



South Carolina

Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, November 3, 1983

REPORT ON PROGRAM AT
SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
COLLEGE

The Commission heard a report by Dr. Lewie C. Roache on a program held at South Carolina State College on October 21, 1983, commemorating the centennial of the birth of Dr. Ernest Everett Just, scientist and native of South Carolina. The program was sponsored by the South Carolina Hall of Science and Technology, South Carolina State College, and the Commission on Higher Education. Keynote speaker was Dr. Kenneth R. Manning, historian of science at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of Black Apollo of Science, a biography of Dr. Just.

APPROVAL OF POSITION
PAPER

The Commission approved a position paper on the "Improvement of Educational Opportunity in South Carolina," which proposes that, if new revenue sources are identified by the General Assembly for education, sufficient funds be allocated to higher education to provide full formula funding for each institution as recommended by the Commission. The Commission also proposed that a portion of such new revenue be allocated for the establishment of up to six school-college centers to provide assistance to public school teachers and administrators in the State.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Commission approved the following proposals for new degree programs: (1) Associate in Business with a Major in Computer Data Processing, Chesterfield-Marlboro Technical College; (2) Ph.D. in Computer Science, Clemson University; (3) M.Ed., Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary, and Administration at International School of Kenya, Nairobi, Africa, by USC-Columbia; (4) Certificate of Graduate Study, Teaching of English as a Foreign Language, USC-Columbia; and (5) B.S. in Industrial Engineering Technology, South Carolina State College. The Commission also designated the program leading to the B.S. in Nursing at South Carolina State College as the "unique" program required by the desegregation plan, subject to determination by the Committee on Implementation of the State Desegregation Plan that the program is suitable. This new degree program was approved by the Commission on May 5, 1983.

In addition, the Commission approved the following recommendations concerning existing academic programs: (1) that the B.S. in Textile Technology at Clemson University be phased out, as previously recommended; (2) that the M.S. in Speech Pathology at Winthrop College be phased out; and (3) that modifications proposed by Winthrop College be made in its MAT program in mathematics.

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EVALUATION OF
TWO-YEAR PROGRAMS

The Commission approved a Report on the Annual Evaluation of Two-year Programs in Public Institutions. The evaluation covered 250 programs in 28 institutions. Of these programs 10 were suspended and 12 were cancelled.

REVIEW OF PROGRAMS
IN FOREIGN
LANGUAGES

Based on a report by a team of out-of-State consultants, the Commission adopted a number of recommendations concerning existing degree programs in foreign languages.

WORKSHOP ON STUDENT
RETENTION

The Commission received as information a report on a Workshop on Student Retention held in Columbia on October 26, 1983, attended by officials from the public colleges and universities in the State.

STAFF RESIGNATION

Mr. James L. Solomon, Jr., Assistant Director for Facilities and Planning on the Commission staff since July 1, 1982, and Coordinator for Facilities Planning from 1974 until 1982, has been named Commissioner of the State Department of Social Services, effective by December 1, 1983.