

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
October 8, 1987

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairperson  
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.  
Mr. George L. Brighttharp  
Mr. Walter E. Brooker  
Mr. Tom Moore Craig  
Dr. Willa J. DeWitt  
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.  
Mrs. Reba A. Kinon  
Dr. Alba M. Lewis  
Mr. Vernon McGuire  
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.  
Mr. William J. Whitener  
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Roger E. Henderson  
Mr. Marvin C. Jones  
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.  
Ms. Mim R. Williams

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich  
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.  
Ms. Sandra Carr  
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas  
Dr. Frank E. Kinard  
Mr. Alan S. Krech  
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf  
Dr. Gail M. Morrison  
Dr. James A. Paschal  
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen  
Mr. John E. Smalls  
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach  
Dr. John C. Sutusky  
Ms. Gaylon Syrett  
Ms. Julia E. Wells

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sid Gaulden  
Ms. Jane Goodwin  
Mr. Scott Johnson  
Ms. Jenny Munro  
Ms. Mary Pearson  
Ms. Susan Simmons

GUESTS

Dr. Robert E. Alexander  
Mr. J. C. Anderson  
Mr. Luther Battiste  
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski  
Ms. Chris Bruggman  
Mr. Heyward Douglas  
Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin  
Ms. Jane Ferguson  
Mr. N. Casey Frederick  
Dr. Robert Gilliland  
Ms. Jane Goodwin  
Mr. Pete Gustavson  
Mr. Claybon Harris  
Dr. H. M. Holderfield  
Dr. Edward Jackson  
Dr. Larry A. Jackson  
Dr. C. Edward Kaylor  
Mr. David Larson  
Dr. Max Lennon  
Ms. Lynette Lown  
Dr. Carolyn McIver  
Mr. J. Lacy McLean  
Dr. Michael McLeod  
Dr. W. David Maxwell  
Mr. Russell Mellette  
Mr. Russell Munn  
Mr. Tony Nolan  
Dr. Terry Peterson  
Dr. Dennis Pruitt  
Mr. William T. Putnam  
Dr. James H. Rex  
Mr. David P. Rinker  
Mr. James Salley  
Ms. Kay Sanders  
Ms. Sonny Sanders  
Dr. Olin Sansbury  
Dr. Albert E. Smith  
Dr. Michael Smith  
Mr. William E. Troublefield  
Dr. Edwin F. Wilde

Mrs. Taylor read a letter from Mrs. M. Williams stating that she would not be able to attend the meeting today because she would be en route to Europe; however, she expressed support of the Executive Committee's recommendation concerning The Cutting Edge and requested that her comments be noted in the minutes of the meeting.

I. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of August 24-25 and August 31, 1987

It was moved (DeWitt), seconded (Whitener), and voted that the minutes of the August 24-25, 1987, meeting be adopted as written.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the minutes of the August 31, 1987, meeting be adopted as written.

II. Report of Executive Committee

Consideration of Recommendations on The Cutting Edge

Mrs. Taylor reported that the Executive Committee met on October 1, 1987, to review The Cutting Edge with revisions recommended by the staff. A number of representatives from the institutions attended and their comments were received and considered. She noted that the Executive Committee recommends two substantive changes from the last copy reviewed by the Commission: in items 1 and 2 under B. Revision of Appointment Criteria (p. 36) two appointments would be made from each of the six congressional districts with six at-large appointments. The Executive Committee recommends approval of The Cutting Edge as revised.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Section I (Excellence For Students) be adopted.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Section II (Excellence in Instruction and Educational Services) be adopted.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Section III (Excellence in Research for Economic Development) be adopted.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Section IV (Improving Accountability Through Planning and Assessment) be adopted.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Brightharp), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Section V (Enhancing the Effectiveness of the Commission on Higher Education) be adopted.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee concerning Section VI (The Financial Investment for Excellence) be adopted.

It was moved (Whitener), seconded (R. Williams), and voted that The Cutting Edge be adopted.

Mrs. Taylor commended members of the Commission, the staff, representatives of the institutions, and the public for their efforts thus far in working toward implementation of The Cutting Edge.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs

In the absence of Mr. Turner, chairperson of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Dr. Kinard reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Statement on Allowable Exceptions for 1988 Admission Prerequisites. In adopting its original recommendations in 1983 on high school courses which must be completed by all applicants for admission to baccalaureate programs, beginning in 1988, the Commission, on the advice of its Advisory Committee on Academic Programs, did not specify conditions under which exceptions to the policy would be permissible.

The matter was addressed by the the Advisory Committee on September 25. The Advisory Committee unanimously adopted a statement on exceptions which in turn was adopted by the Committee on Academic Affairs on September 28 via a telephone poll. The Committee recommends that the statement be adopted as follows:

"Each institution may make exceptions in admitting students who do not meet all of these prerequisites, limited to those individual cases in which the failure to meet one or more prerequisites is due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student."

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

IV. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Brightharp, chairperson of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

a. Consideration of Lease, Clemson University. Clemson University requests approval to lease 7,766 square feet of space form University Square Mall Associates in Clemson at a cost of \$46,596 per year, with a modest increases in the second and third years. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Kinson), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

b. Consideration of Renovation of the Viral Free Animal Surgical Facility, MUSC. The Medical University of South Carolina requests authorization to renovate a facility to house special high technology equipment for a Viral Free Animal Surgical Facility. It will be a "50/50" matching grant project recently awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (McGuire), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

c. Consideration of Renovation of Shaw Property, Greenville Technical College. Greenville Technical College requests authorization to design and renovate the Shaw property/building that was recently purchased to be used for curriculum and occupational upgrading, at a cost of \$2,250,000, to be financed with local funds. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

d. Consideration of Property Acquisition (665 Meeting Street), The Citadel. The Citadel requests authorization to take title to a tract of property known as the former South Carolina Electric and Gas Company property at 665 Meeting Street in Charleston, valued at \$450,000. The Citadel plans to offer the property for sale to the highest bidder with the proceeds deposited to The Citadel's General Mark W. Clark Campaign for "The Citadel Tomorrow." The Citadel does not anticipate any cost associated with the property other than any costs of sales. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

e. Consideration of Property Acquisition (Apron Island), The Citadel. The Citadel requests authorization to take title to a tract of property known as Apron Island, valued at \$265,000, to be used for biology department field trips in support of laboratory classes. The college does not plan any capital improvements on the island and does not foresee any added operational costs in its use. The Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

f. Consideration of Overall Permanent Improvement Plans for the Public Colleges and Universities, including the Technical Colleges. Mr. Brightharp expressed appreciation to Commission and staff members who made site visits to 33 campuses during the months of July and August.

(1) Projects Recommended for Deferral (Capital Improvement Bonds). Mr. Brightharp requested that another member of the Committee present the recommendation. Mr. Craig reported that the Committee recommends approval. It was moved (Craig) and seconded (Utsey) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The motion was amended (Brightharp), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that USC-Aiken's project (Education Business Building - \$9,500,000) be moved from the deferred to the active list. The motion was further amended (Brightharp) seconded (Brooker), and voted that South Carolina State College's project (Arts and Science Building) be moved from the deferred to the active list. A substitute motion was made (Utsey), seconded (DeWitt), and voted that the project be returned to the Commission for review before construction begins.

It was moved (Whitener) and seconded (DeWitt) that USC-Sumter's project (Library Expansion) be moved from the deferred list to the approved list. The motion was disapproved.

It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Craig), and voted that the deferred list as amended be adopted. South Carolina State College's and USC-Aiken's projects will be numbered 61 and 62, respectively.

(2) Projects Recommended for Deferral (Projects Not Impacting State Treasury). The Committee recommends that Clemson University's project (Lake Front Housing Development - Phase I) be recommended for deferral. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (McGuire), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(3) Projects Not Recommended. Three projects are not recommended by the Committee: Central Computer Acquisition, College of Charleston; Training Equipment, SBTCE; and On-line Library Catalog, Winthrop College. The Committee based its recommendation on the fact that equipment and related purchases should not be financed with Capital Improvement Bonds. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Lewis), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(4) Projects Recommended for Approval, Planning and Design Only. These project requests are for major construction activities in the discussion stage and the Committee recommends approval for planning and design only. The institutions must request Commission approval prior to construction of the facilities and the approval of the projects will have no impact on the capital budget of the State. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (McGuire), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(5) Projects Recommended for Approval to be Funded from Athletic, Excess Debt Service, Other, Renovated Bonds, and State Appropriated Formula Funds. The Committee recommends approval of these projects to be supported from other funds. Approval will have no impact upon the capital budget of the State. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (R. Williams), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(6) Projects Recommended for Approval to be Funded from Local Funds. The Committee recommends approval of these projects to be implemented with local government funds. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Whitener), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(7) Projects Recommended for Approval to be Funded from Maintenance and Renovation Account Funds. The Committee recommends approval of these projects to be funded from maintenance and renovation account funds. It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Kinon), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

(8) Projects to be Recommended to the General Assembly. Mr. Brightharp requested that another member of the Committee present the recommendation. Sixty-two projects totaling \$152,988,899 and ranked in priority order, as amended above, were recommended by the Committee for funding. It was moved (Craig) and seconded (Utsey) that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted. The motion was amended (Brightharp) and seconded (Lewis) to provide that priority 20, Lander College (Renovation of Old Main Building) be moved to the deferred list and that special consideration be given to the historical nature of the building. A substitute motion was made (Utsey), seconded (McGuire), and voted that Clemson's project (Engineering Innovation Center) be placed at priority 20 and that Lander's project be placed at priority 29.

It was moved (Brightharp) seconded (Lewis), and voted that priority 10 (USC-Salkehatchie's Library Computer Building) be placed at priority 20 and that priority 20 (Clemson's Engineering Center) be moved to priority 10. The motion was disapproved.

It was moved (Brightharp) and seconded (Lewis) that priority 18 (USC-Spartanburg's Campus Life Center) be moved to priority 62 and that all other projects be moved up accordingly. The motion was disapproved.

It was moved (DeWitt) and seconded (Brightharp) that priority 10 (USC-Sälkehatchie's Library Computer Building) and priority 19 (USC-Coastal's Business Administration Building) be reversed. A substitute motion was made (Kinon) and seconded (DeWitt) that priority 10 be moved to 18, that 19 be moved to 10, and that 18 be moved to 19. The substitute motion was disapproved. The motion to reverse 10 and 19 was disapproved.

It was moved (DeWitt) and seconded (Brightharp) that priority 18 and priority 19 be reversed. The motion was disapproved.

It was moved (Brightharp) and seconded (Lewis) that priorities 18 and 21 (Sumter Technical College's Building 600 Renovation) be reversed. The motion was disapproved.

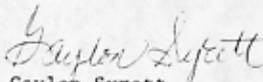
The motion to approve the recommendation of the Committee, as amended, was approved. The lists of projects as amended are attached as Exhibit A.

V. Report of the Commissioner

Higher Education Conference. Mr. Sheheen reported that Dr. Frank Newman, president of the Education Commission of the States, has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the Commission's conference on November 4 to announce The Cutting Edge. Education, business, and civic leaders from around the State will be invited to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gaylon Syrett  
Recording Secretary