

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

July 7, 1988  
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson  
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.  
Mr. George L. Brightharp  
Mr. Walter E. Brooker  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.  
Mr. Roger E. Henderson  
Mr. Marvin C. Jones  
Mrs. Reba Ann Kinon  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Howard G. Love  
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Whitener  
Mrs. Mildred R. Williams  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Tom Moore Craig  
Mr. Vernon McGuire

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich  
Ms. Saundra E. Carr  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Ms. Linda Laub  
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Ms. Sarah P. Reynolds  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Ms. Betty Simmons  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Ms. Gaylon Syrett

GUESTS

Dr. Chester Bain  
Mr. Luther J. Battiste  
Dr. Oscar P. Butler  
Ms. Peggy G. Deane  
Mr. Jim Dubeau  
Dr. Conrad Festa  
Ms. Mary Hallams  
Dr. Samuel M. Hines, Jr.  
Dr. H. M. Holderfield  
Dr. Sally Horner  
Dr. Edward R. Jackson  
Mr. David R. Larson  
Ms. Lynette Lown  
Dr. Elise Adams McFarland  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Dr. William C. Moran  
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry  
Dr. Terry Peterson  
Ms. Alidyce Pollard  
Ms. Sharon Pothering  
Dr. Blanche Premo  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Dr. J. Ronald Quinn  
Mr. David P. Rinker  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Mr. Sterling Smith  
Ms. Janice Traywick  
Dr. Ronald Tuttle  
Mr. John Waddell  
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde  
Mr. Jack Wilson

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Stacy Beck  
Ms. Jenny Munro  
Mr. Steve Smith

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 2, 1988

It was moved (DeWitt), seconded (Askins), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of June 2, 1988, be adopted as written.

## II. Consideration of Program of Commission and Staff Initiatives for 1988-89

Mr. Sheheen reported on 43 items contained in the program of Commission and staff initiatives for 1988-89, including those actions required to implement The Cutting Edge, additional activities mandated by the General Assembly, and other special projects.

## III. Consideration of Categorical Allocation of Funds in The Cutting Edge for 1988-89

Mr. Sheheen reported for the Executive Committee that on July 6 the Committee considered the proposed allocation of \$5 million appropriated for The Cutting Edge program for 1988-89 and recommends that the allocation be made as follows:

Palmetto Fellows Scholarships	\$ 100,000
Improving Upward Mobility	220,000
Improving Undergraduate Instruction - Competitive Grants	225,000
Governor's Professor of the Year Award	5,000
Endowed Professorships	750,000
Research Incentive Fund	3,550,000
Commission Administration	150,000

Mr. Sheheen noted that by common consent with SBTC staff, the Committee recommends that Library Automation in the Technical College System not be allocated any special funds in 1988-89, pending further discussion of the matter within that system.

It was moved (Whitener) seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

## IV. Report of Executive Committee

a. Consideration of Appropriation Request for The Cutting Edge Program for 1989-90. Mr. Sheheen reported for the Executive Committee that the Commission originally adopted a budget for The Cutting Edge program which called for appropriations for \$30.9 million for the first year and slightly diminished amounts for the second, third, and fourth years when the program would be fully funded. For the reasons set forth below, the Executive Committee recommends that the budget be modified and that the Commission request a three-year phase-in of full funding of The Cutting Edge program, as shown on the tables attached as Exhibit A:

- (1) The program was funded at \$5 million for the first year.
- (2) The program was funded from non-recurring funds the first year and should be moved to the recurring funds budget.
- (3) The magnitude of the original program was based on modifications in the tax structure of the State. None of those changes was adopted.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted.

b. Recommendation on Plan for Access and Equity in Higher Education. Mr. Sheheen reported for the Executive Committee that the Committee approved a recommendation in June that the Commission formulate a long-range approach to minority participation in higher education in South Carolina. The new program would begin July 1, 1989, at the conclusion of the current State plan. Members of the Commission were provided copies of the proposed plan on June 29. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

V. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Dr. Williams, chairperson of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of the Commission's 1989-90 Budget Request. Dr. Williams noted that the proposed request is divided into four sections: administration; service programs, The Cutting Edge program, and the plan for access and equity. The final three sections consist of flow-through funds except for a small percentage for administration of The Cutting Edge program. He noted that the desegregation plan and The Cutting Edge program were funded from non-recurring (Part III) funds in the 1988-89 appropriation. The Committee recommends that these programs be included in the recurring section (Part I) of the 1989-90 appropriation. Dr. Williams noted that the final two items are decreases from 1988-89. The Committee makes the following recommendations for budget increases and decreases in recurring funds for 1989-90:

Rent		\$	20,000
SREB Contract for Services			42,350
Contract with N.C. School of the Arts			11,450
<u>The Cutting Edge</u> Program	14,105,000		
Access and Equity Program			2,500,000
Nursing Recruitment Program			(52,139)
Vietnam Veteran's Scholarship Program			(25,000)

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning rent be adopted.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (M. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning SREB contract programs be adopted.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning the contract program with the N.C. School of the Arts be adopted.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning The Cutting Edge program be adopted.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Kinson), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Access and Equity be adopted.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Nursing Recruitment be adopted.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning the Vietnam Veteran's Scholarship Program be adopted.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Turner), and voted that the overall appropriation request for 1989-90 in the amount of \$19,171,487 be adopted.

#### VI. Consideration of Palmetto Fellows Program

Among the initiatives in The Cutting Edge for 1988-89 is the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship program. The primary purpose of this program is to foster scholarship among the State's postsecondary students and retain outstanding students in the State through awards based upon scholarship and achievement. Recipients of these scholarships will receive up to \$5,000 annually, half provided by the State through the program and half by the participating institutions.

Among other requirements, eligible students must take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) in fall preceding their graduation by a year and a half. Dr. Kinard reported that in implementing the program for students graduating in 1988, the guidelines would have required that the PSAT scores from fall 1986 be made available. Since these could not be obtained in a timely fashion or at a reasonable cost, a different procedure was required for the first year only. Each high school in the State was asked to nominate two outstanding graduating seniors, on the basis of academic merit, who were known to prefer to attend a college in the State in 1988.

The staff recommends that the Commission endorse the minor modification necessary in this initial year for creating the pool from which potential applicants are drawn, and authorize the staff to make awards to individual Fellows within the constraints described above. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

#### VII. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Turner, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

Consideration of Guidelines for Undergraduate Instruction Grants Program. At its meeting on July 7, the Committee on Academic Affairs considered proposed guidelines for the program of grants for the improvement of undergraduate instruction, as required by The Cutting Edge. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

#### VIII. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Brightharp, chairperson of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

- a. Consideration of 1988-89 APIP Projects (\$250,000 or more)
  - (1) Renovation of Former Sears Building, College of Charleston. As part of its 1988-89 Annual Permanent Improvement Plan (APIP), the College of

Charleston requests approval to renovate the ground and second floors of the former Sears Building at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million to be financed with plant improvement bond funds (excess debt service). The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Kinion), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) Bethea Hall Renovation, South Carolina State College. In its 1987-88 Annual Permanent Improvement Plan South Carolina State College requested and received approval to renovate Bethea Hall at a cost of \$200,000. In May 1988 college officials determined that sufficient funds were available for other aspects of renovation of the facility and requested authorization to increase the project budget by \$120,000. This increase was also approved. The college now requests, as part of its 1988-89 Annual Permanent Improvement Plan, authorization to expend an additional \$480,000 for this project, to be funded with student/faculty housing revenues. The Committee recommends approval of the \$480,000 increase. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Requests for Interim Approval

(1) Farrar House Acquisition/Disposal, Clemson University. Clemson University recently acquired, through the will of Thelma Farrar, a house located in the Camelot Subdivision in Clemson. The University proposes to sell this property and place the proceeds in an endowment as specified in the will. The property has been appraised at \$95,000 with a \$10,000 mortgage. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Kinion), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) Changes in Scope and Budget, Beaufort Elementary School, USC-Beaufort. USC-Beaufort requests approval to increase the budget of this established project by \$1,300,000, to be financed with \$300,000 in capital bond funds, \$350,000 from local government, \$520,000 in private contributions, \$75,000 from excess debt service, and \$55,000 from the campus renovation reserve account. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) and seconded (Kinion) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr. Sheheen requested that the staff prepare a policy on prorating operating costs for State-owned facilities that are used to a significant degree by the community, such as the proposed performing arts center within the Beaufort Elementary School facility. The motion was amended (Love), seconded (Askins), and voted to provide that the projected increase for operation and maintenance of the proposed facility be funded in accord with that policy. The motion as amended was adopted.

(3) Source of Funds Change, Maintenance Building Construction, USC-Coastal Carolina. USC's 1986 Annual Permanent Improvement Plan included construction of a maintenance shop at Coastal Carolina, approved by the Commission, at an estimated cost of \$400,000 to be financed with local funds. In April 1988 the University requested and received approval for a \$175,000 increase for the project, to be financed with institution bonds.

Mr. Brightharp noted that while the Horry County Higher Education Commission has provided funding for some capital projects in the past it is no

longer interested in funding a maintenance building. The college therefore seeks authorization to change the source of funds for the initial \$400,000 from local to institution bonds. The Committee recommends approval.

It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. It was moved (Utsey), seconded (Love), and voted that in the future the institutions obtain written documentation from local governing bodies that pledge funding for capital projects.

(4) Renovation of Maintenance Building to Accommodate Art Department, USC-Coastal Carolina. The 1986 bond bill contained \$1.8 million for USC-Coastal Carolina for "renovations." This item was not included in the University's 1985 Overall Permanent Improvement Plan but was added to the bond bill by the General Assembly. Projects totaling \$1.8 million, therefore, were established directly through General Services without Commission involvement. Three of the projects were (a) Fine Arts Building Renovation - \$400,000; (b) Williams Brice and Wheelwright Roofs - \$238,000; and (c) Maintenance Center Renovation for Art - \$100,000.

Because initial cost estimates for the Fine Arts Building renovation were underestimated, the college plans to reduce the scope of the project and redirect most of the \$400,000 to the other two projects. The college has requested and received approval to increase the Williams Brice and Wheelwright roof projects by \$89,000 with funds transferred from the Fine Arts Building project.

The college now requests authority to increase the amount of the Maintenance Center project by \$240,600, also with funds transferred from the Fine Arts Building project. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

#### IX. Appointment of Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention

Mr. Sheheen reported that the General Assembly recently authorized the establishment of a Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention, to be composed of 13 members appointed by the Commission on Higher Education. The Commission's 1988-89 appropriation contains a line item in the amount of \$250,000 for this program. Based partially on discussions with members of the South Carolina Nursing Leadership Task Force, who were instrumental in the development of this program, Commission staff recommends 13 persons for appointment to the Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the staff recommendation be adopted. The list of members is attached as Exhibit B.

#### X. Consideration of Licensure Matters

a. Amendment to University of Maryland's License to Operate in South Carolina. Mr. Krech reported that the University of Maryland was licensed in May 1987 to offer a baccalaureate degree in nuclear science at the Summer Nuclear Power Station of South Carolina Electric and Gas in Jenkinsville. In February 1988 representatives of the University indicated that they planned

to expand the program to the H.B. Robinson Nuclear Power Station of Carolina Power and Light in Hartsville. The Executive Committee has endorsed the recommendation of the staff that the license be amended to include the second site, subject to the same annual reporting requirements that are required for the program at the original South Carolina site. It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Renewal of Licenses of In-state Institutions Accredited by Organizations Recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. Mr. Krech reported that Section 59-46-30 of the licensure law provides that "any institution established in this State which is accredited by any association or organization recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation. . . shall be considered to have given satisfactory evidence that the [licensure] standards have been met." Seven institutions, all of which had their regular (five-year) licenses renewed on July 7, 1983, meet that criterion and have submitted forms certifying their accreditation and requesting renewal.

The Executive Committee recommends that the following institutions be granted regular licenses to award degrees at the levels indicated for a period of five years, effective this date, subject to continued accreditation by an association or organization recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Degree Level</u>
Baptist College	Charleston, S.C.	Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's
Columbia Jr. College	Columbia, S.C.	Associate
Nielsen Electronics Institute	Charleston, S.C.	Associate
Rutledge College	Charleston, S.C.	Associate
Rutledge College	Columbia, S.C.	Associate
Rutledge College	Greenville, S.C.	Associate
Rutledge College	Spartanburg, S.C.	Associate

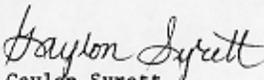
It was moved (Lewis), seconded (R. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

#### XI. Report of the Commissioner

##### Schedule of Meetings

Mr. Sheheen noted that the schedule of meetings for August and September has been revised. On August 29-30 the presidents and the executive director of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education will present budget requests to the Commission. The Committee on Business and Finance will meet on August 31 to consider the requests. On September 8 the Commission will adopt final recommendations to be presented to the Budget and Control Board on September 9.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Recording Secretary