

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

August 7, 1986
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mrs. Nelle H. Taylor, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Walter E. Brooker
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. John P. Faris
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert E. Graham
Mr. Marvin L. Jones
Dr. Alba M. Lewis
Mr. Vernon McGuire
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Mr. Robert L. Utsey, Jr.
Mr. William J. Whitener
Dr. Robert F. Williams

MEMBER ABSENT

Dr. Willa J. DeWitt
Mr. B. P. Gordon III
Mr. Mortimer F. Smith

STAFF

Dr. Jeffrey Bartkovich
Mr. Charles A. Brooks, Jr.
Ms. Sandra E. Carr
Dr. Jeanette A. Deas
Dr. Frank E. Kinard
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. James A. Paschal
Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Gaylon Syrett

GUESTS

Dr. Chester W. Bain, Jr.
Ms. Ann Baker
Dr. John R. Carpenter
Dr. Robert W. Denton
Dr. Pat Graham
Dr. Ose F. Henderson
Dr. John W. Kenelly, Jr.
Dr. Judy Lehr
Ms. Lynette D. Lown
Dr. John K. Luedeman
Dr. Larry E. Nates
Dr. Martha K. Piper
Mr. David P. Rinker
Dr. Lucille E. Skaggs
Dr. Michael Smith
Dr. Thomas C. Stanton

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Sid Gaulden
Mr. Scott Johnson
Ms. Kristine Kuehn
Mr. Mike Lane
Ms. Maureen Shurr

I. Introduction of New Members

Mrs. Taylor introduced the following members recently appointed to the Commission: Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr. (Marion), Mr. Walter E. Brooker (Denmark), Mr. John P. Faris (Laurens), Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr. (Fort Mill), Mr. Marvin C. Jones (Walterboro), and Mr. Vernon McGuire (Varnville).

II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 10, 1986

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 1986, be approved as written.

III. Report of Committee on Academic Affairs.

On behalf of the Committee on Academic Affairs, Mrs. Taylor reported on the following matter:

a. Consideration of Awards of "Centers of Excellence" Grants for 1986-87. The Education Improvement Act of 1984 authorizes the Commission to make grants to institutions to establish "centers of excellence" in programs to train teachers. The program is funded through annual appropriations in support of the EIA. For 1984-85, \$150,000 was appropriated for this purpose; for 1985-86, \$350,000; and for 1986-87, \$400,000.

Guidelines for the centers of excellence program for 1986-87 were approved by the Commission on May 1, 1986. A total of 11 proposals were submitted, requesting funding totaling \$1,103,011.

At a meeting on June 26, the Committee on Academic Affairs heard presentations by institutional representatives on each of the 11 proposals and considered the recommendations of the review panel. The Committee's recommendations approved at that meeting were considered at the July 10 meeting of the Commission and remanded to the Committee.

The Committee reconvened in a special meeting on July 24, with representatives of all proposing institutions present, to reconsider the 11 proposals. The Committee recommends that the following proposals be approved with funding in the amounts shown:

Earth Science Education, USC-Columbia	\$ 74,759
Elementary School Science, USC-Spartanburg	101,600
Math and Advanced Placement, Clemson University	182,230
Teachers of Low Achieving Students, Furman University	41,411

Mrs. Taylor noted that the Committee found merit in each of the other seven proposed projects which are not recommended. It was moved (Taylor) and seconded (Lewis) that the recommendations of the Committee be adopted.

Dr. Williams expressed the opinion that projects funded for fiscal year 1985-86 should be continued and should take precedence over new projects. A substitute motion was made (Williams) and seconded (Smith) that the proposal from USC-Columbia (Earth Science Education) be eliminated, that the \$74,759 be added to the \$41,411 recommended for Furman's proposal, and that the resulting \$133,360 be divided between Furman and Winthrop to fund their projects (Teachers of Low Achieving Students and Early Childhood Education, respectively) at \$58,085 each. The substitute motion was disapproved by eight negative and six affirmative votes. The motion to approve the recommendations of the Committee was adopted by ten affirmative and two negative votes.

IV. Report of Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan

On behalf of the Committee on Implementation of the State Higher Education Desegregation Plan, Mr. Smith reported that the Committee met on July 22 and considered funding requests from institutions for three Desegregation

Plan grant programs: (1) Other Race Grants Program, \$200,000; (2) Student Retention Grants Program, \$400,000; and (3) Graduate Incentive Fellowship Program, \$500,000. The Committee approved staff recommended allocations to individual institutions in all three programs.

V. Report of Committee on Facilities

Mr. Graham, chairman of the Committee on Facilities, reported on the following matter:

Consideration of Lease Request, USC-Columbia. USC-Columbia requests authorization to lease 12,500 square feet of the former Southern Bell building at 900 Assembly Street, Columbia, for a total cost of \$112,500. Use of the space would allow consolidation of programs presently housed in three other facilities. Source of funding would be Institutional Funds; however, USC would request unique funding for the facility for 1987-88. The Committee recommends approval.

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

VI. Consideration of Commission's 1987-88 Budget Request. Mr. Brooks reported that the Commission's 1987-88 budget request is due to be submitted to the Budget and Control Board on August 15, 1986. As in the past, the request is for increases only and does not include the current operating budget. Mr. Brooks recommended the following increases:

1. Administration	\$ 7,372
2. Undergraduate Grants	100,000
3. SREB Contracts for Services	67,550
4. SREB Tuition Aid Contract	73,500
5. SREB Small Grants Program	5,000
6. S.C. Defense Scholarship Fund	150,000
	<u>\$374,672</u>

It was moved (Lewis), seconded (Craig), and voted that recommendation 1 be adopted.

It was moved (Craig), seconded (Williams), and voted that recommendation 2 be adopted.

It was moved (Turner), seconded (Lewis), and voted that recommendation 3 be adopted.

It was moved (Faris), seconded (Utsey), and voted that recommendation 4 be adopted.

It was moved (Williams), seconded (Lewis), and voted that recommendation 5 be adopted.

It was moved (Smith), seconded (Turner), and voted that recommendation 6 be adopted.

VII. Report of the Interim Executive Director

Mr. Brooks reported on the following matters:

a. Schedule for Meetings, September through November. Mr. Brooks reported that a number of meetings have been scheduled in September, October, and November. On August 25 and 26 the presidents of the colleges and universities and the Executive Director of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education will make their appropriation requests for 1987-88 to the Commission. On August 27 the Committee on Business and Finance will consider the requests and develop recommendations for Commission consideration on September 4 and presentation to the Budget and Control Board on September 16.

The Commission is scheduled to meet with the Council of Presidents on October 2. On November 6 the Commission will meet on the campus of USC-Spartanburg. Later in November sessions will be held to review the reports of the task forces considering the recommendations in the AVA report.

b. Publications. Mr. Brooks noted that members of the Commission had been provided copies of two publications: "Meeting Future Challenges in Vocational Education: Recommendations for Action," published by the State Council on Vocational and Technical Education; and "Transforming the State Role in Undergraduate Education," published by the Education Commission of the States. He recommended that the Commission study these reports and ask the task forces to address those issues not addressed by the AVA study.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaylon Syrett

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Recording Secretary