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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

September 4, 1969

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, September 4, 1969, in the Conference Room on the eighth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Grier, Lumpkin, Osborne, Rogers, Vance, Walsh and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Vance called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the August 7, 1969, meeting, they were approved as written.

A report from Dr. Morris on the Commission's activities for the month was requested by Chairman Vance.

Dr. Morris reported that a number of people had been recommended for the Presidency of Marion State College and that four of them had been invited to Columbia to meet with Dr. Morris, and to visit in Florence with members of the Florence County Commission on Higher Education. The four candidates were Dr. Prince Woodard, Executive Director of the Virginia Higher Education Commission, Dr. Walter D. Smith, President of Salisbury State College, Dr. Thomas Southard, Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools in Florida, and Dr. Willard Davis, Vice President for Advanced Studies and Research at the University of South Carolina. After visiting, each candidate indicated a strong interest in the position. Dr. Morris stated that the selection of the President as soon as possible was most important because his advice and guidance would be needed in the overall planning and development of the college.

In general discussion, the question of who was responsible for the final selection of the President was raised. In answering, Dr. Morris replied that the Commission on Higher Education has the planning authority, as set by the Legislature, with the advice and guidance of two advisory groups, the new four year college Board and the Advisory Board of the Florence Regional Campus. A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin that the Commissioner be authorized to meet with the new Board and the Advisory Board to establish ground rules for setting up a preferential list of candidates for the Presidency, with the priority of recommendations to be brought before the Commission for approval before an offer is made, after which the Chairman of the Commission and or the Commissioner, with a representative of the new Board, would approach the selected prospect to make the offer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grier and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Walsh suggested that it would be beneficial for the Commission to meet with the President to formulate some broad outlines for the College. It was further suggested by Mr. Cauthen that Dr. Morris call Dr. Jack Williams to see if he would be interested in the position.

Dr. Morris reported that he had met with Mr. Wilkins of the architectural firm of Gill and Wilkins in Florence, who had been employed to do the original campus planning for the Florence Regional Campus. The firm was interested in being retained to work with the Commission on the future plans for the four year college. Dr. Morris suggested to Mr. Wilkins that a proposal be submitted for the approval of the Commission and that a national consultant be engaged to work with Gill and Wilkins in the area of site selection and campus planning. Mr. Vance asked if the firm of Gill and Wilkins would be entitled to build all of the new buildings if they were employed now to do the initial site survey and planning. Dr. Morris replied that after the initial site selection and campus planning was completed, the actual building program would probably be on an individual building by building basis, with the field being open to all. Mr. Rogers made a motion that the firm of Gill and Wilkins be employed to make a site study and to develop a master plan for the campus, working with a national consultant, and submitting a price for this study which Dr. Morris would report to the Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walsh and unanimously adopted.

Pursuant to the request of the Commission, Dr. Morris had checked with the Chairman of the House Education Committee, the Senate Education Committee and the Director of the Legislative Council to determine if Marion State College was to be a dormitory college. It was felt that the intent of the Legislature was to make Marion State College a dormitory college and not to restrict the college in any way.

Dr. Morris announced that he had met in Charleston with Dr. McCord, General Harris and President Stern to begin formulating plans for a consortium in that area. The meeting resulted in the setting up of three committees: Graduate Education, Computer Science and Marine Science.

The engineering consulting firm of Lockwood Greene had been contacted by Dr. Morris in connection with making a site survey of the Charleston area to determine the best location for a public college in Charleston. For this survey Lockwood Greene had quoted a price of \$3,500, with the results being available in a month. In answer to a question by Mr. Lumpkin as to why a survey was necessary, Dr. Morris replied that in accordance with recent legislation delegating the Commission with the responsibility of making recommendations for a consortium in the Charleston area, and possibly acquiring the College of Charleston by the State, it was necessary to know if the present location of the College of Charleston was the most desirable one for a public college. The Commission had requested the College of Charleston to hold back on any new construction until this was determined. Dr. Morris stated that the Commission either had to release the College of Charleston to continue its building program or had to say the site was not suitable for a public college. A motion was made by Mr. Osborne that the Commission authorize Dr. Morris to engage the firm of Lockwood Greene to make a site study of the Charleston area, in connection with the location of a public college, at a sum not to exceed \$3,500. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and unanimously adopted.

A meeting had been held with the bankers and savings and loan personnel to discuss ways to meet the student loan crisis. Meetings will be held with the credit departments of the banks and savings and loan associations to work out a plan.

The Council of Presidents will meet with the Commission at the regular October meeting, October 2, 1969, at 10:30 a. m.

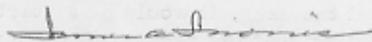
An Administrative Assistant, Hurst Marshall, had been hired at a salary of \$12,500. Dr. Morris asked the Commission's endorsement of this. Mr. Lumpkin made a motion that the employment of Hurst Marshall be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously adopted.

Commission members would be notified of the date of the one day session on medical education.

A draft position paper with recommendations to the Legislature would be drawn up by the Commission staff for discussion and recommendations by the Commission. Items to be included will be criteria for establishing four year colleges, suggestions for alleviating the student financial aid crisis, concrete recommendations on medical education, two year colleges, relationship between the Commission and Technical Education Committee, and the development of some facts in connection with the private colleges in the State. It was suggested by Mr. Walsh that statistics on enrollments in colleges and universities in the State, showing enrollments last year and enrollments this year, be included in a summary sheet to go along with the recommendations.

Mr. Jennings was invited to the meeting to present a progress report on the data and planning system after which the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris