

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
February 7, 1991
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallagher
Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Kinon
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Dr. Harry W. Miley, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roger E. Henderson

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Dr. Jeff Bartkovich
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Mr. Alan Krech
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Jeff Richards
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Dr. Leonard Sternbach
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer

GUESTS

Dr. Robert Alexander
Mr. Les Boles
Dr. Betsy Brown
Ms. Peggy Deane
Dr. Robert W. Denton
Dr. Conrad Festa
Mr. Ian Ford
Ms. Ann Hagens
Mr. Earle Holley
Dr. Edward R. Jackson
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Dr. Harry Lightsey
Col. Calvin G. Lyons
Dr. David Maxwell
Mr. J. P. McKee
Dr. George M. Reeves
Ms. Elaine Reimels
Mr. David Rinker
Dr. Olin Sansbury
Mr. Mool Shekhawat
Dr. Richard Skinner
Dr. Carolyn McIver Smith
Mr. Marshall Swanson
Mr. Myron Terry
Mr. W. E. Troublefield
Mr. Floyd Tyler
Mr. Don Tyner
Dr. Edwin Wilde
Mr. Marion Woodbury

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Bill Robinson

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Election of Members to Joint Board for Health and Medical Education

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Jones), and voted that Dr. Ramage and Dr. Louis D. Wright (former member of the Commission) be elected to the Joint Board for Health and Medical Education for 1991. It was moved (Ramage), seconded (Tolbert), and voted that Dr. Askins be named as alternate.

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 7, 1991

It was moved (Day), seconded (Jones), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of January 7, 1991, be approved as written.

III. Activity Report on Nurse Recruitment Policy Council

Ms. Peggy Deane, Vice President for Nursing Services at Anderson Memorial Hospital and Chair of the Policy Council for the S. C. Nurse Recruitment and Retention Resource Center, stated that the Center was opened in February, 1989, to recruit individuals into the nursing profession in South Carolina, to retain nurses already active in the field, and to enhance the image of nursing as a career option. She noted that great strides have been made toward meeting these goals.

Ms. Elaine Reimels, Director of the Center, stated that the legislature approved three years of start-up funding for the Center, with the funds decreasing each year until the Center is self-sustaining. A fund-raising campaign has been initiated to gain private financial support for the Center's basic operations.

IV. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Mr. Jones, Chairman of the Committee on Business and Finance, reported on the following matters:

- A. Alternate Method for Allocating Formula Dollars. Mr. Jones stated that concern has been expressed by the business officers regarding the impact the low level of formula funding projected for FY 91-92 would have on educational and general operations. Because of this concern, the Committee considered alternative methods of distributing formula dollars. The Council of Presidents considered the various options for distributing the 1991-92 allocation to higher education and recommended to the Commission Option 4, which allocates funds by the formula after each institution receives its FY 90-91 base. The Committee recommended that Option 4 be used to allocate the 1991-92 appropriations to higher education.

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

In order to apply Option 4, it was necessary to define the base. The Committee recommended method 1, which defines the base as the actual 1990-91 appropriation (including nonrecurring funds) to the institutions adjusted for annualized pay raises and fringe benefits.

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

B. Consideration of Statement on Higher Education Financing for 1991-92 (with Executive Committee)

The Committee on Business and Finance and the Executive Committee recommend that the proposed Statement of the Commission on Higher Education for Institutional Funding for Fiscal Year 1991-92 be adopted.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Day), and voted that the recommendation of the committees be adopted. The statement is attached as Exhibit A.

V. External Affairs

Dr. Poch, Assistant to the Commissioner for External Affairs, reported on the following matters:

A. Report on Conference on Current and Future Collaborative Educational Ventures in South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Education and the Commission jointly sponsored a conference on collaboration between institutions of higher education and school districts on January 16 in Columbia. The purpose of the conference was 1) to create a greater awareness of the importance of and the necessity for increased cooperation and interaction among all levels of education in South Carolina; 2) to highlight several successful existing national and local higher education/K-12 collaboratives; and 3) to gain input and insight from leaders regarding ways to promote greater collaboration among all levels of education in the state.

B. Report on Conference on Enhancing the Quality of Teaching in Colleges and Universities

The national conference on Enhancing the Quality of Teaching in Colleges and Universities was held in Charleston, S.C., on February 1-3. This conference was co-sponsored by the University of South Carolina and the Commission and brought together scholars, researchers, policy makers, university administrators, and teaching faculty to engage in an interdisciplinary examination of various dimensions of teaching, with particular emphasis on undergraduate instruction.

C. Report on the Sixth Annual Conference on the Development and Implementation of Successful Programs for Increasing Minority Access and Equity in Colleges and Universities

This conference will be held February 14-15 in Greenville. The theme of the conference is "Diversity in the Campus Climate and the Curriculum."

D. Twelfth Annual Meeting of the S. C. Black Students Association

This conference will be held March 1-2 in Columbia. The purpose of the conference is to encourage black students to attend professional and graduate schools.

VII. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported on the following matters:

A. The Commission is exempt again from reporting to the Human Affairs Commission because of the Commission's diverse work force. It is one of eleven such agencies.

B. The Advisory Council of Private College Presidents will meet with the Commission on March 7.

C. The SHEEO/SREB Regional Meeting for Board Members will be held in Lexington, KY, April 14-16. This invitational conference is for members of governing and coordinating boards in the southeastern states.

Mr. Whitener stated that the Executive Committee met with the chairmen of the boards of trustees of public colleges and universities on January 23. He reported that the members of the boards of trustees are interested in meeting with the full Commission in the near future to discuss matters of mutual interest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary