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MEETING OF S. C. COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

December 7, 1967

The regular monthly meeting of the Commission was held at the Coastal Carolina Center of the University of South Carolina, Conway, on Thursday, December 7. Present were Mr. Cauthen, Chairman, and Messrs. Lumpkin, Furman, Osborne, Pollock, Schachte, Wall, Walsh and Kinard.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cauthen at 10:00 A. M. On a motion by Mr. Lumpkin, the minutes of the meeting of October 30-November 1 were approved as written.

Mr. Kinard introduced a delegation from the S. C. Medical College consisting of Dr. William M. McCord, President; Mr. John Wise, Vice President and Treasurer; and Dr. Glenn G. Thomas. Dr. McCord reviewed briefly the history of the Medical College to emphasize the fact that undergraduate instruction in various disciplines had been given at the College ever since its inception; and pointed out that the College as now constituted consisted of separate schools of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Allied Health Sciences and Graduate Study. Dr. McCord stated that more than 20 specialized disciplines now taught at the College were undergraduate in nature, and that the trend in modern medical education required that the undergraduate program now being taught at the college be formalized. Dr. McCord proposed two recommendations for consideration by the Commission, as follows:

- I. The Medical College of South Carolina requests the Commission on Higher Education to approve the formalization of a College of Liberal Arts.
- II. The Medical College of South Carolina requests the Commission on Higher Education to approve university status for the Medical College of South Carolina.

Dr. McCord stated that a bill had been prepared by the College's counsel to effect this change, if the Commission should act favorably on the recommendation to proceed to University status for the College. A copy of the proposed bill is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Mr. Cauthen asked if additional appropriations for FY 68-69 would be required if these recommendations were adopted, and Dr. McCord said they would not. Mr. Cauthen inquired as to the status of the Graduate School, and Dr. Thomas replied that graduate study in four areas was required for accreditation and that the College was currently involved in six. Dr. Thomas also noted that the College had applied for accreditation by the Southern Association, although the individual Schools of the College were accredited professionally, and that the Southern Association was aware of the College's request to the Commission.

Mr. Cauthen noted that the future of the College of Charleston was not known, but that this action should not be affected by any future action the College of Charleston might take. He also observed that the Palmer College properties in Charleston were adjacent to the properties of the Medical College. Dr. McCord indicated that the Medical College has been in contact with Mr. Palmer, and it appeared to him feasible that the Medical College, as a University, could operate the Palmer programs and that those would supplement the new University's own program.

Mr. Schachte pointed out that these recommendations had not been adopted formally by the full Board of Trustees, although he and Dr. McCord represented a majority of the Executive Committee thereof, and that he expected the Board to adopt both recommendations at their meeting to be held December 8. Mr. Walsh noted that propositions such as this should properly have Board approval before being brought before the Commission.

Mr. Schachte moved that recommendation number one be accepted, subject to action by the Medical College Board of Trustees. This motion was seconded by Mr. Wall. Mr. Walsh inquired as to the amount of physical space required, and Dr. McCord indicated that sufficient space already existed, especially if the Palmer College property were to be acquired by the new University. Recommendation number one was then adopted unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Furman, seconded by Mr. Lumpkin, recommendation number two was adopted unanimously, subject to action by the Medical College Board of Trustees.

Mr. Kinard introduced Dr. Thomas, chairman of the Subcommittee appointed by the Council on Research and Planning to investigate the two-year post-high school educational facilities in the state and to make recommendations to the Commission; and introduced Dr. David E. Pulley, Furman, a member of that Subcommittee. Dr. Thomas noted that the Subcommittee and the Director had visited most of the regional campuses, centers, and technical education centers, and would have visited all of them by mid-December. As a result of these visits, the Subcommittee had two recommendations to make for immediate action by the Commission, as follows:

- I. The Committee to Study Post-High School Education in South Carolina strongly recommends to the Higher Education Commission that effective this date the chairman of the Higher Education Commission be authorized to advise the presidents of Clemson University and of the University of South Carolina, and other authorities, that no expansion or additions to physical facilities, or curricula, be permitted at any of the off-campus operations of their institutions before review and specific approval in each case by the Higher Education Commission.
  
- II. The Committee to Study Post-High School Education in South Carolina proposes a first step be made toward a system of two-year colleges which shall be located either in urban centers or centrally within cooperative multi-county areas.

This committee intends within the original specified charge to designate those areas in which it would seem advisable to establish:

- (1) A Technical Education Center only;
- (2) An academic parallel program only;
- (3) Or a comprehensive two-year college combining both of the above.

Criteria will be developed upon the basis of which the Committee intends to make these designations.

