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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, November 5, 1981

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Commission approved proposals for five new academic programs:

1. Center for Industrial Policy and Strategy, USC-Columbia
2. Engineering Center for Automated Manufacturing Technology,
Clemson University
3. B.S. in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration,
USC-Columbia
4. A.Bus. in Computer Programming, Tri-County Technical College
5. A.E.T. in Design Engineering Technology, Greenville Technical College

REVIEW OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ENGINEERING AND IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

In accord with the provisions of the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education, reviews of graduate degree programs in engineering and in biological sciences were conducted in 1980-81. Out-of-State consultants reviewed the quality, and the need for continuing where necessary, all graduate programs in those academic areas. The consultant team which carried out the review in engineering included six engineering educators and was chaired by Dr. John W. Prados, Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Tennessee. The consultant team which reviewed graduate programs in biological sciences included five educators in related disciplines and was chaired by Dr. Richard S. Bear, Professor Emeritus, University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

The Commission's Committee on Academic Affairs reviewed the consultants' report on graduate programs in engineering, and that Committee and the Committee on Health and Medical Education jointly reviewed the consultants' report on biological sciences. Certain recommendations in the consultants' reports were approved by the Commission on Higher Education.

PROPOSED POLICIES ON REDUCTION IN FORCE OF FACULTY

Early in 1981 the State Budget and Control Board adopted a regulation requiring that State colleges and universities develop written policies governing any proposed reductions in force of faculty, and requiring that such policies be approved by the Commission on Higher Education and by the State Personnel Division.

The State Personnel Division has approved proposed reduction-in-force policies from eight institutions: The Citadel, Clemson University, the College of Charleston, Francis Marion College, the Medical University of South Carolina, South Carolina State College, USC-Columbia, and Winthrop College. The Commission concurred with the State Personnel Division in approving the proposed reduction-in-force policies of these eight colleges and universities.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA PLAN FOR NURSING EDUCATION

The Commission approved the South Carolina Plan for Nursing Education, with the addition of a statement affirming a policy of non-discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin, or creed, and expressing concern that the Plan "is not yet definitive in terms of how existing programs might be affected."

The Plan, which was reviewed by the State Board of Nursing, the Health Education Authority, and the Commission's Committee on Health and Medical Education, is the culmination of long range planning efforts initiated in 1975.

WORKSHOP ON IMPLE- MENTATION OF STATE DESEGREGATION PLAN

A Workshop on the Implementation of the South Carolina Desegregation Plan was held in Columbia on September 30-October 1, 1981. Workshop was attended by 87 participants, representing public higher education institutions, the Governor's Office, the Human

Affairs Commission, the State Board of Education, the Budget and Control Board, the State Auditor's Office, and the Commission on Higher Education. Also present were Mr. William H. Thomas, Director, Office for Civil Rights (Region IV), United States Department of Education, and Dr. Albert H. Berrian, President, Institute for Services to Education, Washington, D.C. Dr. John E. Bonas, also from the Institute for Services to Education, provided consultant services during the work sessions.

PROPOSED 1982 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

The Commission voted to reaffirm its position with respect to the following items:

1. The Commission on Higher Education advised members of the House Ways and Means Committee and of the Senate Finance Committee, on March 17, 1981, and on April 10, 1981, respectively, of its concern with respect to the requirement in the Appropriation Act that student fees pay approximately 20% of employee salaries and fringe benefits. Subsequently the Commission provided the Proviso Subcommittee of the Senate Finance Committee with recommended amendments to pertinent provisos in the Appropriation Act, and the estimated cost of the proposed amendments. Despite these efforts, the Appropriation Act for 1981-82 provided no relief from the 20% requirement.

2. Identical bills (H.2556 and S.320), introduced during the 1981 legislative session, would amend Act 410 (1978) to require that both the House Education and Public Works Committee and the Senate Education Committee concur in favor of an appeal by an institution for a recommendation by the Commission to terminate an academic program. H.2556 was introduced in the House on March 12, 1981, and

referred to the Education and Public Works Committee. The Committee has not yet considered the Bill. S.320 was introduced in the Senate on March 11, 1981, and referred to the Education Committee. On April 8 it was reported out of Committee with a majority favorable and a minority unfavorable. It is on the calendar for a Second Reading. On May 7, 1981, the Commission on Higher Education voted to support both bills and so advised the chairmen of the Committees.

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