

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

May 7, 1970
10:30 a. m. - 12:45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Mr. Oswald Lightsey
Mr. Rutledge L. Osborne
Mr. Robert Russell
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. Robert M. Vance
Mr. E. Craig Wall

Dr. James A. Morris

- I. It was moved (Osborne) and seconded (Grier) that the minutes of the April 2, 1970, meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.
- II. Report of Dr. Morris
 1. Summary of legislative action pertaining to higher education:
 - a. A bill was passed creating a committee to study the problems of private colleges in the state. The Commission will be doing the staff work for this committee.
 - b. A bill was passed to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina to permit the purchase of supplies by independent colleges through state purchasing contracts.
 - c. A bill was passed to provide tuition grants to students attending independent institutions of higher learning with the grants being awarded by a committee consisting of eight members chosen by non-public institutions, one ex officio member named by the House Education Committee and one by the Senate Education Committee.
 - d. A bill was passed to transfer the College of Charleston to the state on July 1, 1970, with the Commission acting as a liaison during the interim period. Only \$300,000 was appropriated for the college for 1970-71 which will result in the tuition not being reduced to the state college level at least for another year.

A subsequent bill was passed authorizing the Commission to approve the College of Charleston's applications to HEW and HUD for federal loan funds to construct buildings until the state officially takes over on July 1, 1970.

On Dr. Morris' recommendation it was moved (Russell) and seconded (Grier) that the Commission authorize the College of Charleston to proceed with the application for federal funds for a library, and to sign such applications for funds as may be necessary. Passed unanimously.

- e. A bill was passed to allow the colleges and universities to borrow approximately \$40,000,000 on capital improvement bonds to permit continuation of the building programs.
 - f. A bill to bring the Higher Education Facilities Commission under the Commission on Higher Education rather than the Budget and Control Board was killed in a Senate committee.
 - g. A bill to make Winthrop coeducational was not passed.
 - h. Funds normally appropriated directly to the Regional Education Board under a miscellaneous appropriation now appear as part of the Commission on Higher Education's budget and will come under the Commission on July 1, 1970.
2. Coastal Carolina - A feasibility study of higher education needs in Horry County was made by Dr. Charles Smith who concluded that the population in that area was not great enough at this time to warrant a four year college. Dr. Smith recommended that Coastal Carolina work on an enlarged summer program, and also work closely with TEC in meeting the two year college needs in Georgetown.

A committee from Horry County met with Dr. Morris to determine what projects would be undertaken with the \$50,000 in the Commission's budget for the development of Coastal Carolina. It was decided that essentially the funds would be spent to develop programs since physical facilities are provided by the local community.

3. Greenville Area - Dr. Morris met in Greenville with the higher education committee of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce along with Dr. Edwards from Clemson, Dean Pulley from Furman and Mr. Martin from TEC to discuss higher education in that area. It was decided that Dr. Charles Smith would be asked to make a survey of long range needs of higher education in the Greenville area.

4. Charleston Consortium - A meeting of the consortium policy committee was held and reports of the sub-committees were approved. It was decided that three other sub-committees on library, administration cooperation, and faculty-student exchange would be appointed.
5. Coker Resolution - It was moved (Grier) and seconded (Wall) that the draft Coker Resolution be accepted and that Chairman Vance and Dr. Morris would have it suitably made up for presentation. Passed unanimously.
6. By-Laws - It was moved (Russell) and seconded (Grier) that the by-laws of the Commission as revised be approved. Passed unanimously.
7. Francis Marion College President's Home - It was moved (Wall) and seconded (Furman) that the Commission request the Budget and Control Board to divert funds from the capital improvement authorization for Francis Marion College to purchase, equip and renovate as necessary a home for the President. This home will be sold when a permanent president's home is built on the campus. Passed unanimously.

III. New Programs

Winthrop

Interdisciplinary B.S. degree in Textiles - Approved with the suggestion that it be given another name and that students be requested to take some technical courses in Textiles at Clemson.

Clemson

Master of Agriculture Degree - Approved for fields in which the M.S. or Ph.D. degrees are now given.

Master of Engineering Degree - Approved for the fields in which the M.S. or Ph.D. degrees in Engineering are now given.

Mastery of Forestry Degree - Approved.

Master of Fine Arts Degree in Visual Studies - Delayed for further detailed analysis of need and cost.

Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Textile and Polymer Science - Delayed for further evaluation with the intention that in any event the program not be initiated until 1971-72.

Medical University

Ph. D. in Biometry - Delayed until a further study is made.

TEC Programs

Inhalation Therapy at Greenville TEC - Approved

Surgical Technology at Spartanburg County TEC - Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



James A. Morris