

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

March 7, 1974
10:30 A. M. - 12:30 P. M.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
- Mr. Hugh M. Chapman
- Dr. Marianna W. Davis
- Col. J. M. J. Holliday
- Mr. Gedney M. Howe
- Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
- Mr. T. Eston Marchant
- Mr. Paul W. McAlister
- Dr. Harrison L. Peeples
- Mr. Y. W. Scarborough, Jr.
- Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
- Mr. I. P. Stanback
- Mr. T. Emmet Walsh
- Mr. Othniel H. Wienges, Jr.

GUESTS

- Dr. Cyril B. Busbee
- Mr. Bob Evans
- Mr. Frank Havird
- Mr. Robert L. Grigsby
- Mr. Ken Kyre
- Mr. David Mayben
- Miss Warren McGinnis
- Mr. J. Lacy McLean
- Dr. Charles Vail

STAFF

- Dr. Howard R. Boozer
- Mr. Charles A. Brooks
- Dr. Frank E. Kinard
- Mr. Alan S. Krech
- Mr. James R. Michael

I. Welcome of New Commission Member

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Paul W. McAlister as a new member of the Commission. Mr. McAlister succeeds Mr. Alex Quattlebaum as the representative of Clemson University.

II. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 1974, Meeting of the Commission on Higher Education

A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Holliday) and unanimously adopted to approve minutes of the February 7 meeting of the Commission as distributed.

III. Program Consideration

A. University of South Carolina

- Masters in International Business Studies - Approved
- Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics Studies - Approved

B. Technical Education Centers

Chesterfield-Marlboro TEC

Nursing Assistant - Diploma - Recommended for approval as a pilot project with the recommendation that the SBTCE do a follow-up study of the retention rate of graduates employed as Nursing Assistants.

Industrial Electronics - Diploma - Recommended for approval.

Textile Management - A.A.S. - Recommended for approval, subject to continuous monitoring by SBTCE.

Florence-Darlington TEC

Radio/TV Electronics - Diploma - Recommended for approval.

Banking & Finance - A.A.S. - Recommended for approval.

Industrial Management Technology - A.A.S. - Recommended for approval.

Law Enforcement Technology - A.A.S. - Recommended for approval.

Water and Wastewater Engineering Technology - A.A.S. - Recommended for approval.

Sumter TEC

Farm Machinery Technician - Diploma - Recommended for approval.

York TEC

Tool & Die Making - Diploma - Recommended for approval.

Motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Stanback) to approve the staff recommendation on each of the above ten proposals. Motion carried.

Nine additional programs were approved for the new institution created by the merger of Midlands TEC, Columbia TEC, and Palmer College in Columbia. These programs are listed under item IV below.

IV. Report on Merger of Midlands TEC, Columbia TEC, and Palmer College in Columbia

Dr. Boozer read from a memorandum that had been mailed to members of the Commission on Higher Education on March 1, 1974, which summarized the plans for implementing the merger subject to the following three conditions:

"(1) Academic programs to be offered and the number of campuses will be submitted to the Commission by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education for approval;

"(2) The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education will be requested to inform the Commission of the financial plan for the merger;

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"(3) The University of South Carolina will be requested to reassess the role of its College of General Studies."

Dr. Boozer reported that the second condition had been met by the SBTCE in August, and that Item 3 required no action by the SBTCE. Proposed new academic programs and the number of campuses (Item 1 above) were the matters before the Commission for approval. Mr. Krech commented on the proposed number of campuses, quoting from the merger document:

"Present Palmer College facilities on Laurel Street and Carter Street will be retained as needed on a rental basis until additional facilities can be provided on one or both of the existing TEC campuses. Based on the projected FTE of 8,319, the Palmer facilities at both Carter Street and Laurel Street will be retained to handle overflow. Upon completion of the 61,180 square foot building on the Midlands TEC Campus in September, 1975, it is anticipated that these facilities will no longer be needed. However, these facilities may be used for administrative purposes."

Mr. Krech stated that "administrative purposes" referred to the expectation that the key administrative staff of the merged institutions (President and a few staff members) would have their offices at that location rather than at either of the two campuses. Mr. Krech also reported that due to constrictions on available property at the Midlands TEC location, most of the long-range future expansion of the merged institution would take place at the present site of Columbia TEC. In accordance with existing legislation, which applies to former area trade schools that are now a part of the TEC system, the SBTCE plans to request state funding for construction of future facilities on that property.

Mr. Sheheen asked whether the staff would recommend that the SBTCE be permitted to retain the Palmer property for administrative purposes. Mr. Wienges also asked whether the staff was expecting to recommend that state funds be used to build the buildings.

Mr. Wienges indicated that he would be reluctant to see the Commission approve state funding for construction of facilities where this practice has not been followed in the past. Dr. Boozer replied that the matters which the staff had considered related only to the merger and academic programs, and had not dealt with the financing of future facilities. Mr. Chapman stated that he felt the Commission should not approve the merger without taking into account SBTCE plans for the financing of new facilities. After further discussion, it was suggested that formal action on the proposed locations be deferred until after the presentation of the new programs involved in the merger.

Mr. Krech listed four general statements about the programs as stated in the merger plan:

"(a) The existing programs at Palmer College will be relocated on the Columbia TEC campus.

"(b) Current first year students at all three institutions can complete the programs in which they initially enrolled.

"(c) New students entering the merged institution in September, 1974 will be enrolled in existing or revised programs depending upon the status of the system-wide curriculum project.

"(d) The Palmer College programs will be retained for one year simply to permit currently enrolled students to complete their programs. Beginning July, 1974, all programs offered by the College are subject to review and revision according to the State TEC models."

The following new programs were considered as part of the merger plan:

Criminal Justice - A.A.S. Degree - Recommended for approval.

College Parallel Programs - A.A./A.S. Degree - Recommended for approval.

Air Conditioning Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommended for approval.

Building Construction Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommended for approval.

Fire Science Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommended for approval.

Auto Service Technology - Diploma - Recommended for approval.

Metal Fabrication - Diploma - Recommended for approval.

Business Management - New Program Option in Unit Medical Management - A.A.S. Degree - Recommended for approval.

Radiologic Technology - A.A.S. Degree - Recommended that this program be submitted, with further justification, as a separate item.

Motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Sheheen) to approve the staff recommendations and to approve nine of the ten proposed programs. The staff had recommended, as indicated above, that nine programs be approved and that the Associate in Applied Science Degree program in Radiologic Technology be submitted to the Commission, with further justification, as a separate item. Motion carried.

Consideration of the two-campus question resumed, and concern was again expressed with respect to the SBTCE plan to request state funding for construction of facilities on the current Columbia TEC property. After considerable discussion, Mr. Sheheen moved that the Palmer facilities not be utilized under the merger and that all activities (administrative and otherwise) be concentrated on the two campuses, provided that no state funds for construction of additional facilities be made available to the merged institution. This motion, lacking a second, was withdrawn, and a subsequent motion was made (Howe) and seconded (Holliday) to defer action on the merger until the April meeting. Motion carried. Mr. Scarborough will report at the April meeting with further reference to the question of funding the construction of facilities in the future at the merged institution.

V. Report of the Health Affairs Committee of the Commission on Higher Education Regarding Proposal for the School of Public Health, USC

Mr. Sheheen distributed the Report of the Health Affairs Committee (attached as Exhibit A) which recommended approval of the proposal for a School of Public

Health at the University of South Carolina. In addition to listing the reasons for recommending approval, the report included the following stipulations:

(1) that the funding for the operation of the School be limited to amounts produced by the formula, and

(2) that the previously adopted proposal for the establishment of a joint board of governance for all newly established health-related education programs at the University of South Carolina will be superceded in the very near future by a recommendation from this Committee for a permanent Health Education Authority under the auspices of the Commission on Higher Education, in accordance with a Resolution adopted by the Commission on January 10, 1974. It was moved (Sheheen) and seconded (Stanback) that the report be adopted.

Dr. Harrison Peebles, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Medical University, offered an alternative proposal to the Committee's recommendation. Dr. Peebles stated that it is the position of the Medical University that the demand and need for a School of Public Health are not sufficiently demonstrated to justify its establishment at this time, and that when the demand and need are evident, MUSC would expect to make such a proposal. Dr. Peebles also reported on national enrollment and cost figures for schools of public health.

Following his report, Dr. Peebles made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that (1) a task force, composed of representatives of various public and private institutions, the SBTCE, and Commission on Higher Education, be appointed to identify classes of need and to quantify such need in the field of Public Health Education; (2) that information with regard to the availability through SREB Contract of state assistance to students wishing to enter the University of North Carolina School of Public Health be widely disseminated throughout the State so as to encourage its use -- experience through use of the SREB Contract would thus yield a meaningful measure of demand; and (3) that, due to the magnitude and importance of developing with accuracy the necessary data to make a decision, the report of this task force be made to the Commission on Higher Education in March, 1975, and at that time a determination be made as to the establishment of a School of Public Health in South Carolina. The substitute motion was defeated.

Chairman Smith then called for a vote on Mr. Sheheen's original motion that the report of the Health Affairs Committee be adopted. The motion was approved.

VI. Report on Legislative Matters

Mr. Michael reported on four legislative items:

(1) The General Assembly ratified H2477 to amend the SREB Compact entered into by South Carolina with other Southern states to facilitate participation in the Academic Common Market and other programs within the purview of the Southern Regional Education Board.

(2) S-763, appointing the CHE the State Commission to administer certain federal programs presently administered by the Higher Education Facilities Commission, has been passed by the Senate and is now in the House Education and Public Works Committee.

(3) H 2578, making Winthrop fully coeducational, passed the House and is now on the Senate calendar for second reading.

(4) R-957, passed by the General Assembly, provides loans for South Carolina residents attending medical and dental schools anywhere in the

United States which can be forgiven through service in rural areas. Administration of this program is vested in the Board of Health and Environmental Control.

VII. Executive Director's Report

The Chairman read a Resolution in recognition of Mr. Alex Ouattlebaum's past services as a member of the Commission. The Resolution is attached as Exhibit B. Motion made (Marchant) and seconded (Howe) to approve the Resolution. Motion adopted by unanimous vote.

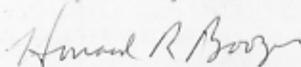
Dr. Boozer noted that a report, written by Mr. Charles A. Brooks, entitled Survey of Computerization of Management Information Systems and Recommendations for Their Expansion in the Colleges and Universities, was distributed in February to the institutions and Commission members and that all responses have indicated full cooperation and support of this effort.

Dr. Boozer reported briefly on the March 3 and 4 meetings of the Charleston Consortium with two consultants: Dr. Elmer D. West, who until recently was Executive Director of the Consortium of Universities in Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Roy McTarnaghan, President of West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. Reports from all who were present at those sessions have been most favorable.

Dr. Boozer questioned whether the Commission should continue having monthly meetings or go to bi-monthly meetings, in view of the energy crisis; and whether or not the Commission wishes to consider meeting soon at Hobcaw Barony. Motion was made (Chapman) and seconded (Scarborough) to continue having monthly meetings. Motion passed. With reference to a meeting at Hobcaw, it was agreed that this should be deferred until some future date. The Chairman suggested that the staff look into other possible locations for a weekend retreat meeting and that this be discussed further at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



Howard R. Boozer, Executive Director