

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 4, 1986  
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairman  
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.  
Mr. George L. Brightharp  
Mr. Tom Moore Craig  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Marvin C. Jones  
Mrs. Reba A. Kinon  
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Whitener  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
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. Joanne Anderson  
Dr. Chester W. Bain  
Dr. Ann Baker  
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski  
Dr. Diane Brandstadter  
Mr. Steve Elliott  
Dr. John Gardner  
Dr. Myrtle Glasgow  
Dr. H. M. Holderfield  
Dr. Vermelle Johnson  
Dr. Carolyn McIver  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Mr. Bill Morrow  
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry  
Dr. Terry Peterson  
Dr. Martha Kime Piper  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Mr. Edward M. Shannon III  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton  
Mr. William E. Troublefield  
Dr. Mike Welsh  
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sean Callebs  
Mr. Sid Gaulden  
Mr. Scott Johnson  
Ms. Jennifer Miller  
Mr. Joseph Pellicci  
Mr. Broderick Samuels

I. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of November 6, 1986

It was moved (Graham), seconded (Turner), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of November 6, 1986, be adopted as written.

## II. Joint Report of Committee on Academic Affairs and Committee on Facilities

Mr. Turner, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters for both Committees:

Consideration of Associate in Industrial Technology with Major in Aircraft Maintenance Technology, and Lease of Grounds and Facility at Donaldson Industrial Center, Greenville Technical College. Greenville Technical College proposes to begin in September 1987 a new program leading to the associate degree in industrial technology with a major in aircraft maintenance technology. This proposal was reviewed by the Committee on Academic Affairs on October 14, 1986. Because the program will require the leasing of a facility off-campus in Greenville, and a proposal for Commission review bearing on that lease had not been prepared at the time of the October 14 meeting, the Committee requested that the proposed lease be reviewed by the Committee on Facilities. The Committee on Facilities reviewed the matter at a meeting on November 6.

Mr. Turner stated that a new facility to house this program will be constructed at the Donaldson Industrial Center, on three acres of land to be leased for that purpose. The building, and the land on which it will sit, will be leased by the Greenville Technical College Area Commission. The proposed lease will be for a 20-year period, with options for four additional periods of five years each. In the initial 20-year period, the land lease will cost \$6,000 per year. It is estimated that the lease for the building will not exceed \$60,000 annually, and that the building cost will be amortized over the initial 20-year period.

The Committees recommend that the proposed program and the proposed leases be approved, provided no unique cost or other special State appropriations are required for operation of the program or for payment of the cost of leases; and provided that maintenance costs of the proposed leased facility are furnished by local, not State, funds.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendation of the Committees be adopted.

## III. Joint Report of Committee on Facilities and Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

Consideration of Leases and Funding of Leases, Medical University of South Carolina.

(1) Edgar Brown Building Office. MUSC has occupied office space in the Edgar Brown Building, Columbia, for the past two years. This lease has not been before the Commission, but MUSC is now requesting approval to continue leasing the office space. The Committees recommend approval of the lease, provided no State-appropriated funds are used to pay the lease now or in the future. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) 45 Bee Street and 164 Cannon Street. MUSC requests the Commission's consideration of a lease for two properties. The institution entered into a lease with the Health Science Foundation for properties at 45 Bee Street and 164 Cannon Street, Charleston. Although the lease has been executed, MUSC requests the Commission's approval retroactively.

The Committee recommends approval with the stipulation that no unique funding be requested or provided in 1987-88. MUSC may request unique funding in subsequent years.

It was moved (Graham), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Brightharp suggested that requests for leases be presented to the Commission on a regular schedule when possible.

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

Mr. Whitener stated that the Commission was provided on November 6, 1986, copies of staff recommendations concerning the six task force reports on the AVA study. These recommendations were discussed with the Commission in an informal session on November 7. As a result of the November 7 meeting, the staff modified some of its recommendations and prepared an analysis and final recommendations for consideration on December 4. The Executive Committee met on December 3 to prepare a response to the staff recommendations.

The Task Force on Institutional and Statewide Planning and Quality Assessment addressed Recommendation 1 and Recommendation 14 from the AVA report with respect to assessment of quality of higher education and institutional planning. The Task Force examined the narrative support for Recommendation 1 and determined that AVA intended that quality be defined differently for different types of colleges and universities, depending upon their missions and their student bodies. The Task Force, therefore, declined to attempt a single definition, leaving determination of appropriate definitions until institutional assessments described in the AVA report could be accomplished. The staff accepts the position that no meaningful single definition of quality is appropriate for all colleges and universities in the State. Mr. Whitener reported that the Executive Committee accepts the staff's position on the matter.

It was moved (Whitener) seconded (DeWitt) that the recommendation of the staff be adopted.

At the invitation of the Chairperson, Dr. W. David Maxwell, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Clemson University, suggested that consideration of the matter be deferred. He stated that the institutions received copies on December 3 and had not had sufficient time to review them. Dr. Francis T. Borkowski, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of South Carolina, agreed. He read a resolution adopted by the USC Faculty Senate stating that the rights of the faculty would be encroached upon if Statewide standards and academic performance assessment were established by the Commission.

Mr. Brooks stated that all of the institutions have been aware of the staff's position and included in discussions on the matter. It was moved (Jones), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the motion be tabled.

President Stanton, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, stated that there is no legal reason for the institutions to take a position on the staff recommendations before the Commission acts on them. Dr. Michael Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Winthrop College, stated that, while he was a member of the Task Force on Institutional and Statewide Planning and Quality Assessment, he had not seen the staff recommendations before December 3.

It was moved (Jones) and seconded (Turner) that the matter be deferred to January 8, 1987. Mr. Brooks stated that it was the intent of the Commission and the staff to submit the report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 8. Mr. Graham stated that the Commission should support the institutions.

The motion was amended (Williams) and seconded (Freeman) that the Commission review and discuss the staff recommendations at this time, and take action at a special meeting in one week. Mr. Graham objected. Mr. Craig stated that he opposes the amendment. Mr. Utsey suggested that the Commission act on the financial aspects only. Mr. Brightharp stated that the discussion should not be divided. The amendment was disapproved. The motion to defer consideration to January 8, 1987, was adopted.

#### V. Report of the Executive Director

Mr. Brooks reported on the following matters:

a. Report on Budget and Control Board Action Concerning Tuition Fees for Institution Bonds, South Carolina State College. At its meeting on November 18, 1986, the Budget and Control Board approved tuition fees for Institution Bonds at South Carolina State College as follows: (1) for 1986-87, \$0; and (2) for 1987-88, \$100 per student (a reduction from \$200).

The Board also approved the use of the diverted tuition fee revenue to finance a program of image enhancement and student recruitment, estimated to cost \$310,000, and to establish a division of development and institutional relations, estimated to cost \$218,228.

The Board took these actions in response to Mr. Brooks's November 12 letter to Dr. Jesse A. Coles, Executive Director of the Board.

b. Discretionary Funds. Mr. Brooks stated that the 1986-87 Appropriation Bill (Section 131) contains the following provision: ". . . funds at State Institutions of Higher Learning derived wholly from athletic or other student contests, from the activities of student organizations, and from the operations of canteens and bookstores, and from approved Private Practice plans may be retained at the institution and expended by the respective institutions only in accord with policies established by the institutions' Board of Trustees. Such funds shall be audited annually by the State . . ." He noted that USC has acted within the provisions of the law in spending its discretionary funds for visiting lecturers.

c. Education Commission of the States Forum. Mr. Brooks reported that the Education Commission of the States (ECS) is conducting forums throughout the country to discuss education reform. He was luncheon speaker at such a conference on "Teachers for the Future" in Tampa, Florida, on November 17, 1986.

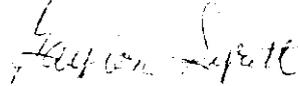
d. Resignation of Mr. Faris. Mrs. Taylor reported that Mr. Faris resigned as a member of the Commission, effective November 17, 1986, to accept a position as a member of the Board of Trustees of Furman University.

In response to a question by Mr. Whitener, Dr. Askins stated that the Search Committee for the Executive Director of the Commission is in the process of evaluating approximately 30 candidates at this time. The Committee is adhering to its schedule, and will hold a screening meeting on December 5 and 6, 1986.

Mr. Brightharp stated for the record that he believes the South Carolina higher education desegregation document and implementation of the plan have made a positive statement to the people of South Carolina and the nation.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gaylon Syrett  
Recording Secretary