

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
AT
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE

March 1, 1973
10:30 a. m. - 12:00 p. m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

GUESTS

Colonel Charles G. Cooper
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Dr. M. Maceo Nance
Mr. O. Stanley Smith, Jr.
Dr. Walter D. Smith
Dr. Theodore S. Stern

STAFF

Mr. James R. Michael
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. William Allen Smith

I. Dr. Marianna W. Davis Welcomed As A New Member of The Commission

Dr. Cathcart Smith welcomed Dr. Marianna W. Davis to the Commission as a new member. Dr. Davis was appointed by the Governor to fill a new position on the Commission created by legislative action in 1972 (Act 1430 as amended).

II. Designation of Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson as Ex Officio Member of Commission

Mr. James A. Rogers, Chairman, State College Board of Trustees, announced that he has appointed Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson, Vice

Chairman of the State College Board of Trustees, to represent that Board as an ex officio member of the Commission.
(Related letter - Exhibit A)

III. Approval of Minutes of February 1, 1973, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Stanback) that the minutes of the February 1, 1973, meeting of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Commission To Be Brought Into Proposed Study of Higher Education in the Charleston Area Initiated by State College Board of Trustees

A motion was made (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Holliday) that the Commission heartily endorse the efforts of the State College Board of Trustees in making a study of higher education needs in the Charleston area and that the State College Board of Trustees and the consulting firm making the study be requested to coordinate work through the Commission to the fullest extent possible, using input from the staff and the Commission members to come out with a recommendation that will be in the best interest of the state as a whole. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. Interim Report From Statewide Master Planning Committee on Nursing Education

Colonel Charles G. Cooper, Chairman of the Statewide Master Planning Committee for Nursing Education, presented to the Commission an interim report from the Nursing Education Committee. Colonel Cooper stated that the interim report was not a final report and that other areas would be developed as the Committee moved along.

A motion was made (Peeples) and seconded (Quattlebaum) that the interim report of the Statewide Master Planning Committee for Nursing Education be accepted as information. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. Tuition Free Admission For Senior Citizens Attending South Carolina Public Colleges and Universities

At the request of Governor West the Commission staff investigated the possibility of extending to the state's senior citizens the privilege of attending public colleges and universities in the state without cost. A draft letter from Mr. Michael to Governor West, which has the concurrence of the college and

university presidents, proposed that senior citizens 65 years and over be admitted to academic classes at state supported colleges and universities on a space available basis at no charge, subject to the admission standards and such other requirements as may be determined by the institutions.

A motion was made (Scarborough) and seconded (Cauthen) that the draft letter to Governor West be approved. The motion was passed unanimously.

VII. Request For Commission Endorsement of a Contract Program Through SREB For South Carolina Students Wishing to Attend Out-Of-State Schools of Optometry

Because the demand for graduates in optometry seems to be exceeding the number of spaces available in schools of optometry it is becoming increasingly difficult for South Carolina students to get into out-of-state schools of optometry (there is no school of optometry in the state at this time). To alleviate this situation the South Carolina Optometric Association has requested the endorsement of the Commission in a request for funds from the legislature to negotiate a contract program through SREB which would guarantee a set number of spaces for South Carolina students in one of the three colleges in the Southeast offering degrees in optometry. Under the contract program the state would pay to the contracting school \$2,000 for each space guaranteed a South Carolina student. It is proposed that money be available to guarantee ten places in each class at a total cost of \$80,000 per year, providing forty available spaces for South Carolina students.

A motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Chapman) that the Commission endorse the request for state funds to establish a contract through SREB with a school of optometry to guarantee forty places for South Carolina students at a cost of \$80,000 per year. The motion was passed unanimously.

VIII. Request From State Board For Technical and Comprehensive Education to Defer Action on any Technical and Occupational Programs Until Position Paper Has Been Discussed and Matter Clarified

Chairman Smith announced that he had received a letter from Mr. Y. W. Scarborough stating concern over university branches and centers and/or four-year colleges requesting approval for occupational/technical courses and programs. Mr. Scarborough requested that Commission action be withheld on any vocational/technical program requests until a position paper prepared by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education on the subject had been discussed by the

Commission and the matter clarified.

After general discussion a motion was made (Sheheen) and seconded (Holliday) that the Commission staff be instructed to study the entire problem of classifying vocational and academic courses for the division of responsibility between the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the university branches, and to offer a clear plan for avoiding any duplication of efforts in allocating functions up to and including merger of the two-year post high school institutions. The motion was passed unanimously.

IX. Program Considerations

University of South Carolina

A. D. in Criminal Justice at Aiken, Coastal Carolina and Lancaster Branches - Action deferred pending results of study of vocational-academic course offerings. (See Item VIII. of the Minutes.)

Spartanburg TEC

A. D. in Mechanical Engineering Technology - Approved

Florence-Darlington TEC

A. D. in Dispensing Opticianry Technology - Approved

A. D. Medical Lab Technology - Approved

A. D. in Dental Hygiene Technology - Approved

Francis Marion

B. S. in Medical Technology - Approved

Winthrop

Master of Music - Approved

X. Capital Improvement Requests

Clemson University

Clemson submitted for approval in February a permanent improvement request for student recreation and intramural athletic facilities at an estimated cost of \$400,000. Action was deferred until further justification was obtained regarding the necessity for lighted facilities, particularly a golf driving range. Dr. Edwards has responded that it is

essential for Clemson to schedule activities throughout the daylight and evening hours and a "lighted golf driving range represents a very small part of our total project, but as is true of facilities for tennis, basketball, and numbers of other sports, it is important that at least limited golf facilities be available for evening as well as daylight hours." A motion was made (Sheheen) that Clemson's request for approval of intramural facilities improvement and expansion be approved with the exception of the lighted golf driving range. There was no second to the motion. A substitute motion was made (Cauthen) and seconded (Chapman) that the entire request from Clemson for recreational and intramural facilities at an estimated cost of \$400,000 be recommended to the Budget and Control Board for approval. The motion was passed. Mr. Sheheen was opposed.

XI. Chairman Cathcart Smith To Serve on the Education Commission of the States

Dr. Smith announced that Governor West has asked him to serve as a Commissioner on the Education Commission of the States until a new Commissioner for the Commission on Higher Education is selected. Dr. Smith agreed to serve in this capacity.

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Secretary