

PROGRESS REPORT ON PLANNING STUDIES

1. Goals. The staff has drafted a paper including results of the survey of a sample of the State population to determine citizen views on appropriate goals. On January 17 the draft was transmitted to the members of the Council of Public College and University Presidents, the Advisory Council of Private College Presidents, and several key officials for review and comment, as a preliminary to submitting the paper to the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission.
2. Institutional Missions. The staff has prepared a tentative draft of a position paper on institutional missions and is engaged in a review of this paper prior to circulation externally for review and comment.
3. Enrollment Projections. The staff has drafted a report projecting enrollments in the State by major sector through 1985. On February 1 the report was transmitted to the two Councils and key officials for review and comment.
4. Academic Programs. The inventory of all degree and diploma programs, first published in 1976, has been updated and computerized. The 1976-77 edition is being proofed in preparation for printing in February. The Annual report of degrees awarded, by institution and program, is also being computerized for the 1975-76 edition in order to facilitate detailed comparison with the inventory of programs.
5. Library Study. The consultant team submitted its report in December, 1976. The report is now being prepared for printing and should be available for distribution in March.
6. Student Financial Aid. The statewide Advisory Committee on Student Financial Aid has completed its work and it is expected that the Committee's final report will be submitted in February.
7. Student Transfers. The statewide Committee on Student Transfers is preparing a publication containing a codification of current policies of senior institutions on transfers, and an analysis of actual inter-institutional transfers in Fall, 1976. The Committee expects this publication to be available in April.
8. Admissions. A statewide Advisory Committee on Freshman Admissions has been appointed and will hold its first meeting in March.
9. Community Colleges. The statewide Advisory Committee on Community Colleges will, at its next meeting, consider final reports to it from two of its subcommittees which have completed studies on "Access to Two-Year Education" and on "Financing of Two-Year Education."
10. Computerized Space Inventory and Space Utilization Planning. This study is designed to: (1) develop and implement procedures for collecting space inventory data statewide and consolidating it in the MIS system, providing square footage by year and construction, ownership, condition, and room use; and (2) to expand present reporting on utilization of classroom and class laboratories to provide data on utilization of other space and land at all postsecondary institutions.

The first draft of a manual which provides procedures for collecting and submitting the required space inventory and utilization data has been developed and reviewed by involved CHE staff members. The manual is now being revised to incorporate staff recommendations. The manual will then be sent to institutional representatives for their review and comments, and then revised as required. The procedures developed are scheduled to be implemented in the Fall of 1977.

A proposal to expand CHE Report No. 201, "Utilization of Classrooms and Class Laboratories" to include evening utilization, utilization by size of classrooms, and utilization by academic discipline and student level is under consideration by the MIS Working Committee.

11. Health Affairs: Nursing Education. The agreement for cooperation known as the Joint Statement between the State Board of Nursing and the Commission on Higher Education has been rewritten with emphasis on the respective responsibilities and functions of each organization in the review of proposals for new programs in nursing. The mission of the Statewide Masterplanning Committee for Nursing Education, reporting to the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Nursing, has been refocused from primarily program review to long-range planning with the formation of Task Forces on various facets of nursing. The relationship between nursing and the other health professions is studied with reference to long-range planning by the Task Force on Health Care Team Relationships reporting to the Health Education Authority.

12. Health Affairs: Medical Education. The Assistant Director for Health Affairs represents the Commission on the Dean's Committee for Medical Doctor Education in planning for coordinative and cooperative approaches in the education and training of future physicians for the State. The Committee is presently reviewing a planning document prepared by the Commission staff on "Procedures for Supplementation of Basic Salaries of Full-Time Clinical Faculty Members Engaged in Private Practice of Health Professions as an Adjunct to University Teaching". This planning document will then be considered by the Health Education Authority and the Commission on Higher Education.

13. Health Affairs: Publications. The staff is collaborating with representatives of the Department of Education, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and the Division of Research and Statistical Services to publish the second edition of the Health Careers Directory by September, 1977. The Directory is a compilation of health educational programs in the State and is designed for use as a reference manual by high school seniors and other individuals interested in pursuing a health career. Plans are to expand the second edition to include information on internship and residency programs available in the State. In addition, the health affairs staff is participating with the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program in the development of a directory of faculty members affiliated with allied health programs and information on continuing education programs offered on a regular, recurring basis in the allied health professions. The target date for publishing the allied health directory is May, 1977.

14.. Computerization of Management Information System. The manually-operated management information system became operative in the public senior colleges and universities in 1970. The computerization of this information system began in February, 1974. This three-phase computerization project consists of:

1. Data Element Dictionary - A standard set of data elements and definitions for use by all public institutions was completed in July, 1974. This includes all data elements that relate to students, courses, faculty/staff, finance, and facilities.

2. Institutional Reporting System - Computer programs that will assist an institution in the preparation of their CHE and HEGIS reports were completed in mid-1976 and are being tested with USC's data base. These programs will be available for all other institutions to use, as they complete their data bases.

The Costing and Data Management Systems computer software developed by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems has now been implemented on the computers at Clemson and USC. Both of these institutions have tested the software with 1975-76 data and are now in the process of collecting 1976-77 data in order to compute program costs in the Fall of 1977. Winthrop College and three TEC Centers (Beaufort, Midlands and Piedmont) are also making plans to compute program costs for 1976-77.

3. State-Level Reporting System. Computer programming to build and maintain the Commission's state-level data base is currently under way. Testing of the data base will be completed in June 1977. We expect to be able to collect, store and analyze data concerning all of postsecondary education in South Carolina beginning with 1977-78.

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