

ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

1. Background: This Standing Committee was created in September, 1974. Following initial appointments, the Committee drafted revised policies and procedures, to define its function regarding submission of proposals for new programs. After review and modification by the Councils of Academic Vice Presidents and of Presidents, and the Executive Director of SBTCE, these were formally adopted by the Commission on May 1, 1975.
2. Role: The role of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Commission with respect to proposals submitted by institutions requesting authorization for new programs, to advise the Commission on any other matters affecting programs, and to give guidance to the CHE staff responsible for these areas.
3. Functions: The Policy and Procedures adopted by the Commission for review of program proposals include the following specific functions of the Committee:
 - a) The Commission's Standing Committee on Academic Programs is responsible for, among other things, reviewing new programs from the various institutions, and for making its recommendations as to each such proposal to the Commission for final action. The Committee considers program proposals at quarterly meetings.
 - b) The Committee, or the Commission, may seek advice and comment concerning any proposed program from disinterested parties, such as consultants or advisory groups, as the Committee may consider appropriate.
 - c) The Chairman of the Committee, or his designee, submits Committee findings and recommendations to the Commission at the appropriate time on each proposal submitted.
 - d) An institution wishing to appeal any formal action on programs may do so. All such appeals will be referred to the Committee which shall undertake any further study or such other action as may appear to it to be appropriate under the circumstances.

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