



South Carolina Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, March 7, 1985

Mr. William J. Whitener, Union, recently was appointed to the Commission from the 4th Congressional District. His term will expire on July 26, 1988.

Dr. Leonard P. Sternbach has been named Coordinator of Financial Analysis on the Commission's staff.

The Commission received as information a report by the State Procurement Officer concerning procedures for awarding a contract to consultants to conduct a study of higher education in South Carolina.

The Commission adopted a recommendation that a study be initiated concerning the criteria now used in South Carolina and in other states with reference to licensure of institutions to operate in or award degrees in a state.

The Commission also voted that steps be taken to strengthen South Carolina State Collage's Ed.D. program by requiring that it be staffed at the prescribed level, that courses be offered at several locations in the State, and that its strengths and cost advantages be widely advertised.

The staff was asked to secure from the public senior institutions their top priority requests for 1984-85 supplemental funding for one-time expenditures and to forward the recommendations of the Committee on Business and Finance to the Commission for vote by mail ballot.

The Commission voted to co-sponsor a Conference on Effective Schools, to be held in Charleston on August 11-13, 1985, and to commit \$2,000 to help offset conference expenses. This conference will begin the second year of the implementation of the Education Improvement Act of 1984.

The Commission approved a report on Desegregation Plan activities for 1985-86. The Annual Evaluation Report on Progress in Implementing the Desegregation Plan is expected soon from the Office for Civil Rights.

A new federal grant program (Title II of the Education for Economic Security Act of 1984) provides for allocations to the states to improve the teaching of mathematics, the sciences, computer science, and foreign languages. South Carolina's total allocation is \$1.28 million, 70% to be administered by the State Department of Education and 30% (\$382,800) by the Commission on Higher Education. The State's application for these funds is now being prepared.

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