

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

July 12, 1973
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. John K. Cauthen
Mr. Hugh M. Chapman
Dr. Marianna W. Davis
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr.
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Harrison L. Peeples
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh
Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

GUESTS

Dr. William Adams-Smith
Dr. Cyril B. Busbee
Mr. Robert E. David
General J. W. Duckett
Mr. Baxter Hood
Dr. David T. Kelly
Mr. Zane Knauss
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Mr. O. Stanley Smith, Jr.
Dr. Charles Vail

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. William Allen Smith
Mr. T. Scott Derrick

I. Introduction of Dr. Howard R. Boozer, Newly Appointed Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education

Dr. Smith introduced to the Commission Dr. Howard R. Boozer, newly appointed Executive Director of the Commission on Higher Education. Dr. Boozer is presently employed as Director of Educational Development Administration, RCA Corporation in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Before going to RCA Dr. Boozer was Vice President of the National Laboratory for Higher Education in Durham, North Carolina.

In 1961 Dr. Boozer joined the staff of the North Carolina Board of Higher Education, Raleigh, as Assistant Director, and was Director from September 1965 through November 1968. Under his supervision, North Carolina's first long-range plan for higher education was developed.

Dr. Boozer officially assumed duties with the Commission on Higher Education on July 1.

II. Introduction of Mr. T. Scott Derrick, Newly Appointed Executive Assistant of the Commission on Higher Education

Dr. Smith introduced to the Commission Mr. T. Scott Derrick who joins the Commission staff as Executive Assistant. Mr. Derrick was formerly a member of Congressman Dorn's staff in Washington and during 1972-73 was the staff and national youth coordinator for the Mills for President Campaign.

III. Resignation of Dr. William Allen Smith, Assistant Commissioner for Health Affairs

Dr. Smith announced the resignation of Dr. William Allen Smith, Assistant Commissioner for Health Affairs, effective July 15. Dr. Allen Smith has accepted a position with the Medical University. Chairman Smith expressed appreciation to Dr. Smith for the valuable services performed by him during his employment with the Commission.

IV. Approval of Minutes of June 7, 1973, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Furman) and seconded (Marchant) that the minutes of the June 7, 1973, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Report on Winthrop College-York TEC Agreement

Dr. Charles Vail, President of Winthrop College, and Mr. Mr. Baxter Hood, Director of York TEC, appeared before the Commission to present a report on the status of the Winthrop College-York TEC agreement for cooperation between the two institutions, which was a condition of approval of the college parallel program at York TEC by the Commission at its meeting on June 7.

Dr. Vail stated that although time has not permitted a written agreement to be reached, meetings of Winthrop and York TEC representatives are continuing. Dr. Vail asserted that

the two institutions have agreed to draft a written agreement which will specify the mechanism by which efforts of the two institutions will be coordinated, rather than specify particular details of coordination.

Mr. Hood agreed and gave his opinion that a comprehensive educational program for York County can be developed that will attract and meet educational needs that neither institution alone at the present time can.

VI. Consideration of Request for Admission of Non-Military Students to University of South Carolina Program at Shaw Air Force Base

A request from the University of South Carolina to allow students without military connections to take courses at the University of South Carolina program at Shaw Air Force Base has been received. (A condition of approval of the program by the Commission was that non-military persons would not be allowed admission to the program.) The request from the University was precipitated by appeals from a number of non-military students in the Sumter area who wished to take courses at USC Shaw AFB that were not available at any other institution in the area.

After general discussion a motion was made (Scarborough) and seconded (Howe) that persons with no military connections be permitted to take courses at Shaw Air Force Base only when their requirements cannot be met by other institutions in the area and with the understanding that the program at Shaw will continue to operate without financial support from the State; and further, that the University of South Carolina will be required to make periodic reports to the Commission on the status of these non-military students. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Program Considerations

Medical University

Doctor of Pharmacy - Approved

Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester TEC

A.A.S. in Nuclear Technology - Approved

Beaufort TEC

A.A.S. in Building Construction Technology, A.A.S. in Hotel-Motel Management, A.A.S. in Business Administration A.A.S. in Secretarial Science - All four programs approved with the request that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education develop as soon as practicable a long-range plan for the development of Beaufort TEC, with particular attention to specific cooperation between

Beaufort TEC and the University of South Carolina Center at Beaufort.

Orangeburg-Calhoun TEC

A. A. S. in Medical Laboratory Technology - Approved

Florence-Darlington TEC

Diploma, Motel Desk Clerk - Approved

Aiken TEC

Diploma, Industrial Drafting - Approved

York TEC

Diploma, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration - Approved

VIII. Educational Assistance Authority

Dr. Kinard reported that the Educational Assistance Authority Act of 1971, which establishes the State Budget and Control Board as the Educational Assistance Authority and empowers it to issue state revenue bonds for the purpose of providing a pool of new capital for student loans, had been approved by the State Supreme Court and had then been appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court in order to assure the validity of the bonds. The U. S. Supreme Court has now refused to hear the case on the grounds that there was no federal constitutional involvement, which means the bonds are validated and can now be issued. The South Carolina Bankers Association is in the process of organizing a separate lending organization to handle the student loans, with the State Treasurer's Office coordinating the issuance and sale of the bonds. Dr. Kinard stated that it is anticipated the system will go into effect by January 1974.

After general discussion by the Commission it was agreed that the staff would prepare a summary of all student aid programs.

IX. Payment to South Carolina High School and College Relations Committee for Cost of Printed Materials

Mr. Michael announced that the South Carolina High School College Relations Committee, whose primary function is organizing and conducting college day programs in the high schools to encourage students to enter post-secondary education, had asked if the Commission would be able to help with the cost of printing informational material. The printing costs for 1973-74 amounted to \$3,842 and would normally be

pro-rated among the post-secondary institutions. Mr. Michael stated that there were sufficient funds remaining in the Commission's 1972-73 budget to take care of these printing costs, if approved by the Commission. A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Marchant) and unanimously adopted that the Commission approve payment of \$3,842 to the South Carolina High School College Relations Committee for the cost of printed material for 1973-74.

X. Consideration of Capital Improvement Request from the Medical University

The Medical University has submitted a capital improvement request for construction of a new building to house a collection of over 6,000 dental artifacts and books donated by Dr. Neill W. Macaulay. The total project cost is \$32,700, to be funded through institutional bonds. A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Peeples) and unanimously adopted to recommend to the Budget and Control Board approval of the Medical University's request to construct a building to be used as a dental museum.

XI. Clemson University Center at Sumter

The following statement was read to the Commission by Mr. Marchant:

"Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission -

I appreciated this opportunity to make a short statement to the Commission relative to the subject of the Clemson University Branch at Sumter - and the proposed transfer of the operation of same to the University of South Carolina.

At the outset, I would like to indicate that I make this statement with the permission of the Governor and that the contents meet with his approval. It is hoped that the Commission on Higher Education would receive this statement favorably and indicate its willingness to participate in the implementation thereof.

It is proposed:

1. That Clemson University, the Higher Education Commission of Sumter County, and the University of South Carolina proceed immediately to accomplish whatever requirements are necessary to effect the transition and transfer of the operation of the Clemson University Branch at Sumter to the University of South Carolina, in order that proper and complete operations of said Branch can be fully functioning for the fall, 1973, term; and that the University of South Carolina shall continue said operation for a period of one (1) year only.

2. That the Commission on Higher Education of Sumter County, and the Commission on Higher Education of the State of South Carolina, shall proceed to designate three (3) members from each Commission to constitute a Selection Committee, who, in turn, will determine and designate a study group or agency to consider all aspects of post high school education in the Sumter County area.

3. That the selected study group or agency would proceed immediately to institute such a study and make a report thereof, to include their findings and recommendations, to the full Commission on Higher Education of the State of South Carolina.

4. That in due time the full Commission on Higher Education for the State of South Carolina would consider said report and make a determination as to how best to continue the operations of post high school education in the Sumter County area."

After general discussion a motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Howe) that the Commission on Higher Education accept proposals 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the statement presented by Mr. Marchant with the proviso that the parties in the agreement, to wit the Sumter County Commission for Higher Education and the University of South Carolina, agree to accept the determination of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education insofar as their responsibilities are concerned; provided, however, that if no agreement satisfactory to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is reached in six months, the State Commission will seek a declaratory judgement from a court of proper jurisdiction to clarify its legal responsibilities in the matter.

