

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 1, 1982  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Robert C. Gallager  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley  
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith  
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth  
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.  
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mrs. Margaret E. Wells  
Dr. Robert F. Williams  
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.\*  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA

Ms. Kathy Edwards  
Ms. Cheryl Irwin  
Mr. Vincent Jones  
Mr. John Norton

GUESTS

Dr. Maeberta Bobb  
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski  
Mr. T. M. Copeland  
Dr. Mary Wylie Ford  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Dr. Donald A. Marchand  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Dr. Oscar C. Page  
Dr. George M. Reeves  
Mr. Cecil Walters

STAFF

Dr. Howard R. Boozer  
Dr. George P. Fulton  
Mrs. Diane K. Jones  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes  
Mrs. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Mr. James R. Michael  
Ms. Julie Roper  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Mrs. Gaylon Syrett

I. Minutes of Meeting of February 4, 1982

It was moved (Smith) and seconded (Smyth) that the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 1982, be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Bostic reported that Dr. Hugh H. Wells, Seneca, has been appointed to the Commission from the 3rd Congressional District to a four-year term beginning on July 27, 1982. Mr. Sheheen has been reappointed from the 5th Congressional District to a term beginning on July 27, 1982.

Dr. Bostic noted for the record that the basketball team at USC-Spartanburg achieved national recognition in the 1982 season. Dr. Wright stated that the girls' basketball team at Francis Marion College also earned national recognition in the 1982 season. Mr. Sheheen requested that Dr. Bostic convey the Commission's congratulations to Chancellor Sansbury and President Smith, and to the athletic directors, coaches, and members of the teams at USC-Spartanburg and Francis Marion College.

\*See page 674.

## II. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mr. Sheheen, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

1. Institute of Information Management, Technology, and Policy, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia proposes to establish the Institute, effective July 1, 1982, for the purpose of conducting research and providing consultation in improving office productivity, information management, and communications policy through the appropriate use of new technological equipment. The proposal was approved by the USC Board of Trustees on August 13, 1981, subject to the condition that additional State support, as requested by the University, will be provided. The proposal, including the requested additional funding of \$471,000 for 1982-83, was considered by the Commission's Committee on Academic Affairs on January 6, 1982. The Committee's recommendation that the proposal be approved was considered by the Commission at its meeting on February 4, 1982. At that time, the University announced that no State support for this purpose would be required for 1982-83. Since this represented a substantive change in the proposal, the matter was referred to the Committee for further study.

Mr. Sheheen reported that the Committee, by a divided vote, approved the proposal at its meeting on March 24, 1982. Because the chairman voted with the minority, he requested that Mrs. Taylor present the recommendation of the Committee. Mrs. Taylor reported that the Committee recommends approval, provided that (1) no additional State funds for USC-Columbia will be requested for FY 1982-83; (2) "Unique Cost" funds requested by USC for FY 1983-84 not exceed \$471,000; and (3) "Unique Cost" funds requested by the University for subsequent years not exceed the amounts specified in the proposal. It was moved (N. Taylor) and seconded (Smyth) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

Mr. Taylor expressed concern that several new employees would be required. Mr. Gallagher stated that State resources available for higher education for the colleges and universities would be reduced proportionately by the amount of State Funds required to support the Institute. Dr. Wright stated that the Institute would be subsidizing other agencies with State funds appropriated for higher education.

Dr. Francis T. Borkowski, USC Provost, stated that USC will seek funding from private sources. He noted that if funding from private sources is not available in 1983-84, the Institute will be subject to the same scrutiny as other areas of the University budget. At the invitation of the Chairman, Dr. Donald A. Marchand, Bureau of Governmental Research and Services, USC, and Mr. T. Michael Copeland, Director, Division of General Services of the State Budget and Control Board, also commented in favor of the Institute.

Dr. Bostic expressed concern that, while USC proposes the Institute as a cost-saving project, it would result in substantial additional expense to the State. He noted that the University offers some of the services proposed for the Institute within USC's Bureau of Governmental Research and Services, and suggested that the proposal be handled under the existing structure. Mr. Sheheen noted that the University has no guarantee that private funds to support the Institute will be forthcoming. Mr. Utsey suggested that the Institute be approved but that no funds be approved for future years at this time. A substitute motion was made (Gallagher) and seconded (Sheheen) that the proposal be approved with the stipulation that no "Unique Cost" funding be approved for

the current year or for future years at this time and, if such funds are requested in the future, they be included under "Unique Costs" (Step 12). The substitute motion was adopted by nine affirmative and four negative votes.

2. M.Ed. in Elementary Education, Lander College. Lander College proposes to implement a new program leading to the M.Ed. in Elementary Education in August, 1982. Although Lander does not now offer any post-baccalaureate programs, the Master Plan states that, while Lander's primary mission is as an undergraduate teaching institution, the College "is investigating the need for limited programs at the master's level in the fields of education and business."

Clemson University operates a Center in Greenwood, at Piedmont Technical College, to meet the needs of teachers in that area for degree programs, and courses for certification purposes, in education. This Center was initiated in 1970, before Lander College became a State institution. Students in the Greenwood area may take courses leading to any of the seven master's degree programs in education offered by Clemson, including elementary education.

