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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

October 6, 1988
9:30 - 11:20 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. George L. Brightharp
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Mrs. Reba Ann Kinon
Mr. Howard G. Love
Mr. William J. Whitener

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mrs. Mildred R. Williams
Dr. Robert F. Williams

GUESTS

Dr. Leola Adams
Mr. William H. Alford
Lt. Col. Michael B. Barrett
Ms. Mary Eaddy
Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin
Dr. Sally M. Horner
Dr. Milton D. Hunter
Dr. Ronald R. Ingle
Dr. Albert M. Lyles
Ms. Cathy McPherson
Dr. W. David Maxwell
Mr. Robert Mellon
Dr. Sue Sommer-Kresse
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde
Mr. Leon Wiles
Dr. Dennis G. Wiseman

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. James A. Paschal
Mr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Ms. Betty Simmons
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

I. Welcoming Remarks

Chancellor Ronald G. Eaglin welcomed the Commission to the campus of USC-Coastal Carolina and invited Commission members, staff, and guests to a luncheon and tour of the campus following the meeting.

Dr. Eaglin introduced Mr. William H. Alford, Chairman of the Horry County Higher Education Commission, who commented about activities and plans for the coastal area.

II. Consideration of Suspension of Rules

Mrs. Taylor recommended that the Commission suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda concerning the proposed 1988-89 budget of the South Carolina Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation be approved and that consideration of the the proposed budget become agenda item 7.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of August 29-30 and September 8, 1988

It was moved (Craig), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of August 29-30, 1988, be adopted as written.

It was moved (Askins), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of September 8, 1988, be adopted as written.

IV. Report of the Executive Committee

Mrs. Taylor asked Mr. Krech to report on the following licensure matters:

a. Consideration of Amendment of Nova University's License. On May 1, 1986, Nova University was granted a regular (five-year) license to operate in South Carolina. In spring 1987, officials of the University expressed an interest in offering their Doctor of Business Administration and Doctor of Public Administration programs in the upstate area. At the request of the staff, Nova agreed to delay program startup pending development and approval of revised regulations to implement site specific and program specific licensure. After approximately a year's delay, Nova officials requested permission to proceed with the programs although the new regulations were still pending approval in the General Assembly. It was agreed that the two new programs would be examined under the proposed procedures for amendment of licensure.

On June 17, 1988, an evaluation team visited the programs, which are offered at Spartanburg Technical College. The team made one recommendation and five suggestions. The recommendation dealt with the need for clear differentiation in the catalog between program accreditation by the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business and the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration and institutional membership in those organizations. In their response to the team's report, Nova officials agreed to make appropriate changes in the catalog and addressed each of the suggestions.

The Executive Committee endorses the recommendation that Nova University's license be amended to enable it to offer the proposed programs in Spartanburg. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Renewal of Johnson and Wales College's License. On October 6, 1983, Johnson and Wales College was granted a regular (five-year) license to operate in South Carolina. On August 16, 1988, a licensing team visited Johnson and Wales College in Charleston to determine if that license should be renewed.

The team was unanimous in its conclusion that Johnson and Wales has an exemplary program in culinary arts in Charleston. The team made no recommendations; two relatively minor suggestions were forwarded to college officials for consideration. The Executive Committee endorses the recommendation of the licensing team and the staff that Johnson and Wales College's regular license be renewed for a period of five years, subject to annual reporting of information as requested by the Commission. It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Executive Committee be adopted.

V. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Mr. Turner, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Dr. Askins reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Recommendations on Research Grants for Senior Colleges, FY 1988-89. Dr. Askins noted that The Cutting Edge program for FY 1988-89 authorizes the Commission to make grants for research, on a competitive basis, to public senior colleges. Guidelines were approved by the Commission on March 3, 1988.

A panel of academic administrators from out of the State reviewed the 43 proposals submitted by nine eligible institutions and recommended approval of seven proposed projects. The Committee on Academic Affairs reviewed the panel's report on September 20, 1988, and voted unanimously to recommend approval, subject to staff exploration with each institution concerning the amount of requested funds, with the understanding that approval for FY 1988-89 does not guarantee or imply assured continued funding in subsequent years. It was moved (Askins), seconded (Craig), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. A summary report is attached as Exhibit A.

