

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

May 5, 1988
10:30 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
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. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Mrs. Mildred R. Williams
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Linda Laub
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells

MEMBER OF THE PRESS

Mr. Scott Johnson

I. Commission Appointment

Mrs. Taylor reported that Mr. Howard G. Love, St. Matthews, has been appointed to the Commission by Governor Campbell to fill a vacancy in the 2nd Congressional District. Mr. Love's term will expire on June 26, 1992.

II. Memorial Presentation Honoring Dr. Martha Kime Piper

Mrs. Taylor read a memorial statement honoring Dr. Martha Kime Piper, former President of Winthrop College, who died on April 24, 1988. Mrs. Taylor presented a contribution from the Commission and staff for the Martha Kime Piper Scholarship Fund. Dr. Michael Smith, Acting President, accepted the contribution on behalf of the College. Mrs. Taylor's statement is attached as Exhibit A.

GUESTS

Dr. Chester Bain
Ms. Billie Bodie
Dr. Diane Brandstadter
Dr. Francis J. Dannerbeck
Dr. Wilhelmina Funchess
Dr. Donald L. Jones
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Thomas Kinard
Mr. David R. Larson
Mr. Bob Lee
Mr. M. Hurst Marshall
Mr. Frank Mauldin
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Darion Mendenhall
Dr. David Millard
Mr. Bill Morrow
Dr. Bill Parks
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. Elizabeth K. Puskar
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. Ron Quinn
Dr. George M. Reeves
Dr. James H. Rex
Dr. Juanita Scott
Dr. Earline M. Simms
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Bernice Stukes-Mose
Mr. Bill Tinder
Ms. Martha Thomas
Dr. Susan Webb
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde

III. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of April 7, 1988

It was moved (Askins), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of April 7, 1988, be adopted as written.

IV. Study of Comparative Funding of Higher Education Systems Among the States

In Mr. Sheheen's absence, Dr. Kinard reported that on March 17, 1988, the Business and Finance Officers, the colleges and universities, including the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and the Commission staff agreed to contract for a study of higher education funding in South Carolina as compared to the other Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) states and other states in the nation.

The Business and Finance Officers and the Commission staff propose to finance the study by agreement with each institution or agency to pay a pro-rata share based on its 1987-88 appropriation. The three universities would pay 75% of the cost, with the remainder to be paid by the four-year colleges, SBTCE, and the Commission. It was agreed that the study should be completed by December 31, 1988.

V. Report of the Executive Committee

a. Consideration of Revised Rules and Procedures of the Commission. Mrs. Taylor reported that the Executive Committee reviewed and approved a suggested revision of the Rules and Procedures of the Commission. The revision reflects changes in titles and responsibilities and includes minor editorial emendations. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (M. Williams), seconded (R. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Amendment to Webster University License to Operate in South Carolina. Mr. Krech reported that Webster University was licensed in early 1987 by the Commission to offer in North Charleston four master's degree programs in business administration, computer resources management, human resources development, and management. In fall 1987 representatives of the South Carolina campus indicated their interest in adding a master of arts program in counseling services. It was agreed that the Commission would arrange for a specialist in the counseling area to review the proposed program and make a recommendation on the amendment of Webster's license.

A visit to Webster University in Charleston was conducted on February 25, 1988, by Dr. Gary M. Miller of the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of South Carolina and Mr. Krech. Dr. Miller concluded that the curriculum allows students to complete the academic requirements necessary to sit for the National Certified Counselors examination, that Webster University is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and that the local administration appears willing and eager to implement his suggestions.

The Executive Committee endorsed the staff recommendation that Webster University's current license be amended to include the offering of a master

of arts degree in counseling services, subject to the institution's concurrence with the visiting team's recommendation. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VI. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Mr. Turner, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Dr. Lewis reported on the following matters:

Consideration of Proposals for New Programs.

a. A.P.S., Criminal Justice, Denmark Technical College. Denmark Technical College proposes to begin in the fall quarter 1988 a new program leading to the associate degree in public service with a major in criminal justice. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in September 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Craig), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. A.I.T., Telecommunications Electronics Technology, Greenville Technical College. Greenville Technical College proposes to implement in the fall quarter 1988 a new program leading to the associate degree in industrial technology with a major in telecommunications electronics technology. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. B.A., Contemporary European Studies, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia proposes to implement in fall 1988 a program leading to the Bachelor of Arts in contemporary European studies, with concentrations in the following areas: Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, Central Europe, and modern Britain. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (M. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. B.S., Exercise Studies, Lander College. Lander College proposes to implement in fall 1988 a program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in exercise studies with concentrations in exercise science and athletic training. The Committee recommends that the program be approved provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required; provided further that the allocation for library holdings be increased; and provided further that the existing track in recreation in the program leading to the B.S. in physical education be discontinued promptly by not admitting any new students after May 5, 1988. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Askins), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Williams opposed.

e. B.S. in Mathematics, USC-Spartanburg. USC-Spartanburg proposes to implement in fall 1988 a new program leading to the B.S. with a major in mathematics. The Committee recommends that the program be approved provided

no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

f. B.A., Sociology, USC-Coastal. USC-Coastal proposes to implement in fall 1988 a new program leading to the B.A. in sociology. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required; and provided further that the concentration in sociology in the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program be discontinued. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

g. B.A., Studio Art, USC-Coastal. USC-Coastal proposes to implement in fall 1988 a new program leading to the B.A. in art studio. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required; and provided further that the concentration in art in the B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies degree program be discontinued. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

h. International Forest Product Marketing Option in the B.A. in Language and International Trade, Clemson University. In fall 1987 Clemson University implemented a new program leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in language and international trade. The program prepares candidates to become fluent in French, Spanish, or German, to develop a familiarity with the cultural heritage of a specific language, and to concentrate in one of four areas. Clemson proposes to expand the existing program by offering in fall 1988 a fifth concentration in international forest product marketing. The Committee recommends that the program be approved provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (M. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

i. M.A., Religious Studies, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia proposes to implement a new program leading to the M.A. in religious studies, involving participation by Benedict and Columbia Colleges and the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. The Committee recommends that the program be approved provided (1) that the proposed track in theological studies not be approved subject to further discussions by the staff, and if necessary the Committee, with the proposing institutions; (2) that a memorandum of agreement satisfactory to the Commission staff be entered into by all four participating institutions; and (3) that no unique cost or other special State funding is required or requested. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (McGuire), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

j. M.Ed., Counselor Education, South Carolina State College. South Carolina state College proposes to implement in summer 1988 a program leading to the M.Ed. degree in counselor education. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in summer 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

k. M.Ed., Special Education, South Carolina State College. South Carolina State College proposes to implement in summer 1988 a program leading to the M.Ed. degree in special education. The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in summer 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

1. Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Higher Education, Clemson University. Clemson University proposes to implement in July 1988 a Center for the Study of the Black Experience in Higher Education. It is proposed that the operating budget for FY 1988-89 will be \$117,000, of which \$72,000 will be requested of the Commission in desegregation plan funds and \$45,000 will be provided by Clemson. Dr. Lewis noted that Clemson was one of 13 institutions or agencies invited to submit final applications to the National Science Foundation (NSF) for support of programs designed to interest young people in science and mathematics in the pre-college years. The Clemson proposal to NSF calls for funding in FY 1988-89 of approximately \$620,000, of which Clemson would receive \$200,000 and other participants -- USC-Columbia, S.C. State, Claflin, Voorhees, and USC-Salkehatchie -- the rest. The Committee recommends that the proposed Center be approved without prejudice to the request for State funds which may be requested later through the desegregation plan, provided (1) that the Center's governing board consist of nine persons chosen as follows: five members selected from Clemson by the president of Clemson, two for initial terms of one year and one each for initial terms of two, three, and four years; three members nominated at the invitation of the president of Clemson by the president or chief executive officer of three other public institutions in the State, for initial terms of one, two, and three years, respectively, and the Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee, the last to serve ex officio without vote. It was noted that it is the intent of this recommendation that the three memberships representing other public institutions be rotated among other public institutions on the expiration of the initial term of appointment of the representative of each; (2) that no unique cost funds will be required or requested. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (McGuire), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Dr. Lewis noted that the Committee reviewed and took action on behalf of the Commission on follow-up reports stemming from recent evaluations of programs by the consultants. The Committee granted approval and removed from further probation the following programs: (1) B.A. in visual arts, Lander College; (2) B.A. and B.F.A. in art studio, USC-Columbia; (3) B.S. in computer science, South Carolina State College; and (4) B.S. in computer science, USC-Coastal.

In addition, the Committee reviewed and approved a method proposed by the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs by which the Commission may ensure that minimum admission standards are enunciated by public institutions. This action is required to be completed by July 1988 as a part of The Cutting Edge program.

VII. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Committee on Health and Medical Affairs

Dr. Askins, chairperson of the Committee on Health and Medical Affairs, reported on the following matters:

Consideration of Proposals for New Programs

a. A.H.S., Respiratory Therapy, Florence-Darlington Technical College. Florence-Darlington Technical College proposes to begin in fall 1988 a new program leading to the associate degree in health science with a major in respiratory therapy. The Committees recommend that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1988 provided no unique cost or other special State funding is requested or required. It was moved (Askins), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committees be adopted.

b. Expansion of Bachelor of Science in Nursing, South Carolina State College. South Carolina State College proposes to expand in fall 1988 its baccalaureate program in nursing (B.S.N.) to include a generic program. A generic program in nursing does not require licensure for admission and is four years in length. The Committees recommend that the program be approved for implementation in fall 1988 provided no unique cost or other State funding is required or requested, and provided further that facilities needs for student housing and instruction be accommodated solely within existing State College facilities on the campus. It was moved (Askins), seconded (Henderson), and voted that the recommendation of the Committees be adopted.

Dr. Askins noted that a third proposal submitted by USC-Columbia, calling for a Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse, was withdrawn by the University for further study. The proposal may be resubmitted later in modified form.

VIII. Report of the Commissioner

Allocation of FY 1988-89 Desegregation Funds. In Mr. Sheheen's absence, Dr. Lewis reported that the Committee on Implementation of the South Carolina Higher Education Desegregation Plan met on April 29, 1988, to consider allocation of desegregation funds for FY 1988-89 to the institutions. Decisions were based on guidelines that require each institution to have well-planned activities that flow from its mission and that address minority student recruitment and retention and affirmative action in hiring and retaining minority faculty, professional staff, and other employees. Funding for minority recruitment/retention projects was determined on the basis of evaluations by three outside consultants and staff reviews. Actual allocation of awards will be made pending approval by the General Assembly of funds in the budget for higher education for FY 1988-89. No action by the Commission is required.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett
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Recording Secretary