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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
AND
MEETING WITH COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

October 2, 1969

The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, October 2, 1969, in the Conference Room on the eighth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Furman, Grier, Holliday, Osborne, Rogers, Russell, 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 September 4, 1969, meeting they were approved as written.

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

Dr. Morris reported that the Executive Committee had met to review the college and university budgets and the budget of the Commission on Higher Education before the hearings with the Budget and Control Board. The Executive Committee recommended approval of the Commission budget as submitted. A motion was made by Mr. Osborne that on recommendation of the Executive Committee the 1970-71 budget submission of the Commission on Higher Education be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coker and unanimously adopted.

In general discussion on the Commission's budget request Dr. Morris was asked to explain the request for \$250,000 for a student financial aid program. Dr. Morris said that this amount was requested as a beginning for a State financial aid program for students attending both public and private colleges in the State, and although the amount was not nearly enough to meet the need, it would be a start in that direction. It was moved by Mr. Coker that the request in the budget for \$250,000 for a State financial aid program be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grier and unanimously adopted.

In further discussion on financial aid for South Carolina students Mr. Cauthen made a motion that, separate from the budget request, the Commission recommend to the Legislature that a committee designated by the Legislature be established to study the financial plight of the independent colleges in the State. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russell and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Walsh further suggested that a section on aid to private colleges be included in the Commission's report to the Legislature.

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