

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

May 1, 1986
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 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
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. David B. Smith
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith
Mrs. Nanette H. Smyth
Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Camille Bradford
Ms. Laura Nelson
Mr. Steve Smith

STAFF

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

GUESTS

Dr. Constance M. Baker
Dr. Maeberta Bobb
Mr. Douglas Bolan
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski
Dr. Jeanne Boyd
Dr. Doris S. Cantey
Dr. Maurice R. Duperre
Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin
Mr. Sonny Epps
Dr. James G. Fox
Ms. Patrice Gilliam
Dr. Samuel M. Hines, Jr.
Dr. H. M. Holderfield
Dr. Sally Horner
Mr. Bradley G. Jones
Mr. Hans Knoop
Dr. Benjamin F. Lawson
Dr. Gordon Lewis
Mr. Ernie Littlejohn
Dr. Maxine Loonis
Mr. J. Lacy McLean
Mr. Charles Mabelitini
Dr. W. David Maxwell
B. Gen. George F. Meenaghan
Dr. Charles Moore
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr.
Dr. Harold Powell
Dr. Pete Raphael
Dr. Lester W. Reed, Jr.
Mr. David P. Rinker
Dr. Louie C. Roache
Dr. Maryann Schroeder
Dr. Robert Squatriglia
Dr. Gerald Lee Waddle
Mr. Douglas Warren
Dr. Robert H. White

I. Welcoming Remarks

Dr. James R. Morris, Jr., President of Midlands Technical College, welcomed the Commission to the campus and invited Commission members, guests, and staff to a luncheon and tour of the campus following the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of April 3, 1986

It was moved (Smyth), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of April 3, 1986, be approved as written.

III. Report of Executive Committee

a. Consideration of USC Request to Amend the Missions of USC-Aiken, USC-Coastal Carolina, and USC-Spartanburg. Dr. Boozer reported that on October 10, 1985, the USC Board of Trustees adopted a resolution requesting that the Commission amend the Master Plan to permit "the construction or acquisition of student residence halls" at Aiken, Conway, and Spartanburg. Consideration of this request was deferred pending completion of the study of higher education which was underway at that time.

The Executive Committee met on April 14, 1986, and considered the policy change requested by USC which would amend the Master Plan. It was noted that in considering such a change in the State system, attention must be given not only to the extent to which the change might affect the campuses in question but also to the effect of the proposed change on the entire system of higher education in the State, public and private.

The Committee recommends that the mission statements of USC-Aiken, USC-Coastal, and USC-Spartanburg be amended only as follows with the understanding that specific housing projects continue to require specific Commission approval:

1. This sentence for each be deleted: "As a regional institution [the campus] serves the local area for commuting students."
2. These sentences for each be substituted: "[the campus] serves primarily commuting, or non-residential, students. Limited campus-owned or leased housing, not to exceed a projected ratio of 20 beds per 100 full-time students, may be authorized by the Commission."

The Committee also recommends that the Commission adopt the policy of reviewing for approval any proposed arrangements or agreements for student housing at any campus, even if no State investment is required.

It was moved (M. Smith) and seconded (D. Smith) that the above recommendations of the Committee be adopted. Mr. Brightharp expressed concern about amending the Master Plan. He suggested that a study be made before the matter is considered.

Dr. DeWitt expressed the opinion that 20 beds per 100 full-time students is insufficient. Mr. Jacobs agreed that greater flexibility is needed. The motion was amended (Jacobs) and seconded (DeWitt) to delete from recommendation 2 above the phrase, "not to exceed a projected ratio of 20 beds per 100 full-time students." Mr. Graham expressed concern about the lack of long-range plans by the institutions.

The amendment was adopted by eight affirmative and seven negative votes. The motion, as amended, was adopted by 13 affirmative and three negative votes.

b. Consideration of Next Steps Concerning the AVA Study of Higher Education in South Carolina. Dr. Boozer reported that the Commission charged the staff with drafting a plan for examining the recommendations in chapters V and VI of the AVA study of higher education in South Carolina. A wide variety of alternative approaches were studied. These included the use of already existing advisory and standing committees and the appointment of a single "blue ribbon" committee through which individual study groups would report to the Commission. As different approaches were examined, it became apparent that most of the AVA recommendations are interrelated and could be divided into natural groups. It was also clear that consideration of several of the recommendations will require intensive collection and investigation of data from South Carolina institutions and from other states where similar concepts have been implemented. In addition, it appeared that some recommendations should be studied and implemented as rapidly as possible, while others would require long-term study and gradual implementation.

The Executive Committee considered and endorsed the plan on April 11, and recommends that it be approved by the Commission. The plan calls for six task forces of three different types. Two of the task forces are further divided into three task groups to study specific issues in depth. It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (Taylor) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr. Gallager suggested, and it was agreed, that B-1 on page 2 of the document be modified to read, "Nine representatives from the senior public colleges and universities, only one of whom shall represent the U.S.C. system.

Dr. Lewis suggested, and it was agreed, that B-3 on page 7 be modified to include four outside members. The motion was adopted. The plan is attached as Exhibit A.

IV. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

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

a. Report on Institutional Policies on Advanced Placement. The Education Improvement Act (1984) directed the Commission, in conjunction with the State Department of Education, to adopt a policy governing the awarding of credit by public institutions for students successfully completing the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. The policy was adopted by the Commission in July 1985. The Committee on Academic Affairs agreed to consider exceptions or exemptions from the policy in any of three categories:

- (1) not awarding credit for a particular AP examination;
- (2) not awarding credit in an appropriate course for minimum score of 3; and
- (3) the imposition of any condition on award of credit for a minimum score 3

At its meeting on April 11, 1986, the Committee considered and acted on proposed institutional policies for the awarding of AP credit to be effective in the 1986-87 year.

Clemson, the College of Charleston, Francis Marion, Lander, and Winthrop proposed to award credit for each of the AP examinations for a score of 3. Four institutions requested exemption from the policy for certain specified AP examinations on the ground that no comparable courses are offered in the curricula of those institutions. The Committee authorized on that ground five specific exemptions at USC-Spartanburg, three at South Carolina State College, two at The Citadel, and two at USC-Coastal. A number of institutions proposed to impose conditions on the awarding of credit for specific AP examinations. The Committee approved two such requests at The Citadel for two examinations.

Each of the 16 technical colleges proposed to award credit for certain AP examinations. In all cases where courses are offered by these colleges that parallel the content covered in AP examinations, credit was proposed for scores of 3 without conditional requirements. Exemption statements were provided in each case where credit was not awarded for AP examinations because comparable courses were not offered. The Committee approved the proposed AP policies for each of the technical colleges as submitted.

b. Consideration of Follow-up Reports on 1984-85 Program Evaluations.

(1) Performing and Visual Arts. Mrs. Taylor reported that in September 1985 the Commission granted provisional rather than full approval to nine programs reviewed by the consultants for Visual and Performing Arts, and requested three follow-up studies pertinent to these degree programs. On April 11, 1986, the Committee on Academic Affairs considered these three follow-up studies. The first two studies outlined the improvements that had been made and the additional steps to be taken to strengthen the nine degrees which had been granted provisional approval. The third study summarized the steps taken by Clemson and USC in exploring the desirability of seeking accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). Neither institution chooses to pursue accreditation at this time.

The Committee recommends that the Commission grant full approval for the following:

1. B.A. in Visual Arts, Lander College, with a report to be submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs by March 1, 1988, outlining what additional progress has been made concerning facilities and equipment, library, operating budget, and FTE faculty.
2. M.A. and M.F.A. in Art Studio, USC.
3. B.A. and B.F.A. in Theatre and Speech, USC, with the five-year departmental self-study to be forwarded for review.
4. M.A. and M.F.A. in Theatre and Speech, USC.
5. The Committee recommends that the Commission continue the provisional approval of the B.A. and B.F.A. in Art Studio, USC, while USC explores the possibilities for raising the percentage of coursework required for studio

and/or art history courses for the B.F.A. from 48% to a percentage that more closely approximates the NASAD guidelines so as to more fully differentiate the professional degree from the B.A. A report should be submitted not later than March 1, 1988, to the Committee on Academic Affairs, outlining what steps have been taken in this regard.

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Lewis), and voted that recommendation 1 above be adopted.

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that recommendations 2-5 be adopted.

(2) Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology. In November 1985 the Commission granted provisional rather than full approval to three programs reviewed by the consultants for psychology, sociology, and anthropology. It requested follow-up studies from the respective institutions outlining what improvements had been made and what additional steps would be taken to strengthen the three degrees in question. On April 11, 1986, the Committee on Academic Affairs considered these three follow-up studies.

The Committee recommends that the Commission continue provisional approval for all of these programs as follows:

1. M.S. in Applied Psychology, Francis Marion College, until March 1, 1987, by which time the College should submit a report to the Committee on Academic Affairs outlining the curriculum changes that have been approved to bring the program into line with the 45 hour standard in the report.
2. B.S. in Psychology, South Carolina State College, pending confirmation by December 1, 1986, to the Committee on Academic Affairs that positions have been filled for (1) one new faculty member in psychology, (2) a replacement for the psychology coordinator who resigned, and (3) and the clerical-assistant mentioned in the follow-up report.
3. B.A. in Sociology, South Carolina State College, until December 1, 1988, when a report examining the feasibility of discontinuing the degree program and outlining developments in the program shall be submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs. The report should examine the desirability of retaining the B.A. in Sociology in light of improved enrollment patterns, number of degrees granted, faculty loading, FTE faculty, curriculum revisions, allocation of resources, other pertinent factors, and the relationship of the program to the other components in the department, including criminal justice, which is projected to be reviewed in 1988.

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Lewis), and voted that recommendation 1 be adopted.

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that recommendation 2 be adopted.

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Jacobs), and voted that recommendation 3 be adopted.

(3) English, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics. When the program review submitted by the consultants for English, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics programs was presented to the Commission at its February 6

meeting, a request was made to ascertain whether or not the institutions are in compliance with the first two of the seven guidelines of the Association of Departments of English (ADE).

The Committee recommends that those institutions that diverge most frequently from the ADE guidelines (S.C. State College, USC-Coastal, and USC-Spartanburg) examine strategies for bringing their programs more closely into compliance with these guidelines with a report outlining these plans and providing appropriate data to be submitted to the Committee on Academic Affairs by July 1, 1987.

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Programs to be Evaluated in 1988-89. Mrs. Taylor reported that, in keeping with customary procedure, the Committee has considered disciplines for the next cycle of program review and recommends that the following programs be approved for review in 1988-89:

Business (undergraduate and graduate programs, to be reviewed for the second time)
General Liberal Arts and Sciences
Protective Services
Public Affairs
Law

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Consideration of Guidelines for Centers of Excellence Grants for 1986-87. Mrs. Taylor reported that the Committee has developed proposed guidelines for Centers of Excellence, "Education Improvement Act of 1984, for the 1986-87 project year. She noted that (1) in the past two cycles, the funding of new permanent positions has been prohibited; the proposed guidelines do not contain that restriction; and (2) guidelines for the 1985-86 project year prohibited the purchase of equipment; this restriction no longer appears in the proposed 1986-87 guidelines.

The Committee recommends these changes in an attempt to give the institutions more latitude in proposing more substantive projects. Language has also been inserted stating that "Preference will be given to substantial proposals that will likely have a lasting impact."

The Committee recommends that the proposed guidelines for the 1986-87 project year be approved. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The guidelines, as adopted, are attached as Exhibit B.

e. Consideration of Proposals for New Programs

(1) A.A., Agricultural Business Technology, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College proposes to implement in September 1986 a new program major in agricultural business technology

within its existing associate in agriculture degree. The program represents a curriculum revision and change in title of the current animal and plant science major which has been in operation since 1969. The need for updating the existing animal and plant science curriculum is based on changes in employment opportunities, and the introduction of new technology and business principles into farm management.

The Committee recommends that this proposal be approved for implementation in September 1986 provided that no "unique cost" funding or other special State appropriations are requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(2) A.B.S., Small Business Management, Florence-Darlington Technical College. Florence-Darlington Technical College proposes to implement a new program leading to the Associate in Business degree with a major in small business management beginning in September 1986. The purpose of the new program is to train managers for existing positions as well as to provide training for people interested in starting new businesses.

The Committee recommends that the program be approved for implementation in Fall 1986, provided that no "unique cost" funding is required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(3) A.E.T., Computer Engineering Technology, Aiken Technical College. Aiken Technical College proposes to implement a new program leading to the Associate in Engineering Technology degree with a major in computer engineering technology beginning in September 1986. The purpose of the program is to provide the computer user and the producers of electronics equipment with graduates able to maintain and repair computer equipment and to perform limited programming.

The Committee recommends that this program be approved for implementation in Fall 1986, provided that no "unique cost" funding will be required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(4) B.S., Marketing, Clemson University. Clemson University, College of Commerce and Industry, proposes to develop a Bachelor of Science in marketing degree for implementation in Fall 1986. Other baccalaureate degree programs are offered by the College in the areas of accounting, administrative management, economics, financial management, industrial management, textile chemistry, textile science, and textile management.

This proposal was also reviewed by the Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan at its meeting on April 2 in light of potential implications with respect to the Desegregation Plan.

The Committee recommends that the proposal be approved for implementation in Fall 1986, provided no "unique cost" funding or other special State appropriations be required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(5) B.S. and M.S., Packaging Science, Clemson University. Clemson University proposes to implement new programs leading to the B.S. and the

M.S. in packaging science, effective August 1986. The purposes of the proposed programs are to train packaging specialists for employment in this field and to expand research programs in packaging at Clemson. Two options in the undergraduate program are proposed, one of which a prospective student must elect. The first is in food packaging, which the University views as a technical option. The second, in general packaging, is less technical in nature and allows for more diversity in subject matter.

Mrs. Taylor noted that the Packaging Education Foundation, a group of packaging specialists in industry, colleges, and universities, has as one primary function encouraging institutions to establish degree programs in packaging. This Foundation has provided modest financial support to Clemson for the past several years. A consulting firm, A. D. Little, Inc., conducted for the Foundation in 1984 a study of supply and demand for packaging specialists. The report of the consultants concluded that future growth in job opportunities for packaging specialists will depend heavily on the extent to which potential employers are willing to employ such specialists as opposed to continued reliance on hiring those trained in more conventional but related disciplines. Because of this uncertainty and the greater cost and institutional commitment required to sustain graduate programs, the Clemson administration agreed with the Committee's conclusion that the baccalaureate degree program should be considered but that the proposed master's degree program should not be considered at this time.

The Committee therefore recommends that the proposed program leading to the B.S. in packaging science be implemented at Clemson University in August 1986, provided no "unique cost" or other special State appropriations are requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Gilliam), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(6) Ph.D., Ceramic Engineering, Clemson University. Clemson University proposes to implement, in July 1986, a new program leading to the Ph.D. in ceramic engineering. The objectives of the program are to provide doctoral training for engineers in this specialty, to provide research assistance to ceramic industries in the State, and to establish a research program that will attract federal and industrial research support.

The Committee recommends that this program be approved, subject only to a judgment by Clemson University that the report of the Commission's consultants on its existing master's program in ceramic engineering and on this proposal are satisfactory to Clemson, and in that event the program may be implemented promptly. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Lewis) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The motion was amended (Smyth) and seconded (Brightharp) that the program be approved subject only to a favorable judgment by the Commission's consultants on Clemson's existing master's program in ceramic engineering and on Clemson's proposal, and in that event the program may be implemented promptly. The amendment was adopted. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

(7) Ph.D., Food Technology, Clemson University. Clemson University proposes to implement in August 1986 a new program leading to the Ph.D. in Food technology. The subject is defined as the study of the processing, packaging, distribution, and utilization of food. The objective of the program is to prepare students for research positions in industry, government, and academia.

The Committee recommends that this program be approved by the Commission for implementation in August 1986, provided no "unique cost" or other special State appropriations are required or requested. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(8) Center for the Study of Freshman Year Experience, USC-Columbia. The University of South Carolina-Columbia proposes to implement a "National Center for the Study of the Freshman Year Experience" on July 1, 1986. The Center will report to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.

The Committee recommends that the proposed Center be approved, with the understanding that no commitment can be made for "unique cost" funding for 1987-88, and that any request for such funds will be considered at the time it is made. It was moved (Taylor), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VI. Report on Committee on Health and Medical Education

Mrs. Smyth, chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Education, reported on the following matters, for both the Committee on Health and Medical Education and the Committee on Academic Affairs:

a. Consideration of Proposals for New Programs

(1) A.H.S., Medical Record Technology, Florence-Darlington Technical College. Florence-Darlington Technical College proposes to implement in September 1986 a new program leading to the associate degree in health science with a major in medical record technology. The program was developed in response to local requests for medical record technicians to implement new reporting regulations and diagnostic coding systems required by various federal agencies. The specific training objective of the program is to provide entry-level personnel to work in medical record departments in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, government agencies, and other health care facilities.

The Committee on Health and Medical Education and the Committee on Academic Affairs recommend that this program be approved for implementation in September 1986, provided that no "unique cost" funding or other special State appropriations are requested. It was moved (Smyth), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2. A.H.S., Emergency Medical Technology, Piedmont Technical College. Piedmont Technical College proposes to begin in September 1986 a program leading to the associate in health science degree with a major in emergency medical technology. The objectives of the program are to train technicians and paramedics to deliver emergency care to acutely ill and traumatized individuals, to upgrade the level of pre-hospital emergency medical service, and to provide qualified practitioners to enter the emergency medical field. The program will provide opportunities for those currently employed to upgrade their educational qualifications.

The Committee on Health and Medical Education and the Committee on Academic Affairs recommend that this program be approved for implementation in September 1986, provided that no "unique cost" funding or other special State appropriations are requested. The Committees further recommend that

the SBTCE staff submit to the Commission's Academic Affairs staff a policy paper developed in cooperation with regional EMS council staffs and DHEC staff which addresses the Statewide issues of (a) duplication of training and certification programs, (b) need and options for upgrading the educational opportunities for the emergency medical services field, and (c) if the need justifies it, a plan to provide access to the associate degree within each EMS region. It was moved (Smyth), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(3) Ph.D. in Nursing Science, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia proposes to implement; in Fall 1986, a new Ph.D. program in nursing science. The purpose of the program is to prepare nurse researchers who will be employed predominantly as faculty in schools of nursing. The proposal is designed in response to the well-documented unmet need and demand for doctoral nurses. Graduates of the program will be in high demand for the foreseeable future.

The Committees on Health and Medical Education and Academic Affairs recommend that this proposal be approved for implementation in fall 1987 with the following understandings:

(a) This shall be the sole doctoral nursing program offered in the State.

(b) At such time as Clemson and the Medical University demonstrate readiness to participate, cooperative arrangements shall be developed as necessary and desirable to include the following:

(1) Access to clinical resources at each University for doctoral nursing students and faculty.

(2) Offering of unique specialty (not core) courses by faculty from each of the three institutions with approval of the USC graduate nursing faculty. Course offerings are not to be duplicated in each of the institutions.

(3) Access to selected courses on other campuses through state of the art educational technology.

(4) Arrangements for faculty from Clemson and MUSC to participate in student research advisement.

(c) The question of readiness for each of the Universities to participate will be determined by the Commission as part of the review of existing degree programs.

(d) Given that \$669,371 has been approved by the federal government for implementation of this program, the University does not expect to seek "unique cost" funding unless the federal support for the first three years is somehow jeopardized.

It was moved (Smyth), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendations of the Committees be adopted.

VI. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Support Services Facility, Midlands Technical College. Midlands Technical College requests authorization to construct a facility to house the support services of Finance, Development, and Public Relations. The project will be financed with local funds. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Smyth), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Computer System Site Preparation, The Citadel. The Citadel requests authorization to use \$250,000 of appropriated State funds to renovate a portion of Bond Hall to be used to house the new computer system currently on order. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Acquisition of Trident Technical College Property, The Citadel. The Citadel requests authorization to purchase a 13-acre site adjacent to the campus currently owned by Trident Technical College, to be funded with \$2 million in gifts. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Consideration of Proposed Residence Hall Complex, USC-Coastal Carolina. USC-Coastal Carolina requests authorization to construct a six-building, 426-bed residence complex on campus. The facility will be financed with revenue bonds, to be paid by student housing fees. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (D. Smith), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. Consideration of Funding for Walterboro Facility, USC-Salkehatchie. Three years ago, the legislature amended the statute that created the Western Carolina Commission on Higher Education to include Colleton County. Prior to that time, the Western Carolina Commission consisted of Hampton, Allendale, Barnwell, and Bamberg Counties. With the inclusion of Colleton, the Western Carolina Commission accepted the old Walterboro high school for use by USC-Salkehatchie. Even though the Commission on Higher Education had no jurisdiction over the Western Carolina Commission's acceptance of the facility, it recommended that no State funds be provided for operation and maintenance of the building.

While the Committee on Facilities is cognizant of the 1985-86 and proposed 1986-87 funding of maintenance support of the Walterboro facility, and understands that the Appropriation Formula would produce \$57,000 for this purpose, instead of more than \$100,000 as proposed in the General Assembly for 1986-87, the Committee recommends (1) that the facility not be recognized as part of the campus of USC-Salkehatchie, and (2) that the facility not be funded. Mr. Graham noted that the Committee does not wish to establish a precedent that would allow any area Commission to acquire real property without prior appropriate approval. It was moved (Graham), seconded (Utsey), and voted that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

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

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

Ratification of Adoption of Final Comprehensive Report. At its meeting on April 3, draft copies of a final comprehensive report to the Office for Civil Rights were distributed to the Commission. The Commission approved the recommendation of the Committee to review the report and vote by mail ballot before April 8. Mr. M. Smith reported that the document was adopted by 15 affirmative votes. Two ballots were not returned and one member abstained. The Committee recommends that the adoption be ratified. It was moved (M. Smith), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

IX. Consideration of Re-licensure of Institutions to Operate in or Grant Degrees in South Carolina

a. Nova University (Fort Lauderdale, Florida). Dr. Boozer reported that on January 12, 1984, Nova University (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) was granted a two-year provisional license to operate in South Carolina, following

examination in 1983 of its Ed.D. program for Educational Leaders in Myrtle Beach. The 1983 licensing team found that Nova had made significant progress by fully meeting five of the seven 1981 recommendations, and substantially meeting a sixth dealing with criteria for admission into the South Carolina clusters of the Nova program. The final recommendation was "that Nova should demonstrate through its financial statements that it has achieved financial stability." The team found that Nova had continued to operate with a considerable annual deficit and, for that reason, recommended that it be granted another two-year provisional license with a further recommendation that "if the deficit problem is solved within the two-year period, . . . a regular five-year license be granted."

On January 24, 1986, a licensing team met with representatives of Nova University in Greenwood. The team found that Nova was no longer operating with an annual deficit. The conclusion of the team was that Nova has made progress since the 1983 report. The President of Nova University agreed to follow the suggestions and recommendations contained in the report of the 1986 licensing team.

Dr. Boozer recommended that, based on the recommendations of the licensing team and the response from Nova University, and with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, Nova University's license be renewed for a five-year period, subject to annual submission of an independent audit and a report on progress in meeting the recommendations of the 1986 licensing team related to admissions and library usage.

b. Southern Methodist College (Orangeburg). On April 5, 1984, Southern Methodist College (Orangeburg) was granted a provisional (two-year) license to operate at the baccalaureate degree level in South Carolina, following a visit on January 11, 1984, by an examination team. The team concluded that "in most of the areas reviewed, Southern Methodist College met the minimum

standards for licensing." The team's major concern was for the declining enrollment and the two years of unbalanced budgets with a strong possibility of future deficits.

On March 12, 1986, two members of the previous team and one new member returned for a renewal visit. The team concluded that in most areas reviewed, the institution met the minimum standards required for provisional licensing. The team expressed concern that the visit came at a time when the college by its own determinate action was moving from a general purpose institution to a Bible college. The team recommended that Southern Methodist College be licensed provisionally for a two-year period during which time the intended transition from a general purpose institution to a Bible College is to be completed and appropriately reported to the Commission on Higher Education.

Dr. Boozer recommends, with the endorsement of the Executive Committee, that Southern Methodist College be granted a provisional two-year license, subject to submission of six-month progress reports and a staff reexamination at the conclusion of the first year; and that the institution be notified that this license is granted with the understanding that Southern Methodist College will complete its transition to a Bible College within the two-year period. It was moved (M. Smith), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The Commission indicated that, assuming there is no major change in circumstances, it will not renew the license for Southern Methodist College to operate as a general purpose institution in 1988 when the current license expires.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett
Gaylon Syrett
Recording Secretary