

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
June 6, 1996
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred L. Day, Chairman
Mr. J. Randolph Ayers
Dr. Colgate W. Darden, III
Mr. Fred C. Fore
Mr. R. Austin Gilbert, Jr.
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Ray D. Lathan
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Willard A. Metcalf
Gen. Thomas R. Olsen
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Bill H. Stern
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Ms. Debbie N. Whittle

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Lewis Phillips
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Ms. Mary Broadwater
Ms. Camille Brown
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Mr. Charlie FitzSimons
Mr. Ivan F. Guinn
Ms. Maggie Hicks
Mr. Douglas I. Holleman
Dr. R. Lynn Kelley
Mr. Raghu Korrapati
Mr. John Krause
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. David Loope
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Robert K. Poch

Dr. T. Michael Raley
Mr. Jeff Richards
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Yolanda Solone
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. Lovely Ulmer-Sottong
Ms. Julia E. Wells
Dr. Karen Woodfaulk

GUESTS

Mr. Eugene Allen
Mr. Gary Bell
Mr. Harry Bell
Mr. John Bowman
Dr. Dianne P. Brandstadter
Mr. Charles A. Brooks
Ms. Donna Collins
Dr. Nancy C. Dunlap
Mr. John L. Finan
Mr. Dave Fleming
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Dr. Carol Z. Garrison
Mr. Sandy Gilliam
Mr. Stan Godshall
Dr. James L. Hudgins
Mr. Bob Humphreys
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Mr. Gary McCombs
Mr. Axel Puschke
Mr. William T. Putnam
Mr. Ron Rhames
Dr. Herbert C. Robbins
Mr. Sri Sitharaman
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Mr. Jim Vincent
Mr. Richard Williams
Mr. Mark Wright

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 2, 1996

It was moved (Lathan), seconded (Kinson), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 1996 be approved as written.

2. Special Presentations

- A. Mr. Sheheen announced that Dr. Poch has accepted a new position as Director of the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office. He expressed gratitude for Dr. Poch's good work at the Commission and wished him well in the future in his new capacity.
- B. Mr. Sheheen also announced that Dr. Michael Smith, former Vice President for Academic Affairs and former Interim President at Winthrop University will be joining the staff in July to take on many of Dr. Poch's responsibilities and also to assist the Commission in the formulation and implementation of Senate Bill 1195, principally performance funding issues.
- C. Legislation (House Bill 3915) adopted by the General Assembly regarding the proposed lease between the Medical University and Columbia/HCA - Mr. Sheheen reported that this legislation could involve the Commission. Specifically, Section 3 of the legislation states that the Budget and Control Board must consult the Commission prior to granting authorization to effectuate the transaction provided for in this act. Mr. Robert Toomey of the Budget and Control Board requested that the Commission submit any comments by June 15, 1996 and prior to ratification of this agreement.

It was moved (Lathan) and seconded (Metcalf) that the staff will prepare a summary of the issues in the House Bill 3915 that come under the auspices of the Commission. Commission action would then be decided by a vote of the full Commission with a response to the Budget and Control Board by June 15.

Mr. Gilbert suggested that the matter be resolved at this meeting. Mr. Stern asked if the document previously distributed on this subject had been changed. Mr. Sheheen stated that to his knowledge the Medical University has not changed the

document, but the legislature has added terms and conditions which will materially affect the document.

After further discussion, the motion was amended (Lathan), seconded (Metcalf) and voted with Mr. Gilbert voting in the negative, to include in the recommendation that the chairman has the authority to decide if the vote should be by conference call or by a meeting

3. Committee Reports

3.05 Report of the Facilities Committee

Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

A. Interim Projects

1. Clemson University - Dorm Security System Installation - Phase I

Clemson University requested authorization to increase the budget of this previously approved project by \$300,000. The source of funds is housing improvement monies.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be approved.

2. College of Charleston - Lease and Acquisition of BellSouth Property

The College of Charleston requested authorization to lease and subsequently purchase the BellSouth property from the College of Charleston Foundation. The annual rent payment is \$250,000 and includes the 1.2 acre parking lot adjacent to the building. The purchase price is estimated to be \$2,101,296. The proposed source of funds is excess debt service.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed provided that the Division of General Services, Property Management, finds acceptable the appraisal and environmental study of the property. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Darden) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3. S. C. State University - Felton Library Art and Music Room Addition

S. C. State University requested authorization to construct a 3,000 sq. ft. addition to Felton Laboratory School. The estimated total project cost is \$306,500. The sources of funds include \$290,000 federal (Title III) and \$16,500 state appropriated funds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

4. USC-Columbia - Housing Access Control System

USC-Columbia requested authorization to increase the budget of this previously approved project by \$1.2 million. The revised total estimated project cost is \$1.35 million. The source of funds is housing revenues.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

