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The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, February 5, 1970, at 10:30 a. m. in the Conference Room on the eighth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Holliday, Osborne, Schachte, Wall, Walsh, Vance and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Vance, who called the Executive Session to order at 10:30 a. m., had been requested to bring up first consideration of the Citadel's request for approval of an M. Ed. program in School Administration and Supervision. In giving some background information on the program request Dr. Morris stated that the Citadel had submitted the proposal for approval the previous month and then had agreed to hold it back until it was studied further. Dr. Morris had told General Duckett that the Commission staff would recommend to the Commission that the program be disapproved at this time. General Duckett asked if he could attend the meeting to present the Citadel's views on the program and was told by Dr. Morris that the procedure had been for the staff to review the proposals, which were then approved or disapproved by the Commission; then, if the colleges or universities wanted to appeal the Commission's decision they could appear before the Commission.

The staff had come to the conclusion that the M. Ed. program at the Citadel would not be desirable at this time for the following reasons:

1. It involves creating a new degree, and although the curriculum presented appeared satisfactory, it would still have to be accredited and examined by the Southern Association.
2. Because of the tight financial situation in the state it has been requested that no new programs be started this year.
3. The M. A. T. program which the Citadel now offers could do the job of meeting requirements of the State Department of Education for certifying school administrators and principals by simply adding some courses.

Colonel Holliday stated that General Duckett and General Anderson were waiting in Dr. Morris' office and he would like very much for them to be heard by the Commission. Colonel Holliday further explained the Citadel's position in connection with the program by stating that they had been approached several years ago by the Legislature to make full use of their plant. The M. A. T. program which was started several years ago has been very successful. M. Ed. degrees are offered at Clemson and the University of South Carolina but are not offered in the Low Country. There

is a definite need by supervisors and principals in the Charleston area for this course. Colonel Holliday further stated that he felt the Citadel could shift gears and do this program wholesale, that the Citadel was ready to do it now instead of waiting until the higher education situation in Charleston was clarified. It was also stated by Colonel Holliday that if the College of Charleston became a state college and programs needed to be rearranged, this could be better accomplished if the programs were already being offered. Colonel Holliday said he would not like to vote until the technical viewpoint of the Citadel had been presented by General Duckett, and the Commission would definitely be in error at this time to vote the program down.

A motion was made by Mr. Wall that consideration of this program be delayed until the April meeting. Mr. Walsh stated that he would like to hear General Duckett and General Anderson's views since they were here. A motion was made by Mr. Cauthen to amend Mr. Wall's motion stating that vote on the program be postponed until the April meeting, and that General Duckett and General Anderson be heard by the Commission. Mr. Walsh further amended the motion to state that the program be considered at the March meeting instead of the April meeting. Mr. Wall's motion with the two amendments was seconded and passed.

Mr. Vance asked if the views of General Duckett and General Anderson should be heard in Executive Session. Mr. Schachte said if it were only a presentation it could be opened to the press, but if there was going to be debate it should be held in Executive Session. Mr. Wall moved that the Commission hear these views at 12 o'clock in Executive Session. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Vance asked in regular session for approval of the minutes of the meeting on January 7, 1970. It was moved by Colonel Holliday that the minutes of the meeting on January 7 be approved as written. Mr. Walsh objected stating that the words "regarding independent colleges" should be inserted after the word "revisions" on the next to the last page, second line of the last paragraph. Mr. Walsh made a motion to this effect which was seconded by Mr. Osborne and passed. Dr. Morris objected stating that the minutes were correct as written and he could not sign them if they did not properly reflect action taken. After general discussion a motion was made by Mr. Schachte that the minutes be corrected if necessary and that vote on them be postponed until the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall and passed.

Mr. Walsh commented that there was a pressing need for the Commission to have by-laws, rules and regulations for procedure. Dr. Morris said he would have something on this at the next meeting.

Dr. Morris reported that a follow-up meeting on medical education had been held with the following in attendance: Presidents Edwards, Jones and McCord, Dr. Colbert, Dean Bonner, Dr. Penrod and Dr. Morris.

The meeting resulted in a three-fold approach to the study of the medical education situation in the state as follows:

1. Evaluation of the feasibility of having some of the first two years of medical education at the University of South Carolina, Clemson or Furman.
2. Analysis of the preceptorship approach to medical education as typified by the University of Missouri Medical School at Kansas City.
3. Study of the possibility of the Medical University meeting the medical education needs of the state by itself.

Dr. Penrod agreed to act as consultant, with four committees from the universities being appointed to determine feasibility and costs for working out programs along these lines. It is hoped that by fall a sound recommendation on which to act can be made.

The next item on the agenda was a short presentation by Mr. Marshall of the Commission staff on the status of the teacher training grants. This presentation was followed by a report by Mr. Jennings on the Computer Advisory Committee of the Data and Planning System.