VI. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Brightharp, chairperson of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Recommendation to Construct a Student Center at Trident Technical College's North Charleston Campus. Trident Technical College requests authorization to construct a student center at its North Charleston Campus at an estimated cost of \$4,500,000, to be funded with \$2,940,000 in Tuition Bonds and \$1,560,000 in local funds.

Because the Committee believes that the proposed student center can be constructed at a substantially lower cost than that projected by the college, the Committee recommends approval of the project provided: (1) the authorized range of total project cost is between \$3.5 and \$4.5 million; (2) the president of the college report on actual costs and provide appropriate supporting documents; and (3) any increase in total square footage be submitted for review and approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Love), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VII. Consideration of Proposed 1988-89 Budget for the Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention

Mr. Sheheen noted that the Commission's 1988-89 appropriation contains a line item in the amount of \$250,000 to be transferred to the South Carolina Policy Council for Nurse Recruitment and Retention. The Council, composed of 13 members, was appointed by the Commission in July 1988.

The Council was directed to "establish a program for recruitment and retention of nurses, secure additional funds from private sources, and report to the Commission on Higher Education on the effectiveness of the program." The enabling legislation states that the program will receive decreasing percentages of state funding over the next three fiscal years and be funded totally from private sources by fiscal year 1992.

The Council proposes a budget for the 1988-89 fiscal year as follows:

Personnel	\$ 82,116
Operating Costs	125,024
Capital Expenses	42,860
	<u>\$250,000</u>

It was moved (Brightharp) and seconded (Whitener) that the proposed budget be approved. Mr. Sheheen suggested that the Commission make an incremental transfer of \$62,000 to the Council for initial operating expenses -- approximately one-fourth of the total budget of \$250,000 -- and allow the remaining funds to earn interest in the State Treasury until additional funds are required.

Mr. Jones suggested that, since the Council is not a State agency and has not yet been qualified by the Internal Revenue Service or chartered by the Secretary of State, the staff discuss with the Attorney General (1) whether the Commission may distribute funds without the authorization of the IRS, (2) whether the Commission needs to include in the original charter a mechanism to disburse funds, and (3) to whom the funds would revert should the Council later be abolished. The motion was adopted.

VIII. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matter:

Higher Education Week. A press conference announcing Higher Education Week and the Governor's Professor of the Year will be held in the Governor's conference room at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 10.

A reception and dinner in recognition of Higher Education Week and the Professor of the Year will be held at the Radisson Hotel at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11. Dr. Gordon Davies, Director of the Virginia Council of Higher Education, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Sheheen invited Commission members to attend these functions, if possible.

Mrs. Taylor noted that the dinner held on September 20 honoring the Palmetto Fellows was a highly visible and successful product of The Cutting Edge program.

IX. Other Business

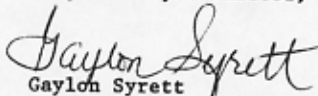
Funding of Out-of-state and Off-shore Programs and Facilities. Dr. Askins noted that a number of institutions are proposing out-of-state and off-shore programs and facilities, and suggested that a policy and guidelines for such requests be developed. It was moved (Askins), seconded (Love), and voted that the staff develop, by January 1, 1989, a policy and guidelines for out-of-state and off-shore programs and facilities. Mr. Craig suggested that the staff examine policies in other states.

The motion was amended (Jones) and seconded (Kinon) that no new funding for out-of-state or off-shore programs and facilities be approved until a policy and guidelines are adopted by the Commission. The amendment was adopted. The motion as amended was adopted.

Mr. Love referred to the recent offer to Clemson University of a gift of rain forest property, including buildings and acreage, on the island of Dominica, West Indies. The University proposes to establish a center for tropical studies on the property, pending approval by the Commission and other authorities. Mr. Love suggested that Clemson be requested to ensure that its proposed program on the island of Dominica meets the requirements of the Commission's policy and guidelines.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary