

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

October 20, 1976
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
Mr. Howard L. Burns
Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr.
Mr. M. Calhoun Colvin
Mrs. Wanda L. Forbes
Mr. Gedney M. Howe, Jr.
Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
Mr. Paul W. McAlister
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. John M. Pratt
Mr. William F. Prioleau, Jr.
Mr. Alex M. Quattlebaum
Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. Arthur M. Swanson
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

GUESTS

Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.
Mr. L. Roger Kirk
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Ms. Joyce Prokop

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks
Mrs. Clara W. Evans
Dr. George P. Fulton
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett

MEMBER OF THE PRESS

Mr. Hugh Gibson

I. Consideration of Recommendations of Executive Committee on College and University Appropriation Requests

Dr. Smith reported that the Executive Committee had met on October 13 to review and make recommendations on the appropriation requests of the colleges and universities. He stated that the Committee concerned itself primarily with requests for special funding under Steps 12 and 13 of the Appropriation Formula. The line item appropriation request of the Medical University, not being under the Formula, was reviewed in detail. The recommendations of the Commission, as approved on October 20, which will be presented to the Budget and Control Board and the legislative finance committees on October 27, are summarized in Exhibit A. The recommendations of the Executive Committee, and Commission action with respect to each institution's appropriation request, are set forth in detail below:

Winthrop College - Winthrop requested \$6,591,817 by Formula for 1977-78, including \$6,561,817 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11), and \$30,000 in Separately Budgeted Research (Step 13) for home economics research. In addition, Winthrop requested a special appropriation of \$121,000 to cover its dormitory operations deficit.

The Executive Committee recommended \$6,591,817, including \$30,000 in Step 13. In addition, the Executive Committee recommended that a special appropriation of \$121,000 be approved to cover the dormitory operations deficit. It was moved (Howe)

and seconded (Quattlebaum) and unanimously voted that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved.

The Citadel - The Citadel requested \$6,309,897 by Formula for 1977-78, including \$5,233,779 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11). Under Special Funding (Step 12), \$472,504 was requested for military costs unique to a military institution; \$243,896 to cover 75 percent of the amount produced by the Formula using The Citadel's average faculty salary in excess of the amount derived by using Winthrop's average salary; \$190,388 for plant maintenance costs in excess of Formula entitlement; \$85,000 for an unusual increase in sewer charges; and \$84,330 for National Policy Studies.

The Executive Committee recommended approval of \$6,035,179, including \$5,233,799 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11). Under Special Funding (Step 12), the Committee recommended approval of \$472,504 for military costs; \$243,896 for faculty salaries; and \$85,000 for sewer charges. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Howe) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be adopted. Mr. Prioleau requested that the Commission give further consideration to approving special funding for plant maintenance and operation. He noted that The Citadel has experienced unforeseen increases in maintenance costs. The motion was amended (Prioleau) to provide that at least 50 percent of the requested amount of \$190,388 be restored. The amended motion was not seconded. The motion to approve the recommendations of the Executive Committee was adopted.

South Carolina State College - South Carolina State College requested \$7,848,611, including \$7,183,249 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11). Under Special Funding (Step 12), \$129,000 was requested for the basic skills program; \$127,862 for extra counseling and guidance costs; \$206,000 for Felton Laboratory School; \$60,500 for "University Year for Action Program"; \$40,000 for additional security officers; and \$102,000 for a new computer system. The Executive Committee recommended \$7,517,111, including \$127,862 for extra counseling and guidance costs and \$206,000 for the extra costs of operating the Felton Laboratory School. It was moved (Howe) and seconded (Colvin) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

College of Charleston - The College of Charleston requested \$8,864,457, including \$8,779,129 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11), based on a projected 9 percent enrollment increase. Under Special Funding (Step 12), \$16,925 was requested for individualized instruction in Spanish, and \$68,403 to cover an unusual increase in sewer charges. The Executive Committee recommended funding for a 5 percent enrollment increase and approval of \$8,553,124, including \$68,403 (one year only) for increased sewer charges. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Swanson) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

Francis Marion College - Francis Marion College requested \$4,342,728, including \$4,308,154 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11); \$14,500 under Special Funding (Step 12) for advanced placement assistance project; and \$20,074 under Separately Budgeted Research (Step 13) for an Institute for Economic Development. The Executive Committee recommended \$4,328,228, including \$20,074 under Step 13 in anticipation of Commission approval of the "Institute for Economic Development of the Pee Dee."⁴ It was moved (Marchant) and seconded (Colvin) that the recommendations of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

⁴The Commission recommended further that full coverage of future years' costs of the "Institute for Economic Development of the Pee Dee" be obtained from the participants and other non-State sources.

Lander College - Lander College requested \$3,049,522 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11). The Executive Committee recommended that the requested amount be approved.

The Executive Committee recommended also that the Commission renew its request to the Budget and Control Board and the General Assembly that adequate funding be provided to the College of Charleston, Francis Marion, and Lander so that those institutions will be able to use tuition income for financing needed capital projects. Funding in accordance with the Formula would, in the Committee's view, be both adequate and equitable. This should permit implementation of the Commission's previous recommendation that Francis Marion and the College of Charleston deposit all tuition income with the State Treasurer for servicing institution bonds. In addition to funding in accordance with the Formula, Lander should be permitted to retain one-half of its 1977-78 tuition income as its last increment of "startup expenses." In subsequent years Lander should deposit all tuition income with the State Treasurer for debt service.

It was moved (Johnson) and seconded (Howe) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

University of South Carolina - The University of South Carolina requested \$49,017,457, including \$46,436,457 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11) based on a projected 3 percent enrollment increase. Under Special Funding (Step 12), \$300,000 was requested for a public health program; \$150,000 for the Baccalaureate in Criminal Justice; and \$600,000 for an Automation System - Building Operations. Under Step 13, \$69,000 was requested for the Bureau of Governmental Research; \$130,000 for the Bureau of Business Research; \$162,000 for the Institute of Archeology and Anthropology; \$72,500 for the Social Problems Research Institute; and \$1,097,500 for general research (\$250/FTE graduate student). The Executive Committee recommended \$47,186,775, based on a projected 1.5 percent enrollment increase. This amount included, under Step 13, \$40,000 (Bureau of Governmental Research); \$55,000 (Bureau of Business Research); \$95,000 (Institute of Archeology and Anthropology); \$50,000 (Social Problems Research Institute); and \$1,097,500 (General Research -- \$250/FTE graduate student). It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Howe) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

Clemson University - Clemson University requested \$26,420,148, including \$25,125,253 in Basic Educational and General (Steps 1-11). Under Special Funding (Step 12), \$52,100 was requested for In-service Training in Agriculture; \$260,345 for Extension and Public Service; and \$178,700 for Teaching and Research in Water and Sewage. Under Separately Budgeted Research (Step 13), \$290,000 was requested for Engineering Research; \$97,000 for Textile Research; \$63,000 for Research in Sciences; and \$353,750 for General Research (\$250/FTE graduate student). The Executive Committee recommended \$26,251,303, including, under Step 12, \$250,000 for Extension and Public Service (including In-service Training in Agriculture) with the proviso that future costs of this nature be covered from non-State sources such as higher charges to participants, and \$178,700 for Teaching and Research in Water and Sewage; and, under Step 13, \$183,600 for Engineering Research; \$97,000 for Textile Research; \$63,000 for Research in Sciences; and \$353,750 for General Research (\$250/FTE graduate student). It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Walsh) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

USC-Aiken; USC-Coastal; and USC-Spartanburg - The University of South Carolina requested, under Steps 1-11 (Basic Educational and General), \$2,118,815 for USC-Aiken; \$2,099,056 for USC-Coastal; and \$2,976,585 for USC-Spartanburg, based on projected enrollment increases that ranged from 12.7 to 14.5 percent.

The Executive Committee recommended that funding be provided for 7 percent increases at these institutions and recommended \$2,006,297 for USC-Aiken; \$2,006,660 for Coastal; and \$2,864,710 for USC-Spartanburg. It was moved (Walsh) and seconded (Colvin) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

USC Two-Year Regional Campuses - The University of South Carolina requested, under Steps 1-11 (Basic Educational and General), \$3,045,988 for the two-year regional campuses. The Executive Committee recommended approval of the request. It was moved (Howe) and seconded (Marchant) that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

Medical University of South Carolina - MUSC requested \$50,341,234, including \$8,813,789 for Supplementary Priority Items. The Executive Committee recommended \$42,686,862, including \$1,159,417 concerning the five highest priority items on MUSC's supplementary request list (Exhibit B). It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Walsh) that the recommendations of the Executive Committee be approved.

The motion was amended (Pratt) and seconded (Howe) to provide that \$100,000 for the Orthopedics Department be added to the recommended amount. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Howe, Dr. Fulton stated that because the request for supplementary funds for the Orthopedics Department had been placed in tenth position by MUSC on its priority list, the staff concluded that it could be deferred. Mr. Howe withdrew the second to the motion. The motion to approve the recommendations of the Executive Committee was adopted.

USC Medical School - The University of South Carolina requested \$3,253,721 for the Medical School. The Executive Committee recommended \$1,670,392, the amount of State funding specified for the fourth year in the USC 1974 Application to the Veteran's Administration and the amount approved by the Commission for the fourth year when approving the new school. It was moved (Howe) and seconded (Walsh) that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

II. Other Business

Permanent Improvement Projects at Winthrop College

Mr. Burns requested Commission approval of two permanent improvement projects at Winthrop College, to be funded by student tuition and fees and State funds already appropriated and released to Winthrop. No new State funds are requested: Breazeale Dormitory Renovation, \$430,000; and Peabody Gym Renovation, \$625,000. Information concerning the two projects was mailed to Commission members on October 12, 1976. The staff recommended approval of both projects. It was moved (Burns) and seconded (Howe) and unanimously voted that the staff recommendation be adopted.

Executive Session

Mr. Quattlebaum requested permission to bring a matter before the Commission concerning personnel. It was moved (Quattlebaum) and seconded (Scarborough) that the Commission go into executive session at this time. The motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett
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Recording Secretary