Dr. Morris stated that the budget of the College of Charleston was in the Commissioner's folders for information purposes. He noted that even with the \$300,000 which the Commission had requested, this amount would still be a little short of the operating budget needs.

A request has been received from the Medical University to change the name of the Schools to Colleges, and also to change the name of the dental degree from D. D. S. to D. M. D. Mr. Schachte made a motion that these two changes be approved. The motion was seconded by Colonel Holliday and passed.

It was announced by Dr. Morris that the colleges and universities would be requested to submit to the Commission their long-range plans for the next five and ten years. Dr. Morris said he would have a guide for action in this connection to be approved by the Commission in March.

Bills have been submitted in the Legislature to restrict the number of non-resident students attending state schools. It was the feeling of Dr. Morris that this would be unwise. Mr. Osborne stated that he did not think this type of thing belonged in the Legislature and it would be a blunder for the state to put a restriction on it. A motion was made by Mr. Walsh authorizing Dr. Morris, if asked, to express that this sort of legislation is not desirable. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and passed.

It was stated by Dr. Morris that the Wildlife Resources Commission now has an agreement to purchase property from the College of Charleston

for a marine science laboratory, and that construction on the laboratory would begin within the next few months.

Program approvals appeared as the next item on the agenda with the following programs being acted upon:

TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Retail management program at Richland TEC - As requested by the Commission, Dr. Morris checked with the authorities at the University of South Carolina to get their views on this course being offered at Richland TEC. Dr. Mitchell at the University reported that they had talked about a retail management course but it had not moved forward. Dr. Morris recommended that the Commission approve the course to be taught at Richland TEC. Mr. Osborne requested that a more detailed report be obtained from the University before approving the program for Richland TEC. It was agreeable with the Commission that this be done and approval of the program was postponed until the next meeting.

CLEMSON PROGRAMS

Clemson requested approval to start a cooperative program with Columbia College and to renew their cooperative program at Coker, which had lapsed. These programs permit twelve hours of graduate work with Clemson credit at the cooperating institutions. Dr. Morris recommended approval of these arrangements. A motion was made by Mr. Osborne that this be approved. The motion was seconded by Colonel Holliday and passed.

Dr. Morris reported that other programs had come in from Clemson which involved no costs and he had acted as follows:

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies was disapproved by Dr. Morris because there were too few students involved. In this connection, Dr. Morris told President Edwards that he would be glad to bring this before the Commission if he desired. Dr. Edwards said he would accept the disapproval for the time being. Dr. Morris approved two programs within the School of Business Administration, Administrative Management and Financial Management, which involved no costs. A proposal had also come in from Clemson to enter into an arrangement with Furman to offer an MBA program at Furman. Because there has not been time to study the proposal, and more time was needed to evaluate it, a motion was made by Colonel Holliday to delay the proposal for a month. It was seconded by Mr. Schachte and passed. There were no objections to Dr. Morris' decisions in connection with the Clemson programs that involved no costs.

The regular session of the meeting was concluded, after which an Executive Session was called. General Duckett and General Anderson were invited to attend the meeting.

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Colonel Holliday restated the points he had brought out earlier on the establishment of the M. Ed. program at the Citadel. It was brought out by General Duckett that there was a definite need by school principals in the Charleston area for this program. The M. A. T. program at the Citadel has been very successful. Colonel Holliday stated that these courses are primarily in-service courses and if it got to the point that some other institution could do them better, the Citadel did not have to continue. Colonel Holliday further stated that there were quality professors at the Citadel to do the program. Dr. Morris said that the M. A. T. program, already in existence, could prepare school supervisors and principals to meet the requirements of the State Department of Education. It was pointed out by General Duckett that there was no objection to this but it was not in agreement with the Southern Association. Mr. Schachte asked that the Southern Association be asked for an opinion on this. Dr. Morris replied that he had talked with Dr. Sweet of the Southern Association about the proposed M. Ed. program and he had said the program would have to be examined. Also, that the M. A. T. program was set up for quite a different purpose. Colonel Holliday asked if this program was not approved at the Citadel, would the void in the availability of the program be taken care of. Dr. Morris replied that the University of South Carolina could do it in Charleston. Also, it could be done in the M. A. T. program at the Citadel as all the State Department of Education requires for certification is a masters program, plus several courses. Colonel Holliday asked if the reluctance on the part of the Commission to approve the program was because of the present Charleston situation and Dr. Morris replied that this was not the primary reason. Dr. Morris stated that if there was a pressing need for the program, all efforts should be made to push it forward, but the need here was not great. Dr. Morris further stated that there were only twenty people who are not certified in the Charleston area, and they could become certified by working on the M. A. T. program. Dr. Morris said that in this period of uncertainty and financial crisis, it was unwise to start out on a whole new program that was not a high priority need. In conclusion, Colonel Holliday said he feels the Citadel is ready to offer this program, there is a need, and although there is a difference of opinion, he would like for the Commission to consider approving the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris