



South Carolina Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, February 6, 1986

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The following new academic programs were approved:
(1) Baccalaureate Concentration, and Certificate, in Gerontology, Lander College; (2) M.A. and LL.M. in International Legal Studies, USC-Columbia.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

The Commission approved a report on evaluation of undergraduate and graduate degree programs in English, comparative literature, and linguistics in the public colleges and universities. The Commission requested information from the institutions on the extent to which each currently meets guidelines on teaching loads suggested by the Association of Departments of English.

TEACHER LOAN PROGRAM

The Commission approved a proposal to modify regulations governing the Teacher Loan Program for 1986-87. The modification would permit entering freshmen to be eligible to apply for these loans.

CONVERSION OF DIPLOMA TO DEGREE PROGRAMS

In response to a Commission-imposed moratorium on development of new associate degree programs within the SBTCE system where two-year diploma programs would continue to be offered in the same disciplines, the SBTCE agreed to eliminate duplicative diploma programs or to convert them to degree programs. The Commission approved 31 such conversions to associate degree status, effective fall 1986. In addition, ten two-year diploma programs were restructured into one-year diploma programs.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

The Commission approved a request by Clemson University to increase a 1985 Capital Bond request from \$750,000 to \$2.1 million to allow for increased discharge limitations in its waste-water treatment plant from 1.2 million to 1.8 million gallons per day.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN

The Commission was advised that it has been exempted by the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission from preparing an annual report concerning the CHE Affirmative Action Plan.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO JOINT HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION BOARD

Composition of the Joint Health and Medical Education Board, created in 1983 by an agreement between the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina, includes two members elected by the Commission. Dr. Louis D. Wright, Jr., Florence, former Commission member, and Mr. Harold W. Jacobs, Columbia, were reelected to the Joint Board for 1986.

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APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTIONS

The Commission adopted a Resolution memorializing the astronauts who died in the Challenger disaster on January 28. The Resolution will be forwarded to NASA and to members of the families of the deceased.

In other action, the Commission adopted a Resolution honoring Mr. John Norton, former education writer for the Columbia (S.C.) State Newspaper.

REPORT ON STUDY
OF HIGHER
EDUCATION

A report on a study of higher education in South Carolina was presented to the Commission by Dr. John Augenblick and Dr. Gordon Van de Water, principals in the firm of Augenblick, Van de Water and Associates (AVA) of Denver, Colorado, who conducted the study over the past seven months.

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