

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

July 10, 1986  
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Fred R. Sheheen, Chairman  
Mr. George L. Brightharp  
Mr. Tom Moore Craig  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher  
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.  
Mr. B. P. Gordon III  
Mr. Robert E. Graham  
Mr. Harold W. Jacobs  
Mr. Marvin L. Jones  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. David B. Smith  
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor  
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Whitener  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Mortimer F. Smith

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Ms. Sandra E. Carr  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Ms. Lynn Metcalf  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Ms. Gaylon Syrett  
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Mr. Melvin E. Barnette  
Dr. John R. Carpenter  
Dr. Daniel Dukes  
Dr. Hazel W. Harris  
Dr. Vermelle J. Johnson  
Dr. Arthur Justice  
Dr. Doug Kinard  
Mr. David Larson  
Dr. Judy Lehr  
Mr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.  
Dr. John K. Luedeman  
Mr. Alden L. McCracken  
Mr. Vernon McGuire  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Dr. William C. Moran  
Dr. W. Marcus Newberry, Jr.  
Dr. Martha K. Piper  
Dr. George M. Reeves  
Dr. James H. Rex  
Dr. Olin Sansbury  
Mrs. Louise Smith  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth  
Dr. Sue Sommer-Kress  
Dr. Richard Voorneveld  
Dr. Edwin Wilde  
Dr. Dennis Wiseman

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Lori Burgess  
Ms. Brianna Clark  
Ms. Amy Delpo  
Mr. Scott Johnson  
Ms. Laura Nelson  
Ms. Maureen Shurr

I. Introduction of New Members

Mr. Sheheen introduced Mr. Marvin C. Jones, Walterboro, and Mr. Vernon McGuire, Varnville. Mr. Jones has been appointed to the Commission from the 1st Congressional District to a term which began on June 27, 1986, and expires on July 26, 1990. Mr. Jones succeeds Mrs. Smyth.

Mr. McGuire, who succeeds Mr. Gallagher, was appointed to the Commission from the 1st Congressional District to a term beginning on July 27, 1986, and expiring on July 26, 1990.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 5, 1986

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Williams), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of June 5, 1986, be approved as written.

Mr. Sheheen noted that his term on the Commission will expire on July 26, 1986, and his successor, Mr. Palmer Freeman, Jr., of Fort Mill has been appointed. Mr. Sheheen submitted his resignation as Chairman, effective at 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 1986, in order to permit a new Chairman to be elected and to move forward with the work of the Commission. He stated that the privilege of serving as Chairman for the past three and a half years has been the high point of his public service. His statement is attached as Exhibit A.

III. Report of Executive Committee

It was moved (Gilliam), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the report of the Executive Committee be placed last on the agenda.

IV. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

Mrs. Taylor, chairman of the Committee on Academic Affairs, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Awards of "Centers of Excellence" Grants for 1986-87. The Education Improvement Act authorizes the Commission to make grants to institutions to establish "centers of excellence" in programs to train teachers. The program is funded through annual appropriations in support of the EIA. For 1984-85, \$150,000 was appropriated for this purpose; for 1985-86, \$350,000; and for 1986-87, \$400,000.

Guidelines for the centers of excellence program for 1986-87 were approved by the Commission on May 1, 1986. A total of 11 proposals were submitted, requesting funding totaling \$1,103,011. These proposals were reviewed by a panel consisting of members of the Commission staff and a representative of the State Department of Education.

At a meeting on June 26, the Committee on Academic Affairs heard presentations by institutional representatives on each of the 11 proposals and considered the recommendations of the review panel. The Committee recommends approval of the following proposals:

Elementary School Science, USC-Spartanburg	\$101,600
Teachers of Low Achieving Students, Furman University	117,770
Early Childhood Education, Winthrop College	101,336
Elementary Education in Rural Settings, Francis Marion College and USC-Coastal Carolina	79,294
	<u>\$400,000</u>

Mrs. Taylor noted that the Committee found merit in each of the other seven proposed projects which are not recommended. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (D. Smith) that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

Dr. Lewis requested and was granted permission to present a minority report (Exhibit B). She noted that only three members of the Committee on

Academic Affairs, in addition to the Committee chairman, were present and voting at the meeting of the Committee on June 26. She also noted that the ranking of proposals that resulted from the voting was at considerable variance from that recommended by the staff. She stated that it is important to support the professional staff if at all possible. A substitute motion was made (Lewis) and seconded (Whitener) that the Commission accept the staff recommendation.

Dr. DeWitt stated that the requirements of the approved guidelines must be met in considering the proposals and in making recommendations. She stated that, while she has confidence in the professional ability of the staff, the Commission should not simply "rubber stamp" staff recommendations.

Mr. Gallagher agreed with Dr. Lewis that such a decision should not be made by only three members of the Commission. He suggested that the matter be referred back to the Committee on Academic Affairs. Dr. Lewis withdrew the substitute motion. A second substitute motion was made (Gallagher) and seconded (Lewis) to refer the matter to the Committee on Academic Affairs. The substitute motion was adopted, by eight affirmative and seven negative votes, the Chairman casting the deciding vote.

b. Consideration of Guidelines for Federal Education for Economic Security Act. The Federal Education for Economic Security Act (PL 98-377) authorizes allocations to the states for the purpose of improving instruction in elementary and secondary schools in mathematics, science, computer science, and foreign languages. The Act was implemented in 1985-86. About two-thirds of the funds are allocated to the State Department of Education for distribution to the schools and about one-third to the Commission. The Commission is authorized to operate two competitive grant programs for colleges and universities.

For 1986-87 the Commission will be allocated approximately \$167,000 for both the Competitive Grants and Cooperative Demonstration programs. The corresponding amount for 1985-86 was \$383,000.

At a special meeting on June 26 the Committee on Academic Affairs reviewed and approved guidelines for both programs for 1986-87. Mrs. Taylor noted two changes from 1985-86 guidelines: (1) In accord with the results of the State needs assessment and in view of limited funds available, Competitive Grants will be limited to those designed to help teachers of mathematics only; and (2) The Committee on Academic Affairs requests authority to act on behalf of the Commission in making these awards. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The guidelines, as adopted, are attached as Exhibit C.

#### V. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Gallagher, chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Revision to Revenue Step of the Formula for Doctoral Programs. At the meeting of the Commission on June 5, 1986, it was recommended that an alternate method be developed for applying the revenue step of the formula to graduate education costs. Commission members were provided on July 2 an analysis of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral level

costs, the associated revenue step deduction, and the recommendation of the Business and Finance Committee for adjusting the revenue step deduction for those graduate education costs associated with the doctoral level.

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted (Exhibit D).

#### VI. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported that the Committee held a telephone conference call meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 1986, to consider the following requests from the College of Charleston and Midlands Technical College:

a. Consideration of Purchase of Building at 9 Liberty Street, College of Charleston. In 1984 the Commission approved the College of Charleston's request to lease with option to purchase the former Southern Bell Building located at 9 Liberty Street in Charleston. In January 1985 the Commission approved the College's request to renovate the facility at a cost of \$350,000. The annual lease payment on this building is \$268,000 which is included in Step 12 of the Formula.

The College now requests approval to purchase the facility. The property has been appraised at \$3 million; the owner has agreed to sell the property for \$2,250,000. The difference would be used as a tax deductible charitable contribution. Funds for the purchase of this facility have been included in the 1986 Capital Improvement Bond Bill. Step 12 funding will continue until the Treasurer authorizes the issuance of the bonds. At that time the balance owed on the facility will be paid.

The Committee recommends approval with the understanding that the State Treasurer be advised that the issuance of bonds for this project should not be placed ahead of other Commission projects that were given a higher priority. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Construction of Dormitory, College of Charleston. In 1985 the Commission on Higher Education approved the construction of a 500-bed dormitory with cafeteria at the College of Charleston. The College currently has empty beds on campus, and a dormitory of that size will not be needed in the near future. The College therefore believes that a 300-bed dormitory would be more desirable. This would replace the College Inn Dormitory on Calhoun Street which is in poor condition.

The College requests authority to permit a private developer to construct, operate, and maintain a 300-bed dormitory on college-owned land. The facility would be leased to the College by the developer, with housing revenue from the dormitory making the lease payments. The College will have the option to purchase the facility after three years.

The Committee recommends approval with the understanding that the housing rates will be compatible with the rates of the other dormitories and that this new construction will not result in an over-all significant housing rate increase at the College of Charleston. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Renovation and Expansion of Craig Cafeteria, College of Charleston. The College of Charleston requests approval to expand the Craig Cafeteria. Total cost of the expansion would be \$600,000. The 1986 Capital Improvement Bond bill included \$300,000 for this purpose. The remaining \$300,000 would be borrowed by the College and repaid from an increase in student meal fees.

The Committee recommends approval with the understanding that with the increase, the student meal fees will be comparable to meal fees at other institutions and that the State Treasurer be advised that the issuance of bonds for this project will not be placed ahead of other Commission approved projects that were given a higher priority. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Consideration of Exchange of Property, Midlands Technical College. Midlands Technical College requests approval to exchange a piece of property at the Beltline Campus for property owned by an individual. Currently, the eastern property line of the Beltline Campus is the old channel of Gills Creek. Over the years the channel has changed course and the exact location of the property line is difficult to determine. Further, a portion of the College property is now on the east side of Gills Creek and private property is on the west side. The sizes of the two parcels are approximately the same (one acre) and the appraised value (\$3,000) is the same. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Gilliam), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VII. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan

Mr. Gilliam, chairman of the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, reported on the following matter:

Report on Technical Assistance Workshop. Mr. Gilliam reported that 83 persons attended the Technical Assistance Workshop on Student Retention and Proposal Development in Columbia on June 12, 1986. Each of the State's public colleges and universities was represented.

VIII. Report of the Interim Executive Director

Mr. Brooks reported on the following matters:

a. Task Force Meeting. Members of the six task forces to study the recommendations in the AVA report will meet at 10:30 a.m. on July 11 in Columbia. Mr. Brooks invited all members of the Commission to attend, if possible.

b. Orientation Meeting. Mr. Brooks noted that several new members have been appointed to the Commission. He recommended that a special orientation meeting of the Commission be held on August 7, prior to the regular budget meetings in August and September. It was moved (Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that a meeting of the Commission be scheduled for August 7, 1986.

IX. Election of Officers

It was moved (Lewis) and seconded (Gallagher) that Mrs. Taylor be nominated for Chairman.

It was moved (D. Smith) and seconded (Williams) that Mr. Whitener be nominated for Chairman.

Mrs. Taylor was elected Chairman by secret ballot.

It was moved (Gilliam), seconded (Gallager), and voted that Mr. Whitener be nominated for Vice Chairman. Mr. Whitener was elected Vice Chairman.

X. Presentation of Certificates

Mr. Sheheen presented framed certificates to Mr. Gallager, Mr. Gilliam, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. D. Smith, and Mrs. Smyth, whose terms on the Commission have expired or will expire in July. Mr. Gallager presented a certificate to Mr. Sheheen.

XI. Executive Session

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Gilliam), and voted that the Commission meet in Executive Session.

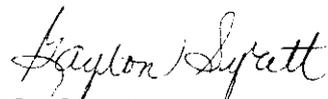
XII. Report of Executive Session

Ratification of Action Taken in Executive Session on June 13, 1986.

Mr. Gallager reported that the Commission, meeting in Executive Session, ratified action taken on June 13 naming Mr. Brooks Interim Executive Director. The Commission plans to reopen the search for Executive Director in September 1986. It is anticipated that an Executive Director will be named by January 1987.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gaylon Syrett  
Recording Secretary