A substitute motion was made (Johnson) and seconded (Holliday) that the Commission on Higher Education accept proposals 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the statement presented by Mr. Marchant provided that, if no agreement satisfactory to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education is reached in six months, the State Commission will seek a declaratory judgement from a court of proper jurisdiction to clarify its legal responsibilities in the matter. Vote was taken on Mr. Johnson's substitute motion which failed to carry by a vote of 8 to 5.

Vote was taken on Mr. Sheheen's motion which was passed. There were 2 negative votes. Mr. Marchant abstained from voting.

In accordance with proposal No. 2 of the statement, Dr. Smith appointed Mr. Wienges (Chairman), Dr. Davis, and Mr. Furman to represent the Commission on the Selection Committee to designate a study group to consider all aspects of post high school

education in the Sumter County area.

In general discussion it was agreed that the staff of the Commission was eligible and qualified to make the study and should be considered one of the prime candidates to do it.

XII. Medical Education

Chairman Smith announced that the State Appropriations Act provides that the Commission or its designee is authorized to apply to the appropriate federal agencies for Veterans Administration funding for medical education in South Carolina. In this connection, Dr. Smith stated that a bill was passed by Congress and is now on the President's desk appropriating \$15 million for a pilot program of eight new medical schools affiliated with Veterans Administration medical facilities, and \$5 million to expand the training capacity of existing medical schools affiliated with VA medical facilities. The guidelines for application of these funds have been published and after a thirty day period from June 27, if there are no major changes or revisions, can become fixed.

It was reported by Mr. Michael that the Commission on Higher Education did not legally qualify as an agency to apply for the funds and, therefore, would have to designate an agency that did qualify to apply. It was pointed out that the University of South Carolina was the logical agency within the requirements of the federal guidelines.

Dr. Smith suggested that the Health Affairs Committee of the Commission, Mr. Fred Sheheen (Chairman), Mr. Hugh Chapman, and Mr. Gedney Howe, could study the situation and report back to the Commission at the August 2 meeting. In the meantime if time becomes a factor, Dr. Smith would call the Commission into special session to avoid any problem with time limitations for applications.

A motion was made (Furman) and seconded (Stanback) that this matter be referred to the Health Affairs Committee of the Commission for further study and recommendation to the Commission, at a special session if necessary because of the time factor; if not, at the next meeting of the Commission.

In general discussion on the motion Mr. Marchant stated that he did not object to the Health Affairs Committee studying the matter but he did feel that it was a mandate of the Legislature for the Commission to designate someone qualified to make application in proper time, and he would not accept any delay of this consideration if it were going to adversely affect or

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jeopardize the State of South Carolina's entitlement to these federal funds for medical education.

Mr. Sheheen contended that the real question was not who should be the designee, as the University of South Carolina was the only institution which would meet the requirements, but rather whether South Carolina should have a second medical school. Mr. Sheheen stated that the Commission disapproved a second medical school in 1971, the Legislature did not approve one in 1972, and that the Smith Committee which was appointed to study the situation recommended in 1973 a second medical school only if sufficient federal funds were available to defray the entire cost. It was felt by Mr. Sheheen that the only new ingredient to change the previous position of the Commission, or the previous position of the Legislature, would be the recommendations in the Smith Committee report and he felt further study was needed to determine if the conditions in the report have been met by the existing federal guidelines and the existing funding level. Haste in designating an agency to apply was not apparent, stated Mr. Sheheen, since the guidelines would not be final until July 27 and the Commission meets on August 2, funds must be released by the President, and the guidelines clearly stipulate that all institutions that are interested will be notified and invited to submit applications at which time a deadline will be set for the applications.

Mr. Chapman stated that one of the requirements for application was a statement of commitment providing reasonable assurance of adequate support from the state level, which would have to come from the General Assembly or the Governor; that the only mandate the Commission has, which comes from the Legislature, is to designate the agency to apply, and he felt this should be done. Mr. Wienges was in agreement with Mr. Chapman.

Following further discussion, vote was taken on Mr. Furman's motion to refer the matter to the Health Affairs Committee. The motion was passed. Mr. Wienges and Mr. Marchant were opposed.

XIII. Executive Session

A motion was made (Howe) and seconded (Cauthen) and unanimously adopted that the Commission go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

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