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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina July 16, 1973

*1 Re: No. 336—Universities and Colleges

Mr. Phillip M. Grier University Counsel University of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Grier:

The appropriations Act for the 1973-1974 fiscal year provides in Section 24A thereof that the Coastal Carolina Regional Campus of the University of South Carolina shall receive the sum of \$1,850,603. Of that amount, \$1,256,203 is for the expansion of the Regional Campus and the remainder is for general operating expenses. Heretofore, the appropriation for the Coastal Carolina Regional Campus has been included in the appropriation for the University of South Carolina in the item entitled, 'Regional Campuses and Associate Degrees.' See, e.g. 57 STAT. Act No. 1555, Section 16 at 2877 (1972), and 57 STAT. Act No. 410, Section 15 st 587 (1971). You have requested that we advise you as to whether or not the amount appropriated for coastal Carolina Regional Campus is to come directly to the University of South Carolina for disbursement to Coastal Carolina.

Section 24A does not contain any language from which it can reasonably be concluded that the amount appropriated for Coastal Carolina is to go directly to that campus. Absent a provision of that nature, it is the opinion of this office that, in accordance with previous practice regarding the appropriation for the various regional campuses, the funds appropriated for Coastal Carolina are to be submitted to the University of South Carolina for disbursement to Coastal Carolina in the amount specified by Section 24A.

You should note, we might add, that the amount designated in Section 24A for Coastal Carolina constitutes the entire appropriation for that campus. It is not entitled to receive from the University any portion of those funds appropriated for Regional Campuses in Section 16. As we construe Section 16 and Section 24A, therefore, it was the intention of the General Assembly merely to specify the amount of the appropriation for regional campuses which Coastal Carolina was to receive for the fiscal year 1973-1974 and not leave the determination of that amount to the University.

Sincerely,

C. Tolbert Goolsby, Jr. Deputy Attorney General

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