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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, July 3, 1969, in the Conference Room on the ninth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Furman, Grier, Osborne, Rogers, Russell, Schachte, Vance, Wall, Walsh and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Vance called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 5, 1969, meeting, they were approved as written.

Chairman Vance asked Dr. Morris for a report on the Commission's activities for the previous month. Dr. Morris announced that the Legislature had approved the Commission's budget in the amount of \$180,000. In addition, the Commission will receive \$200,000 for development of in-service teacher training programs, \$200,000 for the development of Marion State College, and \$50,000 for Coastal Carolina. An amount of \$50,000 has also been appropriated to support a study of the Charleston situation with the objective of coming up with a plan for transferring the College of Charleston to the State and forming a consortium consisting of a public college, the Medical University and The Citadel in the Charleston area.

Dr. Morris gave a brief summary of new legislation affecting higher education in the State. A bill was passed to convert the Florence Regional Campus, by July, 1970, into a four year State college, to be called Marion State College. During this interim period the University of South Carolina will continue to run the college with the Commission doing the planning and working out the details for the conversion. The Governor with the advice of the 1970 Senate will appoint a governing board, which will also be the governing board for any new State colleges.

Dr. Morris reported that he would be in Florence on July 22 for a press conference and a meeting with the administration and faculty of the Florence Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina. Mr. Varney, the Director of the Florence Campus, had asked if some third year courses could be brought into the curriculum this fall. Dr. Morris' reaction to this was negative. Mr. Vance asked Mr. Rogers what he thought of bringing some third year courses in this fall and Mr. Rogers replied that he thought it was too early for this and that nothing would be lost by waiting. A motion was made by Mr. Cauthen that no third year courses be started at Marion State College this fall. The motion was seconded by Mr. Furman and unanimously adopted.

In general discussion on Marion State College it was pointed out that an outstanding president must be selected before anything concrete could be done. Dr. Morris reported that candidates were now being considered and

he would report back to the Commission for their recommendation and approval.

In other legislation affecting higher education in the State, the Commission has been authorized to negotiate with the Board of Trustees of the College of Charleston with the objective of making the College into a state-supported college, effective July, 1970, and to develop a consortium in Charleston, under the direction of the Commission on Higher Education, between the College of Charleston, the Medical University and The Citadel for the purpose of broadening course offerings at minimum cost and coordinating administration. Dr. Morris announced that he was working with President Stern on the details of the operation of the College of Charleston and that he would be meeting with the presidents of the schools involved and would report back to the Commission. There will also be public hearings in the Charleston area to hear the views of the people in the area.

In other legislation, a bill was passed designating the State Budget and Control Board to act as the Educational Facilities Authority, which will assist non-public institutions of higher education in the construction, financing and refinancing of facilities such as buildings, land, etc. These bonds will be issued by the State but amortized by the institutions. Dr. Morris reported that the Commission will probably be asked to do some of the work in connection with the issuance of these bonds but it was not clear just what the specific role would be. In connection with taxing revenue bonds, Mr. Vance pointed out that the State's representatives in Washington should be informed that the Commission on Higher Education was against taxing municipal bonds, or any tax reform measure that would adversely affect higher education. Mr. Cauthen moved that such a resolution be drawn up for the Commission by Dr. Morris. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grier and unanimously adopted.

Dr. Morris reported that a bill amending Winthrop's Charter to allow the granting of degrees to males provided candidates had applied prior to September 15, 1969, and had lived in South Carolina for at least one year was passed. Dr. Morris stated that the Commission would probably be asked to study the feasibility of making Winthrop coeducational on a permanent basis.

In connection with Winthrop College Mr. Grier announced that Winthrop almost had some trouble from the Upward Bound program and he would like some thoughts to take back to the Winthrop Board on continuing or discontinuing the program next year. Dr. Morris was asked to study the Upward Bound program and make a report to the Commission on it at the next meeting.

Dr. Morris said the Commission had been asked to look into the Lander College situation, along with Coastal Carolina. Dr. Morris felt that Lander College and Coastal Carolina could be used as basic models for study of criteria for new four year colleges. Public hearings will be held in Greenwood and Conway, with the Commission staff working out criteria to be brought back to the Commission for discussion and approval.

