

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
September 5, 1991
10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Henry D. McMaster
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Mr. Harry W. Miley, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Sr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Ms. Saundra E. Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Mr. Douglas I. Holleman
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Dr. Harry G. Matthews
Ms. Lynn W. Metcalf
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Dr. Marilyn M. Scannell
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia E. Wells

GUESTS

Ms. Barbara Anderson
Ms. Melanie Barton
Mr. Dan Byers
Dr. Jimmy E. Cook
Ms. Susan DeWitt
Ms. Katherine Fanning
Mr. Stan Godshall
Dr. Barbara Gottesman
Dr. Sally Horner
Ms. Beverly Howard
Dr. James L. Hudgins
Ms. Terri Jenkins
Dr. Vermelle Johnson
Mr. Carl Jordan
Mr. Jim Kizer
Ms. Janet Land
Dr. Albert M. Lyles
Ms. Marcella Martin
Dr. David Maxwell
Dr. Anne McNutt
Dr. Peter T. Mitchell
Dr. Daniel C. Pantaleo
Mr. Roger Patterson
Dr. Terry Peterson
Dr. Blanche Premo-Hopkins
Dr. Lester W. Reed, Jr.
Dr. George M. Reeves
Mr. Charles Shawver
Mr. Sterling Smith

MEMBER 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. Report on the Goodlad Grant Awarded to the South Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership

Dr. Barbara Gottesman, director of the South Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership, coordinates the Goodlad/Education Commission of the States (ECS) National Network for Educational Renewal. This project, one of eight nationally, centers on the premise that real advances in education will take place only if the State works to transform both teacher preparation programs and public schools simultaneously.

The project will promote closer cooperation between teacher education programs and the K-12 public schools through such efforts as revising the teacher education curriculum to align more closely with classroom needs, arranging internships for teacher candidates in public schools, and promoting exchange programs between college and K-12 faculty. Benedict College, Columbia College, Furman University, USC-Columbia, and Winthrop College are the higher education institutions involved initially.

Dr. Askins asked if this project is overlapping with the Tech Prep or Curriculum Frameworks initiatives. Dr. Gottesman answered that this project collaborates with but does not overlap these other initiatives because it is focused specifically on teacher training, while the Tech Prep and Curriculum Frameworks are focused on curriculum development.

In connection with the Goodlad project and the discussion about its relationship to other public school education projects, Mr. Sheheen informed the Commission that coordination efforts were already underway among a variety of K-12 science and mathematics education initiatives. The Commission staff has formulated a coordinating mechanism, with the approval of the State Superintendent of Education, and it will soon be implemented. The attached memorandum (Exhibit A) from Dr. Marilyn Scannell to Mr. Sheheen reflects the proposal.

II. Report of Committee on Business and Finance - Consideration of Commission's 1992-93 Budget

Mr. Jones, chairman of the Business and Finance Committee, reported on the following matter:

The Budget and Control Board has requested all agencies to limit their request for budget increases to 5% of the current year's appropriation. The Commission's 1991-92 appropriation from the General Fund of the State, prior to the 3% reduction, is \$3.8 million. This amount includes an operating budget of \$1.6 million and "flow-thru" funds of \$2.2 million. In addition to the General Fund appropriation, the Commission has fiscal oversight over an additional \$3.25 million. The Commission budget request for FY 1992-93 is attached as Exhibit B.

The Committee recommended that the Hilton Head Higher Education

Consortium not be listed among the operating expenses, but that it be listed as a separate line item and grouped with the other "flow-thru" fund programs. The Committee also recommended that the \$25,000 included in contractual services to be used for the purchase of additional hardware and continual upgrade of the CHE Management Information System through IPP note proceeds be taken out of contractual services and included in the amount requested for IPP note proceeds. The Committee recommended that the budget request for 1992-93 be approved as revised.

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

III. Report of Committee on Facilities

Ms. Kinon, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matters:

A. Proposed Acquisition, Greenville Technical College

Greenville Technical College is proposing to purchase a .23 acre tract of land located on the north side of Skyview Drive, adjacent to the Greenville Higher Education Consortium building. The property is to be purchased from the First Investment Trust Co., Inc. for \$35,000 in local funds. The lot is paved and will be used to provide additional parking.

An appraisal and environmental study have been reviewed by the Division of General Services staff and found adequate to support the proposed acquisition.

The Committee recommended the acquisition provided the purchase price does not exceed the market value established in the appraisal.

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

B. Northeast Campus Land Acquisition, Midlands Technical College

Midlands Technical College is requesting approval to acquire 149.74 acres of land located in the northeast section of Richland County, through the Midlands Technical College Commission, for future use as an additional campus. The cost to acquire the land would consist of \$80,000 in professional service fees to support the \$2,919,930 purchase price, for a total project cost of \$2,999,930. These costs will be funded with a commercial bank loan as well as an inter-fund loan at the College, both of which will be repaid using student tuition fees allocated for capital projects.

Midlands Technical College has recently completed a thorough and exhaustive planning process to determine the need for and eventual location of a fourth campus. The College's assessment of the need for space in the coming decade is based, in part, on a headcount enrollment growth of 58% in credit students during the past six years. The College predicts that by the year 2000 enrollment will reach approximately 13,000 credit and 22,000 continuing education students. If this forecast enrollment

materializes, it cannot be accommodated on existing campuses.

Mr. Gallagher stated that his primary concern is that with the current funding crisis in our State, he believes this is an inappropriate time to consider a major expansion such as a branch campus. He also is concerned about what programs will be offered at this site. Dr. Sutusky stated that the College is to initiate a study during the coming year to assess programmatic demands at this site, as well as the existing campuses, to determine the programs and facilities that will be required. Dr. Sutusky added that future requests to begin development of this campus will be evaluated in light of the State's financial condition at the time, the reality of the College's enrollment growth forecasts, and utilization of existing campuses.

The Committee recommended approval of the acquisition of this land by Midlands Technical College provided that the College provide the Commission, by December 31, 1992, a copy of the study to be performed outlining plans for the development of this site as a regional campus. The study must include programmatic and facilities implications at all four Midlands locations which may be used by the Commission in evaluating future requests.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Ramage), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

C. Land Acquisition, Technical College of the Lowcountry

The Technical College of the Lowcountry is seeking to purchase 3.46 acres of land which exist as the last undeveloped land contiguous to the campus. This property would allow the College an additional, more appealing site for the new Allied Health Building, recommended for capital improvement bond funding and awaiting final passage of the bond bill. This tract will cost the College \$400,000 plus an additional \$3,875 in professional services for a total of \$403,875. The College is to fund this acquisition with locally obtained commercial loans repaid with local sources.

The Committee recommended that the requested land acquisition be approved as proposed.

It was moved (Kinon), seconded (Gallagher), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

D. Proposed Sale, Byrnes House, USC-Columbia

The University proposes to dispose of the James F. Byrnes house located at 12 Heathwood Circle in Columbia. An appraisal has placed the market value of the property at \$345,000. Proceeds from the sale will be dedicated to the endowment of a James F. and Maude B. Byrnes chair in the fields of government, international studies or law.

The sale has been proposed because of the limited use that can be made of the property, the inability to rent the property given user restrictions and preservation requirements, and the overall desirability of returning the property to its primary use as residential. Sale of the property must be in accord with

established State policy.

The Committee recommended the sale as proposed provided the proceeds from the sale be used to establish the endowed chair.

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

IV. Summary of State Plan for Higher Education and Discussion

Mr. Krech reported that final editorial corrections and changes of the State plan have been completed. A summary of the plan has been developed for wide distribution.

The report is for information only.

V. Report of the Commissioner

A. Budget Adjustments, Current Fiscal Year

Mr. Sheheen reported that the Budget and Control Board mandated a 1% budget reduction and a freeze on 2% more of the budget for 1991-92. Some of the major things the Commission has done are postponing a few activities, cutting the staff travel approximately in half, and preparing a plan to divide the cost of the Management Information System. He stated that there would be no changes in the present Commission staff.

B. Higher Education Summit

Mr. Sheheen stated that the Higher Education Summit, which is sponsored by the Commission, the Council of College Presidents, the Office of the Governor, and a group of South Carolina Business leaders will be held on November 5-6 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia. There will be four major themes: 1) improving student achievement; 2) educational partnerships for higher education; 3) economic development/quality of life; and 4) improving quality and accountability.

VI. Other Business

Discussion of Prepaid Tuition Legislation

Mr. Gallagher stated that there is a bill in the Legislature to establish the South Carolina Prepaid Postsecondary Education Expense Program. He noted that a number of states have created a prepaid tuition program, but the bill in the Legislature is modeled after the Florida program. This is intended to be a strategy to assist in meeting future costs of higher education, but the risks of encouraging college attendance through a prepaid tuition program must be thoroughly assessed.

It was moved (Gallagher), seconded (Jones), and voted that the Commission staff study the prepaid tuition bill, take a position on this program, and submit the Commission position to the appropriate committee of the Legislature. Mr. Sheheen stated that the study would be done and presented to the Commission at the meeting in November.

Access and Equity Conference

Mr. Tolbert reminded the Commission that the 7th annual Access and Equity Conference is tentatively scheduled for February 13-14. He stated that more information on the Conference would be shared with the Commission in October.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet K. Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary