

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 4, 1988
10:30 a.m. - 12:05 noon

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Ann Kinon
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
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. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Dr. Chester Bain
Col. John T. Bowden
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Dr. Conrad Festa
Dr. O. Joseph Harm III
Dr. H. M. Holderfield
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Dr. Anne McNutt
Dr. Richard Mandell
Dr. W. David Maxwell
B.Gen. George F. Meenaghan
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry, Jr.
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. Martha Kime Piper
Mr. William T. Putnam
Mr. John Robinson
Dr. Michael Rowland
Mr. James Salley
Ms. Kaye Sanders
Dr. Kent Sharples
Dr. Albert E. Smith
Dr. Michael Smith
Ms. Janice Traywick
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde
Mr. Jack Wilson
Mr. Tunky Woodham

MEMBER OF THE PRESS

Mr. Scott Johnson

I. Presentation of Certificate and Resolutions

Mrs. Taylor presented a framed certificate to Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr., former Associate Director for Financial Affairs, in recognition of his contributions to higher education in South Carolina over the past 15 years. Mr. Brooks, now Director of the Budget Division of the State Budget and Control Board, served as the Commission's Interim Executive Director from July 1986 until May 1987. Members of the Commission and staff also presented inscribed gifts to Mr. Brooks.

Mrs. Taylor read a resolution honoring Dr. Francis T. Borkowski, former Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of South Carolina. Dr. Borkowski is President of the University of South Florida.

Mrs. Taylor read a resolution honoring Dr. Oscar C. Page, former Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lander College. Dr. Page is President of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and unanimously voted that the resolutions be affirmed by the Commission. The resolutions are attached as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

II. Minutes of Meeting of December 3, 1987

It was moved (R. Williams) and seconded (Lewis) that the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 1987, be approved as written. Mrs. Taylor requested that the minutes be amended to show that she was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

III. Report of Executive Committee

a. Consideration of Licensure of Gallaudet University to Operate in South Carolina. Mr. Krech reported that Gallaudet University (Washington, D.C.) applied for licensure to offer a course at the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind in Spartanburg, August 3-7, 1987. On August 6 a licensing team visited the course. The team was favorably impressed with course content, course difficulty, and the teaching/learning process. Gallaudet is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The team of examiners and the Commission staff recommend that Gallaudet University be issued a regular license to offer graduate courses in South Carolina, subject to renewal every five years and annual reporting of information as requested by the Commission on Higher Education. The staff further recommends that no limitation be placed on specific graduate course offerings or sites, subject to staff approval prior to each course offering. These recommendations were considered and unanimously endorsed by the Executive Committee on January 6, 1988.

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

b. Proposed Amendments to the Regulations for Licensing of Non-public Degree-granting Institutions to Operate in South Carolina. Members of the Commission were provided on January 27, 1988, copies of proposed revised regulations for licensing of non-public degree-granting institutions to operate in South Carolina. Mr. Krech noted that the proposed changes will implement statutory changes approved by the 1986 General Assembly which make licensure both program specific and site specific and which prohibit the Commission from licensing an institution to offer any program which

adversely affects the State desegregation plan. The revised regulations will add a temporary license, eliminate procedures to apply for a provisional license, specify that certain kinds of published statements about licensure will be available to students, and clarify unclear or erroneous language in the existing regulations.

The Executive Committee has endorsed the staff recommendation to approve the revised regulations. It was moved (Lewis) seconded (R. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted.

c. Notice of Intent to Promulgate Regulations. Dr. Kinard reported that the staff of the Attorney General's Office advises that two of the initiatives proposed in The Cutting Edge -- the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program and the Undergraduate Improvement Grants Program -- will require promulgation of regulations in compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act. In accordance with that Act, drafting notices have been filed with the Legislative Council announcing the Commission's intent to develop and promulgate the regulations. The next step requires that synopses of the proposed regulations be approved by the Commission. The Executive Committee approved both synopses on February 3, 1988, and recommends that they be approved by the Commission.

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

IV. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan

Dr. Lewis, chairperson of the Committee on Implementation of the Higher Education Desegregation Plan, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Proposed Principles and Guidelines for 1988-89 Desegregation Plan Grant Activities. Members of the Commission were provided on December 30, 1987, copies of proposed principles and guidelines for 1988-89 desegregation plan activities, developed to encourage institutions to incorporate these activities into mainstream academic and support functions. Institutions will be required to provide a one-third match for activities in 1988-89 and to assume 100% of funding thereafter when supplementary funding has ended.

The proposed guidelines were reviewed by institutional representatives on November 10, 1987, and were considered by the Implementation Committee on December 16, 1987. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Kinson), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Report on the Third Annual Technical Assistance Workshop on Equity and Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. Dr. Lewis reported that the Third Annual Technical Assistance Workshop on Equity and Equal Opportunity was held at Lander College on January 25-26, 1988. Featured speakers were Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Sheheen, and Dr. T. Edward Hollander, Chancellor of the New Jersey Department of Education. Representatives from several institutions participated in a panel discussion, moderated by Mrs. Wells, on Strategies

for Concurrently Pursuing Goals of Quality and Equality. Dr. Lewis expressed appreciation to President Larry A. Jackson and his staff for the excellent support and services provided by the college.

c. Report on Judge Pratt's Dismissal of the Adams Desegregation Case. Dr. Lewis reported that the Commission was notified by the legal counsel for State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO) that Judge Pratt of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia has dismissed the seventeen-year-old Adams desegregation case. South Carolina was included in the Adams litigation and developed its initial desegregation plan pursuant to that order issued to the Office for Civil Rights.

Dr. Lewis noted that the NAACP Legal Defense Fund has indicated that it plans to appeal Judge Pratt's order. An appeal must be filed within 60 days from December 11, 1987.

The Office for Civil Rights has taken the position that it has continuing responsibilities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to enforce appropriate desegregation activities, and that it will issue letters of evaluation concerning the desegregation plans that were in effect in South Carolina and other states. The letter evaluating the South Carolina plan that ended June 30, 1986, is expected in mid-February.

V. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matters:

a. Report on Staff Changes. When Mr. Brooks assumed the position of Director of the Budget and Control Board's Budget Division, some reorganization of the staff was needed. Mr. Sheheen reported that the facilities area of financial affairs has been made a separate division, and the administrative level of assistant directors has been eliminated. The following new titles have been assigned: Mr. John Smalls, Associate Commissioner for Financial Affairs; Dr. John Sutusky, Associate Commissioner for Facilities; Mr. Alan Krech, Associate Commissioner for Planning and Special Projects; and Dr. Frank Kinard, Senior Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs. Dr. Kinard will serve in an advisory capacity for all areas of the staff's work. The Executive Committee was informed of these changes on January 6, 1988.

b. Report on Implementation of The Cutting Edge. Mr. Sheheen reported that a number of meetings and hearings with committees of the General Assembly have been held, with considerable favorable response. In addition to the education organizations that have endorsed the concept, business and professional organizations are considering the initiatives. The Council of Presidents and the Commission are working to refine the proposed legislation of authorization which was drafted by the Legislative Council.

VI. Election of Officers

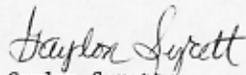
It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Freeman), and voted that Mrs. Taylor be nominated for Chairperson. It was moved (Jones), seconded (R. Williams), and voted that nominations be closed and that Mrs. Taylor be elected by acclamation. Mrs. Taylor was reelected Chairperson.

It was moved (R. Williams), seconded (Kinson), and voted that Mr. Whitener be nominated for Vice Chairperson. It was moved (Brooker), seconded (Craig) and voted that nominations be closed and that Mr. Whitener be elected by acclamation. Mr. Whitener was reelected Vice Chairperson.

- VII. Election of Representatives to the Joint Health and Medical Education Board for 1988. The composition of the Joint Health and Medical Education Board, created in 1983, includes two members elected by the Commission. Dr. Askins and former Commission member Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr., represented the Commission in 1987. It was moved (Brightharp), seconded (Lewis), and voted that Dr. Askins and Dr. Wright be nominated for reelection. Dr. Askins and Dr. Wright were reelected for 1988.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary