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MINUTES OF MEETING
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SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Commission on Higher Education met on Thursday, May 1, 1969, in the Conference Room on the fourth floor of the Rutledge Building. Commission members present were Messrs. Cauthen, Coker, Grier, Holliday, Osborne, Russell, Schachte, Vance, Wall, Walsh, and Dr. Morris.

Mr. Vance called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Since there were no corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 3, 1969, meeting, they were approved as written.

Chairman Vance asked Dr. Morris for a report on the Commission's activities for the previous month. Dr. Morris reported that he had asked the college and university presidents to let the Commission know what policy had been established concerning prior approval of new programs by each institution's governing board. In general, most schools do not require approval of the board of trustees for programs which do not involve new degrees, although there were some variations.

Dr. Morris announced that Clemson had a memorandum of understanding with South Carolina State College concerning the phasing out of the agricultural program at South Carolina State College. A recommendation in this connection had been sent to the Governor's office and an announcement would be coming from the Governor on this.

As a matter of information Dr. Morris told the Commission that he had discussed the student group SSOC with Dr. Gordon Blackwell, President of Furman University. Dr. Blackwell said that Furman did have a chapter of SSOC on campus, and of the new left groups this group seemed to be relatively reasonable.

Dr. Morris announced that he had met with President Theodore Stern of the College of Charleston, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the College and a member of the Charleston delegation to discuss the future of the College of Charleston. Last fall it was President Stern's feeling that the College of Charleston could serve and meet the needs of Charleston. It seems more likely now that they can continue to struggle along and make it as a small institution, but they cannot meet the true needs of the area with the resources available. President Stern has submitted a letter of intent stating that the College would like to be acquired by the State and would like the endorsement of the Commission on Higher Education in this connection.

In general discussion following, Dr. Morris explained the idea of a consortium type arrangement in the Charleston area made up of a new public college, The Citadel and the Medical College. With the consortium idea

there could be an exchange of faculty, with students moving back and forth for selected courses, resulting in a wide range of courses at less expense. Mr. Cauthen commented that such an arrangement would have to have the mutual agreement of all colleges involved. In this connection, Colonel Holliday stated that The Citadel would cooperate with the College of Charleston and the Medical College in any way that would further the use of their physical facilities as long as it did not interfere with the Cadet Corps as The Citadel definitely did not want to lose its identity as the military college of South Carolina. Mr. Schachte agreed with Dr. Morris that the idea of a consortium for the Charleston area was an excellent one and thought it could achieve what is needed in that area. Mr. Cauthen asked if the Palmer College offer should be given consideration again and would it be appropriate to consider it in connection with the Charleston situation. Dr. Morris replied that the Palmer College offer should continue to be considered but it should be realized that Palmer is a private college with separate and distinct problems and should be treated as a separate decision.

In conclusion, Dr. Morris said he would like to see the Commission taking an active role in recommending to the Legislature what should be done about higher education in the Charleston area because without some guidance it was possible for a bill to be passed providing for a structure for Charleston which might not be what was actually needed.

Mr. Schachte made a motion that the Commission on Higher Education approve the consortium principle and that Dr. Morris be authorized to continue negotiating with the College of Charleston or any other institution involved until something concrete could be offered. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cauthen and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schachte commented that it was highly important for Dr. Morris to get the word to the Governor so that he would know the Commission approved the decision of the College of Charleston to be acquired by the State if possible.

Dr. Morris presented to the Commission a draft of his proposed statement for the public hearing on the bill for the separation of the branches from the universities and the establishment of a four year college in Florence. Dr. Morris requested that the Commission members review the statement and give him any comments they might have.

Dr. Morris announced that he had met with Mr. Earl Ellis, State Personnel Director, to form a committee from the two universities to study the possibility of ETV courses on management for State employees. As a matter of information it was reported that Dr. Edwards had been approached by the Technical Education people about providing a degree program for Technical Education students who have finished two years in a TEC center. Dr. Edwards is not in favor of this at this time.

Requests from the colleges and universities for new program approvals was the next item on the agenda. Approval was granted for the

following University of South Carolina programs:

Institutional Administration - A two year program to be taught only
in the Midlands Branch

Master of Arts in Teaching

Master of Arts in Teaching Art Education

Teaching English to Special Groups - A new field in present MA program.
Mr. Cauthen suggested that the
feasibility of putting this on ETV be
considered.

The Commission has been requested by the University of South Carolina to approve the closing of the Graduate Center in Charleston. The Graduate Center had never really gotten off the ground, and the University has made arrangements with The Citadel to phase in some of the students there and the others would be taken care of in Columbia. The motion was made by Mr. Osborne that the Center be discontinued. Mr. Schachte seconded and it was unanimously adopted.

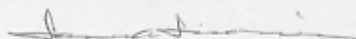
Winthrop again requested approval of a Speech Pathology program. The Commission had approved the program previously providing a request for a federal grant was approved. The federal grant was not approved and Winthrop was again requesting approval of the program for the summer of 1970. A motion to approve the program was made, seconded and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Schachte requested that a discussion on an easy way of withdrawing from the South Carolina Association of School Boards, Inc., be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Mr. Jennings was invited to the meeting and gave a very informative talk on the status of the data and planning system.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris