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MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

February 4, 1971
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Alester G. Furman, III
Mr. William H. Grier
Colonel J. M. J. Holliday
Mr. T. Eston Marchant
Dr. Harrison Peebles
Mr. James A. Rogers
Mr. Robert M. Vance, Chairman
Mr. E. Craig Wall
Mr. T. Emmet Walsh

Dr. James A. Morris
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. James R. Michael

I. Approval of Minutes of January 7, 1971, Meeting

It was moved (Wall) and seconded (Holliday) that the minutes of the January 7, 1971, meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

II. Locations of Aiken Branch of University of South Carolina and Aiken TEC

A committee was appointed by the Governor to study and make recommendations on locations in Aiken of a new campus for the Regional Branch of the University of South Carolina and the Technical Education Center. The committee, which included Mr. Jack David from the Governor's office, Dr. William H. Patterson, Mr. Stanley Smith, Mr. Bonner Manly and Dr. Morris, met in Aiken with representatives of the Aiken County Commission on Higher Education and the Aiken County Technical Education Committee. It became clear that it would be almost impossible at this late stage to get both institutions to agree on one location. Also, the general feeling of the people in Aiken was one of satisfaction with the present plans to locate separately. For these reasons, the fact finding committee recommended to Governor West that the two institutions be permitted to continue their plans to build five miles apart even though there are cost savings, and more importantly program

advantages, in co-location, and that the two institutions attempt to get together as much as possible on joint programs.

III. Financial Aid to Students - Dr. Kinard

South Carolina Defense Scholarship Fund - This fund provides matching money in the ratio of one dollar from the state for every nine dollars from the federal government for low-cost student loans, made directly by the public institutions to students. Last year this required an investment of about \$100,000 in state funds. For fiscal year 1971-72, the Commission has requested \$150,000 for this program. After surveying the eight universities and colleges in the state it was found that their requests for federal funds, if approved at the federal level, would require approximately \$180,000 matching state funds. It is felt now that the requested \$150,000 will be sufficient, but that less would endanger operation of the program.

Guaranteed Student Loan Program - This program is one in which the state has entered into a contractual agreement with the United Student Aid Funds, Inc., a non-profit agency, which guarantees loans made by commercial lenders to students against death or default on the part of the borrower. This year the state was able to deposit as guarantee reserves only \$50,000 which created an additional lending capacity of \$500,000 under the agreement with United Student Aid Funds. The Commission has requested \$200,000 for fiscal year 1971-72 to replenish the guarantee reserve capacity, creating an additional lending capacity of two million dollars. The South Carolina Bankers Association is looking into the Guaranteed Student Loan Program and may make recommendations for changes but this will take some months to implement even if acted upon favorably.

A letter has been sent to the Budget and Control Board explaining the necessity of appropriating the requested funds for these programs.

IV. Meeting with Council of Presidents

The Council of Presidents will meet with the Commission at the Commission's regular meeting on Thursday, March 4. The Governor has been invited to attend the meeting. Topics to be discussed will include the Carnegie Foundation reports on higher education.

V. Capital Budget Requests for Francis Marion College and the College of Charleston

A motion was made (Marchant) and seconded (Grier) that the Commission staff be authorized to work with the Budget and Control Board and the Legislature in obtaining an addendum

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to the capital budget request of last year which would allow Francis Marion College an additional bonding indebtedness of 3.85 million dollars for capital improvements and the College of Charleston, which was not included last year, a bonding indebtedness of 5.785 million dollars. The motion was passed. Mr. Walsh was opposed. Mr. Wall refrained from voting.

VI. Carnegie Reports

The Carnegie Foundation has appointed committees to look into all areas of higher education and has issued a series of reports on various aspects of higher education. In 1972 the Foundation will produce a master report with all of the recommendations from the task force reports. The Commission receives these reports and has them available for anyone's use. Some of the reports will be discussed at the meeting on March 4 with the Council of Presidents.

VII. Schachte Resolution

A motion was made (Grier) and seconded (Walsh) that an appropriate resolution be prepared in recognition of Mr. Schachte's service on the Commission. Passed unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

Lander College - A special legislative committee has been set up to study the possibility of Lander College being acquired by the state. Senator Drummond who is heading this activity has asked to be heard by the Commission and will let the Commission know when he can attend a meeting.

Financing Junior Colleges in the State - Senator Stevens of Spartanburg who is concerned about the system for financing junior colleges or regional branches in the state has requested that the Commission furnish some factual studies on financing of junior colleges in other states. The Commission will provide these facts as requested without any editorializing on the part of the Commission.

Greenville Higher Education - At the request of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce a study was made of the Greenville higher education situation to determine what was needed at the two year college level. The recommendation which came out of the study was for the creation of a community college with two branches - a technical or occupational branch and a junior college branch - under a president with two deans. The institution will presumably report to the Commission on Higher Education.

Oconee Community College - A president has been appointed

and plans are underway to develop the Oconee Community College, which will probably make an appeal for state funds.

IX. New Programs

University of South Carolina

Master of Fine Arts - Approved

Master of Music - Approved

Undergraduate Program in Religious Studies - Approved

Undergraduate Program in Afro-American Studies - Approved

The Citadel

BA in Psychology - Approved

AB in Mathematics - Approved

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