



South Carolina

Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, June 2, 1983

COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mr. George L. Brightharp, Trenton, and Mr. David B. Smith, Bennettsville, have been appointed to the Commission from the 3rd and 6th Congressional Districts, respectively, to four-year terms expiring in 1986.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER CHAIRMAN

A framed citation was presented to former Commission Chairman, Dr. James E. Bostic, Jr., Aiken. Dr. Bostic served as a member of the Commission from July 1978 until February 1983, and as Chairman from January 1980 until February 1983, when he resigned upon his election to the Board of Trustees of Clemson University.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Mr. Robert E. Graham, Sumter, was elected chairman of the Committee on Facilities on May 19, 1983, succeeding Mr. C. Otis Taylor, Jr. whose term on the Commission has expired. Mr. Mortimer F. Smith, Cayce, was elected chairman of the Committee on Legislative Relations on June 2 succeeding Mr. Graham as chairman of that Committee.

LICENSURE OF SHERMAN COLLEGE OF STRAIGHT CHIROPRACTIC

As Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, Spartanburg, is continuing to make satisfactory progress toward accreditation, it was granted annual renewal of licensure by the Commission. The College was first licensed by the Commission in 1980 under statutes that require that chiropractic colleges be licensed annually rather than for longer periods as permitted for other types of institutions.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

On April 7, 1983, the Commission adopted a recommendation that by 1988 each of the public senior colleges and universities require applicants for admission to baccalaureate degree programs to have completed specific prerequisite units of study in the secondary schools. At its meeting on June 2 the Commission approved a minor amendment to the recommended prerequisites, adding a required second unit in a foreign language. Institutional responses to these recommendations are due by July 1, 1983.

CONSIDERATION OF "COST-SAVING" SUGGESTIONS

Several of the suggested options received by the Commission in its Fall 1982 consideration of 1983-84 budget reductions were referred to the Committee on Academic Affairs for further study. The Commission approved the following recommendations of the Committee: (1) that all degree programs continue to be reviewed on a periodic basis, as prescribed in the Master Plan; (2) that graduate programs in engineering at USC-Columbia continue to be authorized; (3) that existing graduate programs in education at Clemson University continue to be authorized for the time being; (4) that existing master's programs at Clemson University in history, English, and economics continue to be authorized for the time being; (5) that the doctoral program at Clemson University in industrial management continue to be authorized;

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and (6) that Clemson be requested to absorb the Energy and Resources Development Institute into the Energy Research and Development Center, as originally agreed, or to provide to the Commission justification as to whether the Institute may continue as a separate entity. The Commission further agreed that, with the exception of Clemson's Energy and Resource Development Institute, a new list of centers, bureaus, and institutes be accepted as those authorized, with the stipulation that State funding for centers, bureaus, and institutes be reviewed by the Committee on Business and Finance.

1984-85 APPROPRIATION FORMULA

The Commission adopted the Appropriation Formula for fiscal year 1984-85.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Commission approved a proposed policy and procedures for submission of annual plans for rehabilitation of facilities, and for evaluation of rehabilitation and maintenance programs for facilities.

Also approved was a request by the University of South Carolina for repair of the tank housing the Brown's Ferry Vessel, a 17th century freighter which was discovered in the Black River at Brown's Ferry.

BILL CONCERNING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Commission endorsed a proposed revision to House Bill 2961, a Bill "to Establish a Board of Directors for Medical Education."