

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

September 16, 1977
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

COMMISSION MEMBERS

- Dr. R. Cathcart Smith, Chairman
- Mrs. Wanda L. Forbes
- Mrs. Nancy D. Hawk
- Mr. F. Mitchell Johnson
- Mr. Paul W. McAlister
- Mr. T. Eston Marchant
- Dr. John M. Pratt
- Mr. William F. Prioleau, Jr.
- Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
- Mr. I. P. Stanback
- Mr. Arthur M. Swanson
- Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

STAFF

- Dr. Howard R. Boozer
- Dr. George P. Fulton
- Mr. William C. Jennings
- Dr. Frank E. Kinard
- Mr. Alan S. Krech
- Mr. Cannon R. Mayes
- Mr. James R. Michael
- Mrs. Gaylon Syrett
- Mrs. Judi R. Tillman

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

- Ms. Audreyole McCants
- Ms. Warren McInnis

GUESTS

- Dr. John M. Bevan
- Mr. Harold Brunton
- Dr. Cyril B. Busbee
- Ms. Patricia Cole
- Mr. John M. Cooper
- Dr. George Curry
- Mr. Bernard A. Daetwyler
- Dr. Keith E. Davis
- Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.
- Dr. John J. Duffy
- Mrs. Marlene E. Gantt
- Mr. Chip Gray
- Dr. Samuel M. Hines, Jr.
- Dr. James B. Holderman
- Mr. L. Roger Kirk
- Mr. Robert League
- Mr. George Leventis
- Mr. J. Lacy McLean
- Ms. Lynne Mahaffey
- Miss Frances H. Miller
- Dr. George Morgan
- Dr. William H. Patterson
- Lt. Gen. George M. Seignious II
- Dr. Roger Stough
- Ms. Marilyn Thompson
- Mr. Will Walker

I. Introductions

Dr. Smith introduced Mrs. Nancy D. Hawk who was appointed to the Commission by Governor Edwards on July 13 as successor to Mr. Howe, whose term had expired.

II. Presentation by the University of South Carolina

Mr. Marchant welcomed the Commission to the University of South Carolina, and introduced Dr. James B. Holderman who assumed his duties as President of USC on September 1. After making a presentation to the Commission, President Holderman hosted Commission members and guests at a luncheon in the Faculty House following the meeting.

III. Minutes of July 7, 1977, Commission Meeting

It was moved (Marchant) and seconded (Shirley) that the minutes of the July 7, 1977, Commission meeting be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

IV. Report of Committee on Academic Program Development

In the absence of Mr. Quattlebaum, chairman of the Committee on Academic Program Development, Dr. Kinard reported that the committee had met prior to the Commission meeting, at the request of the College of Charleston and the University of South Carolina, to consider a joint proposal from the two institutions for a Master of Public Administration with Concentration in Urban Public Affairs. The committee recommended that the proposal be approved as submitted, subject to the following provisions: (1) that the authority to award the degree be restricted to the University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston; (2) that the memorandum of agreement be implemented; and (3) that the program be jointly evaluated in 1982-83 as proposed. It was moved (Prioleau) and seconded (Johnson) that the recommendations of the committee be adopted. The motion was approved.

V. Consideration of Proposed 1978-79 Appropriation Request of the Commission on Higher Education

Mr. Michael stated that Commission members were provided on September 6 copies of the Commission's proposed 1978-79 appropriation request, which had been reviewed by the Executive Committee. He noted that the Budget and Control Board allocated an increase of \$102,095, of which \$88,870 was specifically designated for the SREB Contract Program. The remaining \$13,225 covers salary increases already approved by the General Assembly and those to be recommended by the Budget and Control Board to the General Assembly for 1978-79. The latter includes merit increases of 5 percent for classified and 2.5 percent for unclassified employees.

In accordance with instructions from the Budget and Control Board, the Commission must indicate how a 10 percent reduction would be absorbed, if necessary, in its current appropriation, and must submit a supplementary request for additional needed funds, if such additional resources should become available. He noted that this year for the first time a special form must be submitted for each anticipated federal grant that might be received. The staff recommended that the proposed 1978-79 appropriation request be approved. It was moved (Marchant) and seconded (Forbes) that the staff recommendation be adopted. The motion was approved.

VI. Report of Committee on Facilities and Federal Programs

Dr. Smith asked Mrs. Forbes to serve as temporary chairman of the Committee on Facilities and Federal Programs, which had been chaired by Mr. Howe until the recent expiration of his term as a member of the Commission.

A. Procedures for Requesting Approval of Permanent Improvements. Mrs. Forbes reported that since 1971 the Budget and Control Board has required the public senior colleges and universities to submit to the Commission requests for approval of permanent improvements. The General Assembly enacted legislation

in 1975 providing for biennial submission of requests to be funded through the issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds and setting forth specific information to be included in such requests.

Commission members were provided copies of a draft memorandum (Exhibit A) on September 7 outlining procedures for submission of permanent improvements by the colleges and universities. The revised procedures reflect the experience of the past few years and respond to the requirements of the General Assembly. Mrs. Forbes noted that the major change from past procedures is in the time required for the Commission to consider requests. Those to be funded through Capital Improvement Bonds must be received at the Commission office by August 15 in alternating years beginning in 1978. Presentations by the institutions to the Commission will be made in September. During September and October the Committee on Facilities and Federal Programs will formulate its recommendations; at the November meeting the full Commission will determine its recommendations to the Budget and Control Board.

Requests not involving funds from Capital Improvement Bonds may be submitted at any time and normally will require two months to be considered by the Commission, to allow time for the committee to meet and develop recommendations. The staff will use mail ballots when feasible to expedite the process.

Mrs. Forbes reported that the Committee on Facilities and Federal Programs had unanimously approved the revision by mail ballot and recommended its approval to the Commission. It was moved (Forbes) and seconded (Walsh) that the recommendation of the committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

B. Recommendations for FY 1978 Annual Amendment, Title I of Higher Education Act of 1965 (Community Service and Continuing Education). Mrs. Forbes stated that the Commission approved on July 7 a revised State Plan for the Community Service and Continuing Education Program (CSCE). The State Plan is supported by an Annual Amendment which places emphasis on matters pertinent to the current fiscal year. Commission members were provided on September 6 copies of the proposed Annual Amendment for FY 1978, effective October 1, 1977. The proposed changes for the most part relate to terminology and reflect the language used in the federal reauthorization. The only other significant change is the deletion of reference to a "Special Demonstration Project" because it was found infeasible to attempt that activity at this time. The budget schedule in the FY 1978 document reflects this change as well as the change in priority problem areas and a more realistic expectancy of resource allocation. The Committee on Facilities and Federal Programs recommended that the proposed FY 1978 Annual Amendment be approved. It was moved (Forbes) and seconded (Prigoleau) that the recommendation of the committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

VII. Report of Executive Director

Dr. Boozer expressed appreciation to President Holderman for his interesting and informative presentation and for the courtesies he and his staff extended to the Commission.

Dr. Boozer announced that several meetings are scheduled to be held in October and November. The presidents of the public senior colleges and universities will make presentations to the Commission on Tuesday, October 11, concerning their appropriation requests for 1978-79. Dr. Boozer recommended that

this meeting be scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. with adjournment by about 4:30 p.m. It was moved (Shirley) and seconded (Marchant) and unanimously voted that the schedule be approved. Mr. Jennings stated that the Executive Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 12, to develop its recommendations to the Commission. It was recommended that the October 12 meeting begin at 8:30 a.m. It was moved (Walsh) and seconded (McAlister) and unanimously voted that the proposed schedule for the meeting of the Executive Committee be approved. The full Commission is scheduled to meet again on Wednesday, October 19, at 10:00 a.m., to consider the recommendations of the Executive Committee. It was moved (Walsh) and seconded (Swanson) and unanimously voted that the proposed schedule be approved. The Executive Committee will present the Commission's recommendations to the Budget and Control Board on Thursday, October 27. That meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 219 of the Edgar A. Brown Building.

Dr. Boozer announced that the Commission will meet at Clemson University on Friday, November 4. Mr. McAlister suggested that Commission members plan to arrive at Clemson on Thursday afternoon, November 3, for a reception and dinner. It was moved (Shirley) and seconded (Stanback) and unanimously voted that the Commission meeting at Clemson be scheduled as suggested by Mr. McAlister.

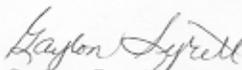
VIII. Other Business

A. Appointments to Standing Committees of the Commission. Dr. Smith announced the appointment of Mrs. Hawk to the Committee on Academic Program Development and to the Committee on Budget and Finance. In addition, he announced the appointment of Mr. Walsh as chairman of the Committee on Academic Program Development, Mr. Quattlebaum as chairman of the Committee on Facilities and Federal Programs, and Mr. Shirley as chairman of the Committee on Legislative Relations. The revised listing of standing committees is attached as Exhibit B.

B. Optometric Education. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Shirley concerning the status of the proposed tri-state regional school of optometry, Dr. Smith read a statement (Exhibit C) summarizing actions to date concerning the proposed school. He noted that the matter is now in abeyance until a host institution can be identified. Mr. Prioleau stated that in his view the summary is an accurate statement. Dr. Pratt agreed, and noted that the next step will be up to the General Assembly. It was moved (Marchant) and seconded (McAlister) that the summary statement be appended to the minutes of the meeting as information. The motion was adopted.

On motion made (Marchant) and seconded (Shirley) and unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary