

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF
ASSISTING OR ACQUIRING LANDER COLLEGE

- I. The full committee directed the subcommittee in the spring of 1971 to formulate a detailed operating plan for the state takeover of Lander College for presentation to the State Budget and Control Board in the fall of 1971 and to the General Assembly in January of 1972. In accordance with that mandate the subcommittee has conferred at length with the president of Lander College and other officers of the college in order to review all pertinent factors which might be involved in the state acquiring Lander College.

It is important to remember that the basic recommendation of the committee that the state acquire Lander College was adopted in its report to the General Assembly in the spring of 1971 as follows:

"The committee believes that the wise and prudent course in the near future is for the state of South Carolina to assume title to, and responsibility for, Lander College, making it a part of the statewide network of four-year colleges." (For a review of the factors which lead to that basic decision, a copy of the 1971 subcommittee report, which was adopted in full by the committee, is attached hereto.)

- II. In the implementation of the state takeover it is recommended that Lander College be placed under the existing State College Board of Trustees which presently governs Francis Marion College in Florence and the College of Charleston in Charleston and which already has responsibility by state law for governing future four-year state-supported colleges.

The present Lander College Board of Trustees should either be dissolved, utilized as an advisory board, or to govern certain endowments which already exist to support the college.

- III. It is recommended that the name Lander College be retained for its historical tradition, for the advantages in recruiting faculty and for its demonstrated success in attracting students to the institution.
- IV. It is recommended that the effective date of state ownership and governance be July 1, 1972, coinciding with the beginning of the fiscal year for the state of South Carolina and for Lander College.
- V. It is recommended that all of the assets, including all of the land and buildings and equipment, be conveyed to the State of South Carolina. A schedule of those assets is attached in the 1971 report.
- VI. The financial impact on the state budget of South Carolina for the fiscal year 1972-73 will be as follows, assuming state operation of the college.

Total operating budget for the current fiscal year including federal funds.....	\$2,010,943
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Reduction in tuition to bring Lander College in line with other state institutions, \$300 per student for 1,000 students.....	\$-300,000
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Raise room and board fees to bring Lander College in line with other state institutions.....	+60,000
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Raise out of state student fees to bring Lander College in line with other state institutions.....	+7,500
Reduction in Greenwood County support (see Item VII).....	-18,000
Net loss in anticipated income due to financial realignments.....	250,500
Additional faculty needs.....	70,000
Salary adjustments to begin adjusting Lander College salaries to comparable salaries in existing state institutions.....	75,000
Overdue and increased maintenance costs.....	20,000
Additional support for nursing program to finance increased enrollment from 61 to 80 students.....	<u>50,000</u>
GRAND TOTAL NEW STATE SUPPORT NEEDED TO FINANCE LANDER COLLEGE STATE OPERATION 1972-73.....	\$465,500

- VII. The subcommittee recommends that the present local support from Greenwood County amounting to \$180,000 annually be phased out as an integral part of the Lander College budget as the state takeover is completed. The subcommittee recommends that the Greenwood support be reduced 1/10 every year for a period of 10 years (a reduction of \$18,000 per year beginning in 1972-73).

While Greenwood County may very well wish to continue some form of support for the institution, the subcommittee feels that such local support should go into an endowment fund or for scholarships for deserving students and that local money not be included in the operating budget of the college.