Approval of a payment to Campus Facilities Associates for consulting services in connection with the DAPS reporting and planning system was

requested by Dr. Morris. In presenting some background information on the cost of the DAPS project Dr. Morris explained to the Commission that the project, which would cost \$44,000, had been commissioned by the Governor and that the State had received a planning grant from the federal government in that amount to be paid to Campus Facilities Associates for assistance in developing a planning system for higher education in South Carolina. The agreement with the Governor, Campus Facilities Associates and Dr. Morris was that the Commission would pay from last year's budget the bills Campus Facilities Associates had sent for consulting on DAPS, which would amount to \$15,000 or less. The \$44,000 will be paid for the over-all report as it evolves in the year ahead. Dr. Morris recommended that the Commission go along with this legitimate obligation and ask the Budget and Control Board to make the payment. Dr. Morris told Mr. Rovetch that any further business with the Commission would be on a more specific contractual basis from this point on. Mr. Cauthen made a motion that the \$15,000 be paid Campus Facilities Associates but any financial obligations of the Commission other than budget items will have to be approved by the Commission in advance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously adopted.

In further discussion Mr. Vance asked if we were committed to pay any further fees to Campus Facilities Associates at this time. Dr. Morris explained that the Commission was trying to phase out Campus Facilities but there might be residual costs involved with them on the computer system. The ultimate objective is to terminate their services and phase them out completely. Mr. Osborne made a motion that Dr. Morris be authorized to use up to \$5,000 to phase out the services of Campus Facilities Associates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthen and unanimously adopted.

An appropriation of \$150,000 to be used for participation in a student loan program was approved by the Legislature. Dr. Morris said that once this money is available the banks must be persuaded to participate in the program.

In a brief progress report on the data and planning system Dr. Morris said that a very constructive meeting of the Working Committee had been held on June 10 to review the institutions' results of testing selected DAPS reports. It was concluded that the 1970-71 budget requests should be made on the Budget and Control Board forms, with supplementary information being submitted on special forms to the Commission for aid in evaluating the budget requests. The first meeting of the Uniform Classification and Codes Committee is scheduled for July 9. A meeting has been arranged with the computer technicians of RELCV on July 15 and 16 preparatory to activating the Computer Advisory Committee. There will be a meeting of the Policy Committee on July 18.

Dr. Morris reported that new staff members would include an Assistant Commissioner for Programs, an administrative assistant and another secretary. It was announced by Dr. Morris that Dr. Lanham from Clemson was interested in the Assistant Commissioner position. A motion was made by Mr. Schachte that Dr. Lanham's employment be approved pending further negotiations and at the same salary as the other Assistant

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In addition to an administrative assistant and another secretary, Dr. Morris said the Commission will need someone to work specifically on four year criteria, visiting in Florence, etc., and he would like approval to use some of the \$200,000 allocated to converting Florence into a four year college to hire someone for this purpose, working in the area of four year colleges on a full time basis. Mr. Osborne made a motion that Dr. Morris be authorized to hire a full time man to work on four year colleges and to be paid from the \$200,000 appropriated for Marion State College conversion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers and was passed. All were in favor except Mr. Russell who was opposed.

In other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Vance reported that the University of South Carolina had requested approval of a new associate degree program, Correctional Administration. Dr. Morris recommended that the program be approved. Mr. Osborne made a motion that the Commission approve the program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russell and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Cauthen asked for a progress report on the medical education situation in the State. Dr. Morris replied that not much progress had been made because of the change in administration in the Technical Education Committee and the strike at the Medical University which had so involved Dr. McCord but that it would be possible to proceed now. Mr. Cauthen suggested that Dr. Jones, Dr. Edwards and Dr. Blackwell meet with the Commission to discuss offering two year graduate courses in medicine outside the Medical University. Dr. Morris felt that before this was done the Commission staff should do some research on the specific medical needs and then meet with key people connected with medical education. Dr. Morris will have something specific to recommend on medical education at the next meeting and a meeting can then be planned with various interested parties and the Commission.

It was requested by Mr. Walsh that copies of the agenda for Commission meetings be sent out in advance of the meeting. Dr. Morris said he would do this.

Mr. Rogers commented that he had heard third year courses will be offered next year at Coastal Carolina. Dr. Morris will check on this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James A. Morris