The Committee recognized that implementation of these three alternatives will make necessary the consolidation of certain presently state supported post-high school operations.

Since Clemson University has expressed the need for withdrawing from the existing college parallel program at the Greenville Technical Education Center by June, 1968, the Committee suggests that a two-year comprehensive college can be established and in operation by September, 1968.

To accomplish this goal, the Committee recommends for the Greenville area:

- (1) Legislation be introduced with the consent of the South Carolina Higher Education Commission in the coming session of the General Assembly of South Carolina to empower a governing board whose function would be

to operate a comprehensive community college. It is expected that this board would replace the existing Greenville County Higher Education Commission and the advisory commission of the Greenville Technical Education Center. In the interim period the South Carolina Higher Education Commission and the Greenville County Higher Education Commission would serve in a cooperative effort to coordinate planning.

- (2) The comprehensive college should have a chief executive officer under whom two o-equal deans, one of academic programs and one of technical education, will serve.
- (3) Financial support for this comprehensive college should be a joint responsibility of the area served and of the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Osborne noted that, with respect to the request that no building be done, additional facilities may be ordered by the Southern Association. Dr. Pulley stated that this was extremely unlikely, and Dr. Thomas observed that the recommendation simply called for specific Commission approval in each case. Dr. Thomas also stated that these recommendations had been discussed with staff members of the Southern Association, and that the staff members had endorsed both, and that in the case of the establishment of a comprehensive junior college at Greenville had promised early and complete cooperation in establishing the unit.

Mr. Furman moved that both recommendations as proposed by Dr. Thomas' committee be accepted, and Mr. Wall seconded the motion. It was unanimously adopted. The Commission then adjourned, to reconvene promptly in open session to hear a presentation by the Coastal Carolina Education Foundation, Inc., and the Horry County Higher Education Commission, on the need for expanding the offerings at Coastal Carolina to full four-year status. The complete presentation is summarized in a brochure entitled "The Case for Coastal Carolina," a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these Minutes.

Following this presentation, the Commission reconvened in executive session to consider the second proposal put forward by the Thomas Subcommittee. In response to a question, Mr. Cauthen noted that no additional appropriation by the state should be necessary for this fiscal year, since the state appropriation for Greenville TEC and to Clemson for the college parallel program could be re-allocated to the new junior college. Mr. Kinard stated that he and Mr. Cauthen had reviewed this proposition in detail with Mr. Stanley Smith, Chairman of the Technical Education Commission, and Mr. A. Wade Martin, Executive Director, and that both of these had endorsed the proposition fully; and had promised their complete cooperation in bringing the new institution into being. Mr. Walsh inquired as to what effect this action might have on Furman and on North Greenville Junior College. Dr. Pulley stated that

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President Blackwell of Furman, without knowing specifically of this action, had recently written to the Governor suggesting this type of institution on a state-wide basis, and that, while he could not speak for North Greenville Junior College, he felt sure that Furman would not suffer and would welcome such a facility. Mr. Kinard stated that both Clemson and Furman Universities had promised assistance in the matter of initial staffing and other matters, as requested.

On motion by Mr. Wall, seconded by Mr. Schachte, the proposal to establish a comprehensive junior college at Greenville was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Cauthen stated that he had received a letter dated November 28 from President Harris of The Citadel requesting Commission approval for The Citadel to establish a program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Teaching. Mr. Kinard stated that, in his opinion, additional information concerning the request should be developed. On motion by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Walsh, it was agreed that this matter should be deferred to the January meeting, and Mr. Kinard was requested to investigate this matter further and to report his findings at the January meeting.

Mr. Kinard noted that the matter of the budget request for the Hall Psychiatric Institute was still pending. On motion by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. Wall, Mr. Cauthen was instructed to continue discussions with Dr. Hall and his staff on this matter.

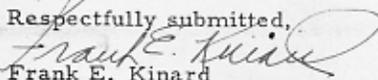
The proposed budget for the Commission, submitted to the Budget and Control Board on November 8, was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cauthen stated that he had just received, from the University of South Carolina at Florence, a proposed third-year curriculum for that institution, for consideration by the Commission. He noted that this action might have the effect of delaying any Commission action on the four-year proposals now before the Commission from either Florence or Coastal Carolina. This matter was referred, on motion by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Schachte, to the Thomas Subcommittee for further investigation, with a request that some recommendation as to it be made at the January meeting if possible.

Mr. Cauthen stated that President Harris of The Citadel, acting in his capacity as Chairman of the Council of Presidents, had invited the Committee to convene with the Council of Presidents on January 8. It was agreed that Mr. Cauthen should instead invite the Council to meet with the Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be held in Columbia on Thursday, January 4.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 3:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Frank E. Kinard