The Committee on Academic Affairs considered the Lander proposal at its meeting on January 6, 1982, but deferred action pending the submission of an agreement between Lander and Clemson for cooperation in meeting the needs of teachers in the Greenwood area. Such an agreement was considered by the Committee at its meeting on March 24. The Committee recommends that the proposal, as amended by the agreement between the two institutions, be approved, provided that no requests for "Unique Cost" funding will be required or requested. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Shirley), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

3. Consideration of Agreement on Transfer of Credit Earned in AA/AS Degree Programs at Technical Colleges. At its retreat meeting at the Isle of Palms on September 10-11, 1981, the Commission expressed its concern about the transferability of credits from technical colleges to the senior institutions. At the request of the Committee on Academic Affairs, the Advisory Committee on Academic Programs has developed an agreement which, when implemented, should solve a number of transfer problems from Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) degree programs in the technical colleges to baccalaureate degree programs in the senior institutions.

The Committee on Academic Affairs recommends that the Commission endorse the agreement and request that semi-annual reports be made to the Committee on Academic Affairs concerning progress being made on its implementation. It was moved (Sheheen), seconded (Jacobs), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The agreement, as approved, is attached as Exhibit A.

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

Mr. Gallager, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the status of the 1982-83 Appropriation Bill, as passed by the House Ways and Means Committee.

### IV. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, noted that Mr. Michael, Assistant Director for Facilities and Planning, has announced his retirement from State employment on June 30, 1982. Mr. Michael has served as an Assistant

Director of the Commission since 1970 and on two occasions served as Interim Executive Director for extended periods of time. A 1943 graduate of West Point, Mr. Michael retired from the Army in 1966 with the rank of Colonel. Mr. Taylor expressed appreciation personally and on behalf of the Committee on Facilities to Mr. Michael for his excellent assistance over the years. He stated that Mr. Michael's retirement will be a loss to the Commission, the institutions, the Budget and Control Board, the General Assembly, and the State. Dr. Boozer stated that, for the staff and personally, he wished to second Mr. Taylor's remarks.

#### V. Report of Committee on Legislative Relations

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Legislative Relations, reported on bills introduced in the General Assembly, as of March 31, 1982. He noted that S.320 (a bill to provide that both the House and the Senate education committees must concur in favor of any appeal by institutions of higher learning from decisions of the Commission on Higher Education to terminate existing programs) was adopted with amendments by the Senate on March 30, 1982. It was introduced in the House on March 31, 1982, and referred to the Education and Public Works Committee.

#### VI. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan

In the absence of Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, Mr. Smith reported that at its meeting on March 31, 1982, the Committee endorsed a "Position Paper on Full Funding" of 1982-83 budget allocations with respect to the State Desegregation Plan. It was moved (Smith) and seconded (Sheheen) that the Commission reaffirms its position on the need for full funding of 1982 budget allocations for the State Desegregation Plan, as set forth in the "Position Paper," and reiterates that the Desegregation Plan was developed under the auspices of the federal courts and that the Commission and the State are therefore operating under court jurisdiction. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Smith stated that several programs in the Desegregation Plan call for the expenditure of funds to assist students. South Carolina State College, for example, proposes a three-week workshop for 20 high school students in computer science or biology. The stated purposes of the program are to expose the students to skill areas in these fields and a variety of related academic areas; to introduce the students to the structure of a college academic program; to enhance students' self-concept and personal growth; and to assess their academic performance. A selected number of advanced other-race students will be provided incentives, in the form of tuition and fees, to enroll in the regular college program at South Carolina State College for the succeeding fall and spring semesters. Because Section 127 of the 1981 Appropriation Act states that "no State scholarships shall be granted by State institutions of higher learning," the Attorney General's Office has recommended that as a precautionary measure the General Assembly be requested to delete Section 127 from the 1982 Appropriation Act or to modify it to except all programs and activities implemented for the purposes of the Desegregation Plan. It was moved (Smith), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the Commission request that the General Assembly modify Section 127 in the 1982 Appropriation Act to except action taken by the Commission with respect to programs and activities implementing the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan.

VII. Report of the Executive Director

Spring Meeting of State Higher Education Executive Officers Association.

Dr. Boozer reported that he attended the Annual Spring Meeting of the State Higher Education Officers Association in Washington, D.C., on March 24-26, 1982.

Report on Proposed Reductions in Student Aid in 1983 Federal Budget. He noted that Commission members were provided for information, on March 25, copies of a memorandum from Mr. Mayes reporting on the proposed reductions in the 1983 federal budget with respect to student aid programs and the impact these changes would have in South Carolina.

Draft Bill on Retention of Records of Institutions That Close. Dr. Boozer noted that the Commission had received copies of a draft bill concerning the retention of records of institutions that close, drafted cooperatively by staffs of the Commission and of the State Department of Archives and History. It was moved (Smith), seconded (O. Taylor), and voted that the bill be endorsed by the Commission.

VIII. Other Business

Cost of Discounting Services to State Agencies. Dr. Wright suggested that the Commission investigate the cost to the State of discounting services to other agencies. It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Sheheen) that an inquiry system be developed with other agencies and institutions of State Government to determine the extent to which State higher education resources are diffused by discounting the costs of services to other agencies. The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gaylon Syrett*

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Recording Secretary

Please Note: Mr. Gilliam requested that the minutes be amended to show that he was present for the meeting on April 1, 1982, but that, at Dr. Bostic's request, he was excused to attend discussions in the State House of Representatives concerning the budget of the South Carolina Desegregation Plan.