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Report on Annual Evaluation of Two-Year
Programs in Public Institutions

The South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education states that the Commission will annually review all programs leading to the associate degree. Data on enrollments, graduates, and placements are collected for all such programs which have been in existence for three or more years. The following minimum standards apply:

1) Degrees Conferred - At least six (6) students in the previous year or an average of six (6) students over the preceding three years will have graduated from each degree program. The number of graduates completing a program will be taken from the three most recent Commission on Higher Education survey forms for completion of HEGIS Report 2300-2.1 (Degrees and other Formal Awards Conferred).

2) Enrollments - Each two-year degree program, in the preceding fall quarter or semester, will have enrolled a minimum of 16 students (headcount) and generated a minimum of 12 full-time equivalents (F.T.E.). The number of headcount students enrolled in a program will be taken from the most recent HEGIS Report 2300-2.9 (Enrollment by Degree Field), or the most recent Fall Quarter TEC/AIDS Report. Full-time equivalents may be determined for this report by taking all full-time students plus one-third of the part-time students, using TEC/AIDS Reports, or using some other appropriate internal procedure.

3) Appropriate Employment or Continuation of Education - Follow-up of the most recent annual graduating class from each program will demonstrate that fifty percent (50%) of the graduates who are available for placement have found employment directly related to their educational program or are pursuing additional education full-time in a postsecondary institution. Placement or transfer data on the previous year's graduates will be obtained by a documented follow-up survey. In preparing placement or transfer data for the report, graduates who have died, become disabled, or chosen not to seek employment or transfer should be counted as "exclusions" and subtracted from the graduates before application of the fifty percent criterion.

Programs which fail to meet the above standards must be suspended or cancelled unless their continuation or continuation on probation is justified to the Commission in writing. Such justification must take into consideration such factors as manpower requirements, funding, and employment of "stop-outs." In addition, no program may be continued on probation or remain under suspension for more than three years.

During the spring and summer of 1982, 269 active associate degree programs in 28 institutions were evaluated. In addition, 12 programs remained in suspended status from the previous year, and three of 11 programs which had not been implemented were cancelled or suspended. Table 1 lists programs suspended or cancelled this year. Table 2 lists programs currently under a second or third year of suspension. Table 3 provides summary data on the status of the 269 active programs which were evaluated this year.

This is the second year that this evaluation process has been implemented for all two-year programs in public institutions; and the first year that all institutions were able to provide complete, useable data. Several institutions used the "Continued Justified" category for programs which they felt were failing to meet one or more criteria on a temporary basis. Since programs can remain in the "Continued Probation" category for up to three years, I suggest that we modify the instructions on next year's form to indicate that the "Continued Justified" category can only be used when programs are not expected to meet criteria for continuation within three years, but can still be justified for other appropriate reasons.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Commission approve this report, including the actions summarized therein, and that instructions for next year's annual evaluation be modified to indicate that the "Continued Justified" category be limited to programs which are not expected to meet criteria for continuation within three years, but which can still be justified for other appropriate reasons.

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Attachments

Table 1

Programs Suspended or Cancelled in 1982

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Action Taken¹</u>
Aiken Technical College	A.E.T.	Industrial Engr. Tech.	Cancelled
Aiken Technical College	A.E.T.	Mechanical Engr. Tech.	Cancelled
Aiken Technical College	A.I.T.	Indus. Mgmt. Tech.	Suspended
Aiken Technical College	A.I.T.	Textile Mgmt. Tech.	Suspended
Beaufort Technical College	A.Bus.	Accounting	Cancelled
Chesterfield/Marlboro Tec. C.	A.Bus.	Management	Cancelled
Chesterfield/Marlboro Tec. C.	A.I.T.	Textile Mgmt. Tech.	Suspended
Chesterfield/Marlboro Tec. C.	A.I.T.	Electronics Servicing Tech.	Cancelled
Greenville Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	General Engr. Tech.	Suspended
Greenville Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Civil Engr. Tech.	Suspended
Greenville Tec. Coll.	A.I.T.	Chemical Technology	Suspended
Greenville Tec. Coll.	A.Bus.	General Business	Cancelled
Greenville Tec. Coll.	A.Bus.	Transportation Mgmt.	Cancelled
Greenville Tec. Coll.	A.I.T.	Environmental Syst.Tech.	Cancelled
Midlands Tec. Coll.	A.I.T.	Building Construction	Suspended
Midlands Tec. Coll.	A.S.	College Transfer ²	Suspended
Midlands Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Civil Engr. Tech.(Survey Option)	Cancelled
Midlands Tec. Coll.	A.I.T.	Climate Control Tech.	Suspended
Orangeburg/Calhoun Tec.C.	A.Bus.	Marketing	Suspended
Spartanburg Tec. Coll.	A.Bus.	Data Processing ³	Cancelled
Sumter Tec. College	A.Bus.	Banking & Finance	Cancelled
Tri-County Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Nuclear Engr. Tech.	Cancelled
Tri-County Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Civil Engr. Tech.	Suspended
Trident Tec. Coll.	A.P.S.	Human Services	Suspended
Trident Tec. Coll.	A.Bus.	Data Processing ³	Cancelled
Trident Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Civil Engr. Tech.(Survey Option)	Cancelled
USC-Columbia	A.S.	Penology	Cancelled
USC-Columbia	A.S.	Law Enforcement	Cancelled

¹ Includes several programs approved for technical colleges which were never implemented.

² The A.A. College Transfer Degree was retained.

³ The A.Bus. in Computer Programming was retained.

Table 2

Programs Under Suspension for Second or Third Year

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Year of Suspension</u>
Chesterfield/Marlboro Tec. Coll.	A.I.T.	Indust.Safety & Health	1981
Florence/Darlington Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Nuclear Engr. Tech.	1981
Greenville Tec. Coll.	A.H.S.	Dental Lab. Tech.	1981
Midlands Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Industrial Engr. Tech.	1980
Midlands Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Nuclear Engr. Tech.	1980
Midlands Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Safety & Health Engr. Tech.	1980
Orangeburg/Calhoun Tec. Coll.	A.E.T.	Indust. Engr. Tech.	1981
Tri-County Tec. Coll.	A.H.S.	Medical Asst. Tech.	1981

Table 3

Summary of Status of Programs Evaluated Spring, 1982

Institution	Good Standing	Continued Justified	Continued Probation	Suspended	Cancelled	Total Evaluated ¹
Aiken T. C.	4	2		2	2	10
Beaufort T. C.	4				1	5
Chesterfield/Marlboro	6	5		1	2	14
Denmark T. C.	1		3			4
Florence/Darlington T.C.	18		1			19
Greenville T. C.	24	1		3	3	31
Horry/Georgetown T.C.	7		1			8
Midlands T.C.	23	3	1	3	1	31
Orangeburg/Calhoun T.C.	10	2	1	1		14
Piedmont T. C.	12	1				13
Spartanburg T. C.	14	2			1	17
Sumter T. C.	7		1		1	9
Tri-County T.C.	13	2	2	1	1	19
Trident T. C.	16	7	3	1	2	29
Williamsburg T. C.	1					1
York T. C.	14	2				16
USC-Aiken	2	1				3
USC-Beaufort	1					1
USC-Coastal Carolina	1	1				2
USC-Lancaster	5					5
USC-Salkahatchie	1					1
USC-Spartanburg	1	1				2
USC-Sumter	1					1
USC-Union	1	2				3
USC-Columbia	7				2	9
Lander College	1					1
Francis Marion Coll.		1				1
Totals	195	33	13	12	16	269

¹ Includes approved technical college programs which were never implemented, but which were suspended or cancelled.