



South Carolina Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, February 7, 1985

The Commission approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a study by out-of-State consultants of the system of higher education in South Carolina, and will seek supplemental funding to implement the project.

The following new academic programs were approved:

(1) Certificate of Teacher Preparation, USC-Columbia; (2) J. F. Byrnes International Center, USC-Columbia; (3) B.S. in Retailing, USC-Columbia; and (4) Modification of Existing Master in Health Sciences Program, MUSC.

As a result of a 1982 evaluation of existing degree programs in business, the Commission adopted a requirement that all public institutions offering programs in business be encouraged either to seek accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) or to have such programs meet the substantive standards of that agency. The Commission also voted at that time that no institution be authorized to offer new graduate programs in business unless its undergraduate programs are accredited by AACSB or have met the standards of that accrediting agency.

The Commission, following a self-study of the undergraduate business programs at Francis Marion College, noted that while Francis Marion has made commendable progress in this regard since 1982, it does not yet meet the standards of AACSB. The Commission therefore voted not to consider Francis Marion's proposal to add a program leading to the Master of Business Administration degree. The Commission, however, authorized Francis Marion to submit a new self-study of its programs in business for Commission review in 1986.

The Commission also received as information a status report on the review by out-of-State consultants of existing degree programs in Performing and Visual Arts, in Anthropology, Psychology, and Sociology, and in English, Comparative Literature, and Linguistics. Existing degree programs in Education will be reviewed during the 1985-86 academic year.

The Commission approved reports on academic and administrative computing equipment needs at the State's public colleges and universities.

The Commission approved a report prepared by the Council of Presidents of Public Colleges and Universities concerning questions of institutional policy with respect to class attendance

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by students and the use of graduate teaching assistants as classroom or laboratory instructors. The Commission recommended that all institutions adopt minimum requirements for class attendance.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Commission received as information a report on capital improvement projects recommended for funding on January 22, 1985, by the Budget and Control Board.

The Commission approved the following capital improvement projects: (1) Reassignment of Priority of "Clean Room," Clemson University; (2) Renovation of Bell South Building, College of Charleston; (3) Lease Agreement, Lander College; (4) Renovation of

Library/Administration Building, Medical University of South Carolina; and (5) Lease of Facility at 1321 Pendleton Street, USC-Columbia.

DESEGREGATION PLAN ACTIVITIES

The Commission received as information a report on projected Desegregation Plan activities in 1985-86, the fifth year of the five-year Plan.

LICENSURE

Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, Spartanburg, was granted a regular five-year license to operate in South Carolina. Sherman College was granted full accreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on December 11, 1984.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Three new staff members were introduced to the Commission: Dr. Jeanette A. Doss, Coordinator of Student Affairs; Ms. Julia E. Wells, Coordinator of the State Desegregation Plan, effective March 1, 1985; and Ms. Joy E. Sovde, Administrative Assistant.