



South Carolina Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, May 2, 1985

RESOLUTION
HONORING FORMER
CHAIRMAN

A Resolution honoring the late Mr. Craig Wall, Sr., was adopted by the Commission. Mr. Wall, Conway, served as a member of the Commission from 1967 to 1972 and as Chairman for one year, 1971-72.

CONSULTING FIRM
APPROVED

The Commission approved the consulting firm of Augenblick, Van de Water and Associates of Denver, Colorado, to make a study of higher education in South Carolina, if funds for the study are appropriated by the General Assembly.

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LEGISLATION

The Commission voted to support Senate Bill 487, "a Bill to Establish an Optional Retirement Program for the Publicly-Supported Four-year and Post-graduate Institutions of Higher Education."

ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS

The following new academic programs were approved:

- (1) A.Bus., Computer Data Processing, Aiken Technical College;
- (2) A.I.T., Building Construction Technology, Denmark Technical College;
- (3) A.E.T., Computer Engineering Technology, Denmark Technical College;
- (4) A.E.T., Electro-Mechanical Engineering Technology, York Technical College;
- (5) B.S., Art (Concentration in Printmaking), South Carolina State College;
- (6) M.S., Agribusiness, South Carolina State College;
- (7) B.S., Computer Science, USC-Coastal Carolina;
- (8) Ph.D., Computer Engineering, Clemson University;
- (9) B.S., Science Communication, Winthrop College;
- (10) Center for Study of Suicide, USC-Columbia;
- (11) M.S., Genetic Counseling, USC-Columbia;
- (12) Environmental Health Science Research Center, USC-Columbia;
- (13) Specialization in Experimental Pathology within Existing Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences, USC-Columbia; and
- (14) Extension of Existing Baccalaureate Allied Health Programs to Greenville, MUSC.

FOLLOW-UP
REPORTS
ON DEGREE
PROGRAMS

The Commission approved follow-up reports on recommendations stemming from the evaluation of degree programs by out-of-State consultants on (1) the doctoral program in history, USC-Columbia; (2) baccalaureate programs in political science, Lander College, USC-Aiken, and USC-Coastal Carolina; and (3) baccalaureate programs in business, Lander College, USC-Aiken, USC-Coastal Carolina, and USC-Spartanburg.

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PROVISIONS OF
THE EDUCATION
IMPROVEMENT
ACT OF 1984

The Commission approved guidelines (1) for emphasizing teaching as a career, and (2) for "Centers of Excellence" for 1985-86, as required by the Education Improvement Act of 1984. The guidelines for the latter call for submission of institutional proposals by June 1.

SCHEDULE FOR
EVALUATION OF
EXISTING
PROGRAMS

In Spring 1984 the Commission endorsed a schedule for evaluation of existing academic programs through 1986-87. In order to maintain a desired three-year schedule, it was agreed that programs in Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Agribusiness and Agricultural Production, Agricultural Sciences, and in Renewable Natural Resources be evaluated in 1987-88. Graduate programs in the first two fields were reviewed in 1980-81.

PERMANENT
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS

The Commission approved proposals for the following permanent improvement projects: (1) lease of building from Carolina Research and Development Foundation, USC-Columbia; (2) purchase of classroom and shop building and land, Piedmont Technical College; and (3) construction of building to house ROTC supply room, South Carolina State College.