the Commission also consider the geographic distribution of the representatives and the funding patterns in prior years. The motion that the proposed revised State Plan be approved was adopted.

IV. Briefing on Act 201, Concerning the Licensing of Non-public Educational Institutions

Mr. Krech reported that Act 201 of 1977, approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor on June 14, provides that the Commission shall be the sole authority for licensing non-public educational institutions

established in the State and for those established elsewhere to operate in or confer degrees in the State. Institutions chartered prior to 1953, and colleges of chiropractic, schools of theology, and Bible institutions are exempt from the provisions of the Act. He noted that the State Department of Education is the authority for licensing non-degree-granting institutions. In accordance with the new Act, the Commission will develop rules and regulations specifying minimum standards required for a license to confer degrees, including course offerings, adequate faculty, maintenance of records, adequate personnel and facilities, and financial stability. The legislation provides that any institution established in South Carolina which is accredited by a member organization of the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation, or any institution which is approved for teacher certification by the South Carolina State Department of Education, will be assumed to have met the requirements for a license. Dr. Smith noted that no action is required by the Commission concerning this matter at this time.

V. Consideration of Dates for Meetings in August and September

Dr. Smith noted that the Commission has not held meetings in August for the past three years. He noted that the Committee on Academic Program Development would hold its quarterly meeting immediately following the Commission meeting on July 7, and that the program proposals under consideration should be acted upon prior to the Commission's meeting in September. He stated that one possibility would be for the Commission to act upon the recommendations of the committee by mail poll or telephone conference. Mr. McAlister suggested that if the program proposals are of a routine nature the Commission not hold a meeting in August. It was moved (Clement) and seconded (McAlister) that Commission members who wish to attend the meeting of the Committee on Academic Program Development may do so and that a poll of the full Commission be taken by mail concerning the actions of the committee. The motion was amended (Walsh) and seconded (McAlister) that if there is an objection to the recommendations of the committee on the part of any institution, that institution may request an opportunity to appear before the full Commission prior to the September meeting. The amended motion was approved.

Dr. Smith suggested that the September meeting of the Commission, to be held at the University of South Carolina, be scheduled for Friday, September 16, since the first Friday of the month falls near the Labor Day Weekend, and the Board of Trustees of USC is scheduled to meet on Friday, September 9. He noted that the Commission's meetings to consider recommendations for appropriations are scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, and Wednesday, October 19. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Forbes) that the next meeting of the Commission be scheduled for Friday, September 16, at USC. The motion was adopted.

VI. Other Business

Dr. Knisely expressed appreciation to the Commission for the cooperation and assistance he received during his term as chairman of the Council of Presidents of Public Senior Colleges and Universities. He commented that, in his opinion, the Commission has grown in stature in the ability to work cooperatively. He reported that the Council of Presidents, at its meeting on June 29, discussed the presidents' concern regarding costs to the institutions in implementing the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. He stated that the legislation will require a significant amount of both State and Federal support if the institutions are to make the necessary alterations in physical facilities and in academic programs which must be

revised. The Council of Presidents recommended that data concerning probable costs to the institutions be presented to the Commission on Higher Education, to the Governor, and to the Legislature. In addition to seeking State support, the Council of Presidents, together with representatives and leaders in State government, plan to inform South Carolina's delegation in Washington of the need for Federal support in order to implement the legislation. He stated that Col. Tyndall of Clemson University will chair the group of institutional representatives who will compile these data.

Dr. Knisely reported further that the Council of Presidents recommended that the Commission assign one institution to each appointed Commission member and that that person spend time on the campus and meet with the chairman of the Board of Trustees and others in an effort to learn as much as possible about the institution. He noted that this recommendation would be provided in writing.

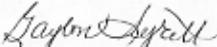
Dr. Knisely expressed appreciation to Mr. Michael, on behalf of the Council of Presidents, for the excellent manner in which he executed his additional responsibilities resulting from Dr. Boozer's illness. He stated that he is pleased that Dr. Boozer is now able to resume his work on a regular basis.

Dr. Smith expressed appreciation, on behalf of the Commission, for Dr. Knisely's assistance and guidance to the Commission during the past year. He noted that President Seignious will serve as chairman of the Council of Presidents during the next twelve months. Mr. Clement thanked Dr. Knisely for his gracious and informative assistance to the Commission. He requested that the record show that Mr. Quattlebaum and Mr. McLean recently were awarded honorary doctoral degrees by Frances Marion College and Newberry College, respectively. Mr. Shirley noted that Dr. Smith was awarded an honorary degree by The Citadel.

Dr. Smith expressed appreciation to Mr. Michael for the outstanding service he has rendered to the Commission and to higher education in the State during Dr. Boozer's absence from the office. He welcomed Dr. Boozer back to full-time duty. He announced that Mr. Colvin had resigned his position on the Commission, effectively immediately, in order to accept an appointment to the South Carolina Forestry Commission. He stated that the terms of two other Commission members, Mr. Howe and Mr. Walsh, would expire on July 12, and that Governor Edwards had reappointed Mr. Walsh and had appointed Mrs. Nancy Hawk of Charleston to replace Mr. Howe. It was moved (Shirley) and seconded (Stanback) that citations of appreciation be presented to Mr. Colvin and Mr. Howe for their service to the Commission. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Smith thanked Dr. Vail and his staff for the luncheon, the informative tour of the campus, and the generous hospitality extended to the Commission. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary