



South Carolina

Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, April 7, 1983

The Commission approved the following recommendations, based upon its review of the report of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Medical Doctor Education: (1) that the Commission reaffirm that a medical education funding formula be developed for use in the 1983-84 budget cycle; (2) that a one-year moratorium be imposed on all new medical education programs (the moratorium will be lifted earlier if, in the judgment of the Commission, the issues are resolved); and (3) that the General Assembly be requested to enact legislation to "Establish a Board of Directors for Medical Education," to be composed of two trustees from the Medical University of South Carolina, elected by the MUSC Board; two trustees from the University of South Carolina, elected by the USC Board; two representatives from the Commission on Higher Education, elected by the Commission; and one representative appointed by the Governor. The staff of the Commission would serve as Secretariat for the Board of Directors for Medical Education.

The Commission approved a proposed study of the costs of public two-year education in South Carolina, to be conducted by March 31, 1984, by the staff of the Commission in cooperation with staff members of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education and the University of South Carolina.

The Commission adopted proposed prerequisites which it recommends be required of applicants to baccalaureate degree programs at public senior colleges and universities, beginning in fall 1988.

The following proposals with respect to engineering programs at Clemson University were approved: (1) that programs in systems engineering (M.S. and Ph.D.) be retitled industrial engineering and that they be operated by the College of Engineering; (2) that programs leading to the M.S. in management and the Ph.D. in engineering management be relabeled, leading to the M.S. and Ph.D. in industrial management, and that they be operated by the College of Commerce and Industry; and (3) that the program leading to the M.S. in materials engineering be terminated.

During the fall of 1982 one of the recommendations considered by the Commission for potential cost savings was the closure of the Harbison campus of Midlands Technical College. After analyzing the use of the Harbison campus, the Midlands Technical College Area Commission made the decision to discontinue all regular curriculum programs, student services, and library services at that site and to redesignate the campus as a center for continuing education. The

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Commission approved this action, with the understanding that Commission approval be required for reestablishment of a "campus" with regular curriculum programs at the Harbison site.

CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS

Two capital improvement projects were approved by the Commission: (1) Renovation of a Chemistry Laboratory in the Physical Science Center, USC-Columbia; and (2) Modification of Existing Space in Rex Enright Athletic Center, USC-Columbia. In addition, the Commission approved in principle a proposed lease agreement between Lander College and the Lander Foundation for dormitory space to accommodate 124 students.

RESIGNATION OF
COMMISSION MEMBER

The resignation of Mr. Joseph O. Rogers, Jr., as a member of the Commission was effective at the conclusion of the meeting. He was named a Member Emeritus of the Commission by the South Carolina General Assembly in a Concurrent Resolution adopted on March 29, 1983.

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