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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

January 7, 1971
10:30 a. m. - 12:15 p. m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. John H. Lumpkin
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. J. Edwin Schachte, Jr.
Mr. I. P. Stanback
Mr. Robert M. Vance
Mr. E. Craig Wall
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. Alan S. Krech

I. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 1970, Meeting

It was moved (Furman) and seconded (Holliday) that the minutes of the December 3, 1970, meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

II. Budget Cuts for Colleges and Universities

Dr. Morris reported that the final cut of the college and university budgets, as requested by the Budget and Control Board, amounted to five and one-half percent of the 1970-71 appropriations. It was noted that the outlook for a favorable increase in the budgets for 1971-72 was not good. Because of this, it was suggested that an increase in tuition and fees might be necessitated but this is a decision that individual Boards of Trustees will have to make.

III. Report on Planning Committees - Mr. Krech

Mr. Krech summarized progress in planning and emphasized that a major effort was being made to activate and encourage all of the long range planning committees, Charleston consortium committees and medical education committees. Summaries on the status of long range planning committees and Charleston

consortium committees can be found in Exhibit A - "One Liners" and Exhibit B - "Consortium Quickies".

It was reported by Mr. Krech that three of the four medical education subject matter committees had met and progress was being made in that area. The committee to study ways to retain physicians in the state and rural areas, Chaired by Dr. Milton Westphal of the Medical University, will soon be making recommendations. In conclusion Mr. Krech emphasized that the Commission is dependent on the expertise of the members of the various committees who represent specialized areas and must continually encourage all of the the committees to progress toward the accomplishment of their goals.

IV. Report on Facilities - Mr. Michael

Mr. Michael reported that Dr. Morris and Mr. P. C. Smith, State Auditor, had reached an agreement on procedures for processing capital improvement requests from the colleges and universities. Under this agreement all requests will initially come to the Commission to be reviewed by the Commission staff and presented to the Commission for approval, with recommendations to the Budget and Control Board. The instructions will include a format for institutions to request capital improvements and also a submission schedule. These requests will be submitted in July and should get to the Budget and Control Board in the early fall. The annual submissions which will be in two parts will include a detailed description of those capital improvements which are to be funded during the ensuing fiscal year and also a forecast of capital improvements for the following four years. This will provide an up-dated five year plan each year. Mr. Michael stated that the ten year long range goals which were submitted by each institution indicate a significant amount of capital improvements are going to be required. These studies will be examined in detail by the long range Facilities Planning Committee as a basis for the report of this committee which will be submitted later in the year.

V. Aiken Situation - Location of Aiken Branch of University of South Carolina and Aiken Technical Education Center

It was reported by Dr. Morris that plans were underway for construction of a new campus for the Aiken Branch of the University of South Carolina and also for the establishment of a technical education center in Aiken, both campuses to be located several miles apart. Governor West felt the two campuses should be located adjacent to each other to eliminate duplication of effort as much as possible and to use joint facilities where feasible. It was felt that co-location would be advantageous from an economic standpoint as well as the student standpoint. The

Commission was requested to look into the situation.

Dr. Morris talked with representatives of the Aiken County Higher Education Commission and representatives of the Technical Education Board in Aiken. At a meeting of these two groups and the Aiken County legislative delegation Dr. Morris pointed out the advantages of locating the campuses in close proximity. There was general disagreement with this point of view.

In general discussion on the Aiken situation it was agreed by the Commission on Higher Education that the Governor's stand on co-locating these two institutions was economically and educationally sound. A motion was made by Mr. Walsh and seconded by Colonel Holliday that the Commission on Higher Education enthusiastically endorse in principle co-location of the Aiken Branch of the University of South Carolina and the technical education center to be established in Aiken for purposes of coordination, and that the Commission supports the efforts of the Governor and the Commission staff in pursuing this objective. Passed unanimously.

VI. Council of Presidents Meeting with Commission

It was agreed that the Council of Presidents will be invited to meet with the Commission on Higher Education at the Commission's regular meeting on Thursday, March 4. Governor West will be invited to attend the meeting.

VII. New Programs

Medical University

M. S. in Biometry - Approved if federal funds are available to support the program, and that a Ph. D. in Biometry not be proposed for the next two or three years.

B. S. in Allied Health Sciences with specialties in Physical Therapy and Dental Hygiene - Approved

University of South Carolina

Ph. D. in Foundations of Education - Approved with the restraint that the program be approved as of July 1, 1971, and enrollment be limited to 15 students initially.

South Carolina State College

B. A. in Speech and Drama - Approved.

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Secretary