



South Carolina Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, July 7, 1983

LICENSURE RENEWAL
OF COLLEGES TO
AWARD DEGREES

Four accredited non-public colleges were granted renewal of regular (five-year) licenses to award degrees in South Carolina: Baptist College at Charleston (Associate, Bachelor's, and Master's Degrees); Columbia Junior College of Business (Associate); Nielsen Electronics Institute, Charleston (Associate); and Rutledge College of Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, and Spartanburg (Associate).

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
INITIATIVES

The Commission considered a study of initiatives to assist the institutions in enhancing the quality of their programs. Activities discussed included (1) reviewing academic programs on a regular basis, for improvement or possible termination; (2) raising admission standards; (3) providing State funds for endowed chairs; (4) standardized testing of students; (5) measuring performance on a point system, with rewards; and (6) providing competitive grants. The Commission voted to request additional State funding of \$2 million for fiscal year 1984-85 for the purpose of providing a system of competitive grants for public institutions. The proposal includes stipulations that the awards be made by the Commission, that the grants for 1984-85 be restricted to those applicable to faculty development, that each campus of each public institution be eligible to compete, and that no institution be awarded a grant or grants totaling more than 1% of its State appropriation for 1983-84 for educational and general purposes.

AGREEMENT FOR
CONTINUATION OF
JOINT MPA PROGRAM

The Commission approved a revised agreement for continuation of a program in Charleston leading to the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree, with a concentration in urban affairs, administered and offered jointly by the College of Charleston and USC-Columbia.

PROGRAMS TO BE
REVIEWED IN 1983-84

The Commission voted that existing programs at baccalaureate and higher levels in history and political science be reviewed in 1983-84, provided funds are available.

REPORT ON CLEMSON
PROGRAMS IN
GREENVILLE

The Commission received as information the second annual report on off-campus courses leading to B.S. degrees with majors in computer science, engineering technology, and electrical, mechanical, and computer engineering offered by Clemson University in Greenville.

REPORT ON FINANCIAL
AID SURVEY

Also received as information was a report on amounts and sources of financial aid awarded to students at South Carolina colleges and universities in 1981-82 and 1982-83.

NEW ACADEMIC
PROGRAM

A proposal was approved for a new two-year (seven-quarter) associate degree nursing program at Trident Technical College, beginning in Fall 1983.

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APPROVAL OF THE
COMMISSION'S
1984-85 BUDGET
REQUEST

The Commission adopted its budget request for 1984-85, including the following increases: Administration - \$94,500 (\$86,000 for annual review of academic programs; \$8,500 for per diem and travel for Commission members); and Service Programs (pass-through funds) - \$2,230,000 (\$2,000,000 for quality improvement; \$230,000 for the Defense Scholarship Fund).

FORMULA ADOPTED

The Commission adopted a formula for funding the Medical University of South Carolina and the USC School of Medicine for 1984-85.

JOINT HEALTH AND
MEDICAL EDUCATION
BOARD

The Commission endorsed a cooperative agreement to establish a Joint Health and Medical Education Board as proposed to the Governor by the Presidents of the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina on June 15, 1983, provided the Executive Director of the Commission is included as a member and secretary of the Board. In addition, the Board will be composed of two members of the Board of Trustees and the President of the Medical University of South Carolina, two members of the Board of Trustees and the President of the University of South Carolina, two members appointed by the Commission on Higher Education, the Governor or his designee, and an appointee of the Governor. Mr. Harold W. Jacobs and Dr. Hugh H. Wells were elected by the Commission to the Joint Board.

The Commission recommended that the Health Education Authority be discontinued when the Joint Health and Medical Education Board has been implemented.

ANNUAL REPORT ON
HIGHER EDUCATION
DESEGREGATION
PLAN

The Commission approved the 1982-83 Annual Report on Higher Education Desegregation Efforts, and budget allocations totaling \$3,475,306 for implementation of the State Desegregation Plan in fiscal year 1983-84.

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