

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

April 1, 1971
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. John K. Cauthen
Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. Oswald Lightsey
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Harrison Peeples
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. Robert B. Russell
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. Robert M. Vance, Chairman
Mr. E. Craig Wall
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris

I. Presentation by Group from Greenwood County in Support of Lander College

A group from Greenwood County which included Senator John Drummond, Mr. William Bradford, Mr. James Self, Mr. Howard Burns, Mr. Lewis Harrison, Mr. Frank Mundy, Mr. W. W. Johnson and President Don Herd, appeared before the Commission to explain the financial situation at Lander College, to ask the Commission to look into the matter, and if possible to recommend to the Legislature that the state provide some financial assistance for the college. Mr. Bradford stated that Greenwood County supplements Lander College's budget through a tax levy but county aid is no longer sufficient to keep up with enrollment increases. Because more than half of the students at Lander come from out of the county, it was felt that the state should assume some of the responsibility for the education of those out of county students.

It was stated by the Lander College group that full state support, with full state ownership, would possibly be the best solution but it was realized that money was not available in the state for this at present. A second alternative would be to remain a county

supported college which would result in a cut-back in enrollment and probably the eventual closing of the college for lack of funds. A third alternative presented to the Commission would be state assistance through direct appropriation, possibly worked out with the state picking up on a per student basis the cost of those students coming from outside Greenwood County, on about the same basis that Greenwood County is paying per student. If this plan were approved, Lander College would want to work with the Commission on Higher Education before starting any new programs.

In general discussion by the Commission on the Lander College presentation it was moved (Marchant) and seconded (Wall) that the Commission get additional facts on Lander College and also facts on the other four colleges in the state which are similar to Lander in some ways - Converse, Limestone, Coker, Benedict - and to put this item on the agenda for the May Commission meeting for further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 4, 1971, Meeting of Commission and The Council of Presidents

It was moved (Stanback) and seconded (Furman) that the minutes of the March 4, 1971, meeting of the Commission and the Council of Presidents be approved. Passed unanimously.

III. State Master Planning Committee for Nursing Education

It has been requested by the South Carolina Nurses' Association, the South Carolina Board of Nursing and the South Carolina League of Nursing that a State Master Planning Committee for Nursing Education be established under the auspices of the Commission on Higher Education. This committee would be made up of approximately nineteen members, ten of whom would be nurses and others would be educators, doctors and representatives of the general public. The purpose of the committee would be to look at the needs for various kinds of nurses for the next five to ten years and to assemble data and make recommendations on nursing education. The Commission would, of course, continue to approve programs in the area of nursing education but would have the benefit of facts and recommendations submitted by this committee on long range goals and needs in nursing education. The committee would be appointed by the Commission and would act as a liaison with the Commission in the nursing education area.

It was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Russell) that the Commission establish the State Master Planning Committee

for Nursing Education. Passed unanimously.

IV. 1971-72 Commission on Higher Education Budget

Dr. Morris stated that the Commission's budget was passed in the House as submitted by the House Ways and Means Committee with an additional \$80,000 added for the National Defense Student Loan Program and \$50,000 for the computer program of the Commission. Also, an amendment was passed to reinstate the \$50,000 for the tuition grants fund for the four colleges which are eligible.

V. 1971-72 Budgets of Colleges and Universities

The college and university budgets were passed by the House essentially as presented by the House Ways and Means Committee. The increases in the budgets were approved this year based only on anticipated enrollment increases, which will be adjusted to actual enrollment rises based on the last day of registration. The formula which has been worked out by the Commission for determining full time equivalent students is based on a divisor of fifteen for undergraduate courses, nine for masters level courses and six for doctoral courses. This formula will be used by the Budget and Control Board in determining full time equivalent students for budgetary purposes.

VI. Request from College of Charleston for Additional Bonding Capacity for Permanent Improvements Bill

A motion was made (Cauthen) and seconded (Marchant) that the Commission approve the request from the College of Charleston to add to the previously approved capital improvements bond bill an additional \$3.3 million for construction of a student center. Passed.

VII. New Programs

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Medical Assistant AD at Chesterfield-Marlboro - Approved
 Medical Assistant AD at Piedmont - Approved
 Nursing AD at Greenville - Approved
 Medical Laboratory Technician AD at Spartanburg - Approved
 Medical Laboratory Technician AD at Berkeley-
 Charleston-Dorchester - Approved

Clemson

Biology Option to be added to the Existing BS in
 Mathematics - Approved
 Master of Agriculture with a Major in Agricultural
 Mechanization - Approved

BS in Secondary Education - teaching area Earth Science-
Approved

Six Year Program in Educational Administration - To be
studied further by the Commission before being
considered

VIII. Request from University of South Carolina for Blanket
Approval of Associate Degree Programs

A letter from Dr. Jones requesting blanket approval of
associate degree programs was read by Dr. Morris. It
was felt by the Commission that more specific informa-
tion was needed before the request could be considered.
A motion was made (Holliday) and seconded (Walsh) that
Dr. Morris respond to Dr. Jone's letter stating that the
Commission does encourage these ideas but would like
more information. Passed unanimously.

IX. Discussion on Voting by Commission Members

Mr. Vance stated that a question had arisen on voting
procedures at Commission meetings and it had been
suggested that a discussion on whether ex officio members
should vote on issues involving their respective schools
might be worthwhile. In general, the Commission felt
that there had been no problem in this area but it might be
beneficial to find out the procedure followed by other higher
education boards and discuss this at a later meeting.

It was also agreed by the Commission that agendas of the
Commission meetings would be sent to the college and
university presidents prior to Commission meetings so
that they could discuss with their Board Chairmen items
which were coming up for discussion that concerned their
respective schools.

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