5. Florence-Darlington Technical College - Child Care Development Center

Florence-Darlington Technical College requested authorization to construct a Child Development Center in partnership with the Pee Dee Community Action Agency (Head Start). The estimated total project cost is \$510,364. The sources of funds are Head Start and local.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed provided that 1) the appropriate approval is granted by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education at its June 26, 1996 meeting; 2) the fees charged for child care to College employees, staff, and students be in accordance with the criteria of Proviso 72.29 of Act No. 145 of 1995, 1995-96 Appropriations Act; and 3) the calculations of the fees indicating market rate compliance be reported to the Commission on Higher Education within thirty days of Commission approval. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Ayers), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

6. Midlands Technical College - Michelin Training Center - Airport Campus

Midlands Technical College sought authorization to construct an industrial training facility at its Airport Campus at an estimated total project cost of \$2,370,000. The source of funds is local (Lexington County).

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

B. APIP Requests (Annual Permanent Improvement Plans)

1. Central Carolina Technical College - Building 100A Renovations

Central Carolina Technical College sought authorization to renovate Building 100A at an estimated total project cost of \$314,633. The source of funds is local.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed subject to the College providing the appropriate written acknowledgment of evaluation of needs and statement of justification for the project against the availability of similar and available space (existing or planned) at USC-Sumter from the local joint Commission and USC-Sumter. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

2. College of Charleston - Steam and Chilled Water Line Replacement

The College of Charleston sought authorization to establish a project for steam and chilled water line replacement. The estimated total project cost is \$1.2 million. The source of funds is plant improvement fees.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

3. Horry-Georgetown Technical College - Student Parking Lot

Horry-Georgetown Technical College requested authorization to construct a 250 space student parking lot at the new Grand Strand Campus. The estimated total project cost is \$275,000. The source of funds is a local

allocation from the sale of the existing Grand Strand (Myrtle Beach) Campus.

Officials from the Division of General Services, Property Management, have indicated that this project may not be established until cash funds from the sale of the existing Grand Strand Campus are available. The Committee recommended that the project be deferred until these funds are available, at which time the College may submit the project as an interim request.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved with Mr. Fore abstaining.

4. Medical University of South Carolina

a. Campus Elevator Upgrade Modification - MUSC requested authorization to upgrade 15 campus elevators at an estimated total cost of \$1.5 million. The source of funds is student institution bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

b. Campus Improved Indoor Air Quality - MUSC requested authorization to establish a project designed to improve air quality to conform to applicable code requirements for ventilation. The estimated total project cost is \$350,000. The source of funds is student institutional bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

c. Underground Oil Tank Upgrades - MUSC requested authorization to upgrade the underground oil tanks for the Basic Science and Clinical Science Buildings. The estimated total project cost is \$275,000, and the source of funds is student institution bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

d. Baruch Auditorium - MUSC requested authorization for the refurbishment and renovation of Baruch Auditorium with an estimated total project cost of \$700,000. The source of funds is hospital transfer.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

e. Classroom Improvements - MUSC requested authorization to refurbish and modernize general purpose classrooms. The estimated total project cost is \$1 million. The source of funds is hospital transfer.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

5. SC State University

a. Campus Wide Steam Distribution Repairs - SC State sought authorization to repair and replace steam line distribution campus wide. The estimated total project cost is \$1.15 million. The source of funds is institution bonds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

b. Science and Technology Center - SC State University sought authorization to initiate pre-design services for the construction of a multi disciplinary science, mathematics, computer and engineering technology center. The estimated total project cost is \$500,000. The source of funds proposed is a legislative request for capital monies.

The staff recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

c. Hodge Hall Renovation - SC State University requested authorization to renovate research laboratories in Hodge Hall. The estimated total project cost is \$1,414,975. The source of funds include \$1,131,980 federal (National Science Foundation) and \$282,995 capital project fund.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed provided that, prior to establishing the project, the University provide staff with the appropriate federal funds source documentation. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

6. Trident Technical College - 900 Building HVAC Replacement

Trident Technical College requested authorization to replace the HVAC system in its 900 Building. The estimated total project cost is \$500,000. The source of funds include \$298,441 excess debt service and \$201,559 local.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Metcalf) and voted that the recommendation be approved.

C. Interim Lease - MUSC - St. Francis Hospital - 10th Floor

MUSC requested authorization to lease the 10th floor of the St. Francis Hospital complex from University Medical Associates. The annual rent, including operating costs, is \$325,500 to be paid by approximately equal portions of 1) Federal grants and 2) contract funds and University unrestricted funds.

The Committee recommended approval of the project as proposed. It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Darden), and voted that the recommendation be approved.

4. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen gave a presentation on the major higher education actions and Commission accomplishments from 1986 to 1996.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary