

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

January 4, 1979
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Arthur M. Swanson, Chairman
Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr.
Mr. Arthur J. H. Clement, Jr.
Dr. B. J. Cooper
Mrs. Jennie C. Dreher
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Roosevelt Gilliam, Jr.
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Gen. Hugh P. Harris
Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr.
Mr. J. Clyde Shirley
Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr.
Mrs. Margaret E. Wells
Mr. Robert P. Wilkins
Dr. Robert F. Williams
Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Ms. Ann Green
Ms. Warren McInnis

GUESTS

Mr. G. William Dudley, Jr.
Miss Charlene McCants
Dr. James R. Morris, Jr.
Dr. Donna Pretty
Mr. James Shanahan
Dr. Robert H. White
Mr. John E. Wise

STAFF

Miss Debra Baker
Dr. Howard R. Boozer
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Mrs. Clara W. Evans
Dr. George P. Fulton
Mr. William C. Jennings
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Mr. Cannon R. Mayes
Mr. James R. Michael
Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr.
Mr. Joseph A. Syiek
Mrs. Caylon Syrett
Mrs. Judi R. Tillman

I. Approval of Minutes of December 7, 1978, Commission Meeting

Mr. Clement requested that future memoranda and other materials prepared by the staff for the Commission be briefer and more concisely written when possible. It was moved (Clement) and seconded (Gilliam) that the minutes of the December 7, 1978, Commission meeting be approved as written. The motion was adopted.

II. Election of Officers

Chairman. Mr. Swanson and Mr. Wilkins were nominated for Chairman by Gen. Harris and Dr. Bostic, respectively. It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Clement) and voted that the nominations be closed. Mr. Swanson was reelected Chairman by a vote of eight to seven.

Vice Chairman. Dr. Bostic and Mr. Shirley were nominated for Vice Chairman by Dr. Wright and Mrs. Wells, respectively. Dr. Bostic was elected Vice Chairman.

III. Licensing of Institutions to Award Degrees

Dr. Boozer reported that Act 201 of 1977 (Licensing of Non-public Educational Institutions to Confer Degrees) provides that "the commission shall be the sole authority for licensing nonpublic educational institutions established in this

State and for those established elsewhere to operate in or confer degrees in this State." Since passage of the Act, the Commission has developed and implemented Regulations containing minimum standards and procedures for licensure. The Greenville County Museum School of Art, and Stephens College (Columbia, Missouri), have applied for licensure and have been visited by a team of examiners to assure that minimum standards are being met. The staff recommended that, in accordance with the provisions of Act 210 of 1977 and of Section 62-16 of the approved Regulations, the two institutions be granted the licenses listed below to award degrees at the levels indicated, effective immediately:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Type of License</u>	<u>Degree Level</u>
Greenville County Museum School of Art	Regular	Associate
Stephens College	Regular	Associate, Baccalaureate

It was moved (Bostic) and seconded (Rogers) that the recommendation concerning the Greenville County Museum School of Art be approved. The motion was adopted. It was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Callager) that the recommendation concerning Stephens College be approved. The motion was adopted.

IV. Consideration of Commission's Five-year Plan

Mr. Michael stated that the Commission's Five-year Plan is scheduled to be submitted to the Division of State Planning by January 15. He noted that the Five-year Plan includes the budget for 1978-79, the recommended budget for 1979-80 as approved by the Budget and Control Board and submitted to the General Assembly, and budget projections for each of the next four years. Most of the cost increases over the period of the plan result from the application of cost factors set by the Budget and Control Board. He stated that in the Commission's 1979-80 budget request, additional funds for operating expenses and for three additional staff members were requested but were not approved by the Budget and Control Board.

Dr. Wright stated that in his view the justification for additional funds requested in the Five-year Plan is understated and could be strengthened. Mr. Michael noted that the Five-year Plan is a planning document, and that it will be necessary to justify in the Commission's appropriation request any proposed increases. Dr. Wright suggested that the Plan be submitted to the appropriate standing committee before action is taken by the full Commission. After further discussion, Gen. Harris stated that a committee system should facilitate rather than impede the progress of the work of the Commission. It was moved (Harris) and seconded (Clement) that the staff recommendations concerning the Five-year Plan be approved. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Dreher) that the Commission consider as the next item on the agenda the Roles and Functions of the Standing Committees. The motion was adopted.

V. Consideration of Roles and Functions of Standing Committees

It was moved (Clement) and seconded (Rogers) that the "Role and Functions of the Committee on Academic Programs" (Exhibit 'A) be approved as drafted. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Bostic) that the "Role and Functions of the Committee on Business and Finance" be approved as drafted. Mr. Swanson suggested that the statement be revised to clarify ambiguities and conflicts with other standing committees. After further discussion, it was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Wilkins) that the draft be referred to the Executive Committee for revision. The motion was adopted. [When the Commission recessed for lunch, the Executive Committee met for the purpose of revising the "Roles and Functions of the Committee on Business and Finance."] In the afternoon session copies of the revised document (Exhibit B) were distributed to Commission members. It was moved (Gallager) and seconded (Rogers) that the revised version be approved. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Clement) that the "Role and Functions of the Committee on Facilities" (Exhibit C) be approved as drafted. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Clement) that the "Role and Functions of the Committee on Legislative Relations" (Exhibit D) be approved as drafted. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Wilkins) and seconded (Rogers) that the "Role and Functions of the Committee on Public Information" (Exhibit E) be approved as drafted. The motion was adopted.

It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Gilliam) that the "Role and Functions of the Committee on Health and Medical Education" (Exhibit F) be approved as drafted. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Wright suggested that the "Rules and Procedures" of the Commission specify the interrelations among standing committees and with the Commission. It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Gilliam) that such a statement concerning the roles and functions of the standing committees be added to the Commission's Rules and Procedures. The motion was adopted.

Dr. Boozer noted that the three members originally appointed to the Legislative Relations Committee were Mrs. Dreher, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Timmerman, with one vacancy to be filled by the 18th member of the Commission when that appointment is made. At its meeting on November 9, 1978, the Commission discussed the question of the date of its regular monthly meetings, and requested that Dr. Boozer notify Mr. Timmerman of the Commission's decision that the date not be changed. Dr. Boozer reported that Mr. Timmerman had responded that it would not be possible for him to resolve the conflict of another regularly scheduled meeting on the first Thursday of each month, and therefore had submitted his resignation from the Commission. Mr. Swanson requested that Mr. Graham, Gen. Harris, and Dr. Williams serve as additional members of the Legislative Relations Committee. The revised listing is attached as Exhibit G.

VI. Report of Facilities Committee

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee made the following recommendations on capital improvement requests:

The Citadel

Renovate Running Track - \$56,000 (to be paid from current operating funds). The Committee recommended that the project be approved. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Gallager) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.

Medical University of South Carolina

1. Neurochemical Research Lab, 3rd Floor Research Building - \$80,000 (to be funded with Federal Capitation funds). The Committee recommended that the project be approved. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Gallager) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.
2. Central Energy Plant, Feasibility Study - \$200,000 (to be paid from Plant Improvement Debt Service Cash Reserve). This was the initial phase of a project covering a total central energy facility that could serve The Citadel and Trident TEC at a cost of \$20,200,000 from Capital Improvement Bonds. The Commission deferred the project at its November 9, 1978, meeting and so reported to the Budget and Control Board. The Committee recommended that consideration of the project by the Commission be deferred until the master plan is available. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Gallager) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. The motion was adopted.
3. Deferred Renovation and Repairs - \$1,000,000 (to be funded from State Institution Bonds). This project covers 10 sub-projects, including four renovation/modernization, two energy conservation, and four safety. The Committee recommended that consideration of the project by the Commission be deferred until the master plan is available. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Graham) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. A substitute motion was made (Dreher) that the project be approved. The substitute motion was not seconded. The motion that the project be deferred was adopted. Mr. Clement requested that the record show that he opposed because of procedure.

University of South Carolina

Mr. Taylor reported that on December 21, 1978, the Budget and Control Board provisionally approved an application for federal funds submitted by the University of South Carolina to purchase the Wade Hampton Hotel, with the stipulation that the application be presented to the Commission on Higher Education (and to several other agencies) before transmittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In July, 1978, the Board approved the University's leasing of the Wade Hampton for one year for student housing while investigating the possibility of purchasing the building. It was noted that the Commission has not previously considered the matter, which arose in late July, 1978, when the Commission was in a period of transition.

President Holderman contacted Dr. Boozer in mid-afternoon on December 21 to seek assistance in expediting the Commission's review. Dr. Holderman noted that the banks which hold the mortgages on the building were pressing for a decision from USC by January 1, as other buyers were interested. He was advised, however, that the matter could not be presented to the Commission until January 4.

The purchase of the Wade Hampton will be funded by a \$3,000,000 HUD loan of 40 years at 3 percent interest which will be paid with housing revenues. The price includes the structure which houses 550 students and the land including a paved parking lot with 160 spaces. It was noted that USC plans to seek a buyer of the facility after a period of three to five years when enrollments are expected to stabilize.

The Committee recommended approval. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Wright) that the recommendation of the Committee be approved. Mr. Rogers and Dr. Williams stated that because they have financial interests in one or more parties to the transaction they would abstain from voting. The motion was adopted.

VII. Report of Committee on Health and Medical Education

Dr. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Health and Medical Education, reported that at its initial meeting on December 27 the Committee endorsed two statements entitled, "A Proposed Procedure for Planning in Health and Medical Education" (Exhibit H) and "The Role of the Health Education Authority in the Coordination of Planning for Health Education" (Exhibit I). He noted that the Committee also discussed the Bill under consideration for expansion of the Dean's Committee on Medical Doctor Education, as related to the Commission on Higher Education and the Commission's mandate for program review, budget recommendations, and planning for medical and health education. The Committee proposed that a Task Force on Medical Doctor Education be created relative to the Commission's planning activities in health and medical education. Mr. Swanson noted (1) that he had appointed Dr. Wright to represent the Commission on the Dean's Committee on Medical Doctor Education; and (2) that he had appointed Mr. Gilliam as chairman of the Health Education Authority.

It was moved (Wright) and seconded (Williams) that the two statements endorsed by the Committee, as stated above, be approved. The motion was adopted.

VIII. Report of Task Force on Goals

Mr. Wilkins reported that the Task Force on Goals had developed, for the Commission's consideration, a draft "Statement of Goals" for postsecondary education in South Carolina. The Task Force recommended that the statement be approved, subject to any modifications that may be appropriate as the master plan is completed. He noted that because many of the matters under consideration by the planning task forces relate to goals, an approved statement of goals might be of assistance to other task forces in their planning efforts.

Mr. Rogers suggested, and it was agreed, that the "goal to improve quality in postsecondary education" be amended by the addition of the following statement: "Since a high proportion of state dollars are spent for postsecondary education there is a trust between the taxpayers and the providers of postsecondary education." It was moved (Wilkins) and seconded (Clement) that the "Statement of Goals," as amended by Mr. Rogers, be approved by the Commission as the tentative statement of goals for postsecondary education for the master plan. The motion was adopted. The statement, as adopted, is attached as Exhibit J.

IX. Reports on Other Task Forces

Mr. Clement reported that the Task Force on Academic Programs has created three sub-committees, which will meet during the next few days. The chairmen of the sub-committees are scheduled to meet on January 24. The Task Force anticipates completion of its report following its next meeting in February.

Mr. Swanson stated that all of the Task Forces have held one or more meetings and continue to work toward their deadline for submission of reports by April 2, 1979.

X. Other Business

Public Hearings. Dr. Boozer stated that the Commission has discussed the desirability of having a general procedure with which to approach the public hearings scheduled to be held in each Congressional District. A staff member has been assigned to work with the Commission members in each District. Suggested procedures about matters that might need to be addressed were distributed to

Commission members. Dr. Boozer suggested that there be some discussion of the proper roles of Commission members and the staff relative to the public hearings.

Dr. Williams stated that in his view the role of the Commission is to listen to the opinions of the general public. He suggested that an appropriate response to direct factual questions might be to take names and addresses and advise that the the information requested will be provided as soon as possible.

Mr. Wilkins stated that if Commission members allow the tone of a hearing to be turned into a debate there will not be an opportunity to hear the views of the people who should be heard. He suggested that the Commission member presiding specify that the purpose of the meeting is for the Commission to hear the views of the people.

Mrs. Dreher suggested that a one-page hand-out be made available at each hearing, and that it include the names and telephone numbers of Commission members and a summary statement of Act 410.

Dr. Boozer stated that staff members have been assigned to provide assistance and support to the Commission in preparing for the public hearings.

Commission Sponsorship of Programs. Dr. Boozer stated that in the past the Commission has sponsored, with other agencies, conferences on nutrition, nursing education and nursing practice, and others. A Conference on Respiratory Fitness in the Elderly is scheduled to be held on April 10 and 11 under the aegis of the Commission on Aging, the South Carolina Lung Association, and the Commission on Higher Education. He noted that he and Mr. Clement have been invited to be on the program at that conference. He requested that the Commission endorse the conference and the co-sponsorship of it by the Commission. It was moved (Rogers) and seconded (Cooper) and voted that the conference and the co-sponsorship of it by the Commission be approved.

Dr. Boozer suggested that the Commission adopt the policy that approval by the Commission be obtained prior to commitment of Commission sponsorship of any program. It was so moved (Rogers) and seconded (Clement). The motion was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett
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Recording Secretary

[Note: At the February 1, 1979, meeting of the Commission the January 4 minutes were amended to note the accreditation of Morris College, in December, 1978, by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.]