

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

January 8, 1987
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mrs. Reba A. Kinon
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Mr. Vernon McGuire

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. James A. Paschal
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Dr. Ann Baker
Dr. Chester W. Bain
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Dianne Brandstadter
Dr. Oscar Butler
Dr. John Gardner
Dr. Myrtle Glasgoe
Mr. B. P. Gordon
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Dr. O. Joseph Harm III
Dr. Clay Harris
Dr. H. M. Holderfield
Dr. James B. Holderman
Dr. Edward R. Jackson
Dr. Max M. Lennon
Dr. Carolyn McIver
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Mr. Jeff Mann
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Dr. Terry Peterson
Mr. William T. Putnam
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. Jim Salley
Ms. Kay Sanders
Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab
Mr. David B. Smith
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton
Dr. Ruby Watts
Dr. Robert H. White

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Dan Flanders
Mr. Scott Johnson
Ms. Christine Kuehn
Ms. Laura Nelson
Mr. Joseph Pellicci

I. Introduction of New Member

Mrs. Taylor introduced Mr. Roger E. Henderson, Chesterfield, who was appointed to the Commission from the 5th Congressional District to a term expiring on July 26, 1990. He succeeds Mr. Graham.

II. Presentation of Certificates

Mrs. Taylor presented framed certificates to Mr. Gordon, who resigned from the Commission effective August 22, 1986, and Mr. Graham, whose term expired on December 31, 1986. Mrs. Taylor expressed regret that Mr. Faris and Mr. M. Smith could not be present to receive certificates. Mr. Faris resigned from the Commission effective November 17, 1986. Mr. Smith resigned effective August 27, 1986.

III. Minutes of Meeting of December 4, 1986

It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of December 4, 1986, be adopted as written.

IV. Consideration of Staff Recommendations Regarding Task Force Reports, and Executive Committee Response to Staff Recommendations

Mrs. Taylor reported that the recommendations of the staff concerning task force reports on the AVA study were presented to the Commission on November 6, 1986, and were discussed with the Commission in an informal session on November 7. The Executive Committee met on December 3 and prepared a response to the staff recommendations. Consideration of the matter was deferred until January 8.

Commission members were provided on December 30 a draft report entitled "The Cutting Edge: Higher Education's Initiatives for Excellence," based on the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Whitener reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the 25 actions and recommendations listed on pages iv-vii in the report (Exhibit A) and makes the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. At the invitation of the Chairperson, President Stanton reported that the Council of Presidents reviewed the recommendation and requests that the first sentence in Recommendation 1 be modified to read: "In consultation and coordination with the institutions, by January 1988, the Commission on Higher Education will ensure that minimal admissions standards are developed by the State's colleges and universities." The motion was amended (Williams) and seconded (Craig) to incorporate this change. The amendment was adopted by ten affirmative and two negative votes. The motion, as amended, was adopted by ten affirmative and two negative votes.

Recommendation 2. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 3. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 4. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 5. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 6. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 7. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Brooker), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 8. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 9. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 10. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 11. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Brightharp abstained.

Recommendation 12. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 13. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 14. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 15. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (Brightharp) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Brooks noted that this subject was discussed by representatives of the Council of Presidents who request that the proposed Advisory Committee on Planning be named the Advisory Council on Planning. The motion was amended (Williams) and seconded (Turner) to incorporate this change. The amendment was adopted. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

Recommendation 16. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Turner), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 17. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 18. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 19. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (Kinon) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. President Stanton stated that the Council of Presidents requests that the recommendation be changed to read: "The Commission requests that the legislation creating the Commission on Higher Education be amended to require the appeal process for program termination to be taken to both houses of the State Legislature." After further discussion, the motion was adopted.

Recommendation 20. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 21. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (Williams) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Brightharp stated that approval this recommendation would be setting a dangerous trend and urged the Commission to oppose it. Dr. Williams disagreed. The motion was adopted. Mr. Brightharp opposed.

Recommendation 22. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Brooker), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 23. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 24. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Recommendation 25. The Executive Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

The Commission then discussed the narrative support for the recommendations. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the number of high school applicants nominated as potential Palmetto Fellows be changed to 125 (p. 4 of the narrative).

It was moved (Craig), seconded (Turner), and voted that the following sentence be added at the end of the last paragraph on page 4: "The 75 top candidates will be notified that they are potential scholarship winners at an appropriate time during their senior year of high school."

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the final two sentences in paragraph two on page 28 be deleted.

Dr. Williams requested, and it was agreed, that a statement concerning formula funding be added on page 40. The following paragraph was added:

"The State's first commitment must be to provide the amount requested through formula funding. But because this amount is the minimum necessary to support basic operations, we cannot assume that it can support the creative initiatives needed for significant progress."

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Williams), and voted to adopt the document as amended. Mr. Brooks commended Mr. Krech and Dr. Morrison as its principal authors. Dr. Williams expressed appreciation to the staff, and to the Council of Presidents for its deliberations with Mr. Brooks.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the Commission instruct the Executive Director to distribute the report to the appropriate persons.

IV. Consideration of Renewal of Licensure of Webster University

Mr. Krech reported on the history of the licensure process in South Carolina. He stated that Webster University (St. Louis, Missouri) has for some time offered master's degree programs on military bases in South Carolina. The Commission voted on July 12, 1984, to grant Webster University a two-year provisional license to operate at the master's degree level in South Carolina. In September 1986 a new examination team visited the Webster University program in Charleston. The team found that the institution has made major progress in addressing the recommendations and suggestions of the previous visiting team and in complying with the legislation (Act 201 of 1977) and the Regulations. Mr. Krech recommends, with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, that the Commission grant a regular license, subject to renewal every five years and annual reporting of information as requested, to Webster University to operate the following four programs in Charleston, S.C.:

Master of Arts	Business Administration
Master of Arts	Computer Resources Management
Master of Arts	Human Resources Development
Master of Arts	Management

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

VII. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Dr. Williams, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Funding for Avery Research Center for Afro-American History and Culture, College of Charleston. The Avery Research Center for Afro-American History and Culture was established at the College of Charleston in December 1985. It was funded as a non-recurring appropriation in 1984-85 and 1985-86. The Commission approved funding as a unique cost for the year 1986-87. During the regular budget request process in August 1986, the College of Charleston requested \$167,500 for the Avery Research Center for 1987-88. This represented an increase of \$73,037 over the current funding level. The primary purpose of the increase was to fund two professional staff positions. Due to the lack of time for an adequate evaluation of the College's request, the Committee at that time recommended that \$94,463 be continued for 1987-88.

At the invitation of the Chairperson, Dr. Myrtle Glasgoe, director of the Center, and Dr. Chester Bain, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the College of Charleston, spoke in favor of the additional funding.

The Committee recommends that the Commission revise its original recommendation to include the two positions, thus increasing the 1987-88 funding level from \$94,463 to \$162,500. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Psychometric Center, South Carolina State College. At its meeting to consider 1987-88 institutional budget requests, the Business and Finance Committee deferred action on a request from South Carolina State College for unique cost funding for the development of a Psychometric Center because of a need for additional information. The proposed Center will provide assessment services to students and in-service for faculty members, and will serve as a repository for documents and studies relating to student assessment.

The Committee recommends that unique funds be provided to South Carolina State College in the amount of \$335,278 for 1987-88 for the Psychometric Center, with the understanding that future funding will be contingent upon the Commission's staff evaluation of the program. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VI. Report of the Interim Executive Director

Mr. Brooks reported that Dr. Paschal was appointed by Governor-elect Campbell to serve on the Governor's Education Task Force. Paschal also served on the transitional subcommittee on higher education.

VII. Election of Officers

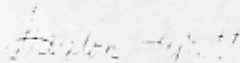
It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Turner), and voted that Mrs. Taylor be reelected Chairperson of the Commission.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that Mr. Whitener be reelected Vice Chairperson.

Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Whitener were reelected Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively.

The Commission met briefly in executive session. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary