

Executive Committee Recommendations

On Friday, August 3, the Executive committee of the Commission held a planning retreat with the Executive Director and the Division Directors. Based upon discussion at the retreat, the Executive Committee recommends the following issues be assigned to the germane standing committees for debate and appropriate action.

1. Public Information Activities

Staff public information activities should be enhanced to include: press releases prior to meetings; personal contact to invite press to meetings, leadership meetings with editorial boards; and publication of *Highlights* of each meeting.

2. The following meeting schedules should be adopted:

- ◆ Full CHE meetings every second month, beginning January 2002
- ◆ Executive Committee meetings as required between full CHE meetings
- ◆ Standing committee mini-retreats, Fall 2001
- ◆ Executive Committee Retreat, January 2002
- ◆ Full CHE retreat, AGB-facilitated, Fall 2002

3. Legislative Agenda

- ◆ **Budget Request**
Plan 2002 should become Plan 2003, with financial need of institutions expressed on seven-year schedule to reach full funding as defined by the MRR
- ◆ **Capital Facilities**
FY 2002 Capital Request should become FY 2003 request, with substitutions permitted to reflect changed institutional priorities
- ◆ **Funding Parity**
Discussion of funding parity should be deferred one year, due to budget constraints
- ◆ **Regulations:**

1) Scholarships (Student Services)

CHE should propose amendments to Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program to remedy the devaluation caused by increased value of LIFE Scholarship

2) Licensing (Academic Affairs)

Per Assistant Deputy Attorney General J. Emory Smith, Jr.'s August 2, 2001 correspondence, CHE should approve licenses for High-Tech Institute (Orlando, FL and Nashville, TN); Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI; and Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC; and, based on further legal briefing and discussion at the September, 2001 CHE meeting, should determine what additional action, if any, is warranted.

4. Technology/Distance Learning

The Finance Committee should develop guidelines to encourage cooperative technology purchases by the colleges and universities.

5. Performance Funding

Proceed with full implementation of performance funding revisions adopted by the Commission July 12, 2001. If possible, avoid any further revisions during 2002 in order to stabilize the system.

6. Draft Strategic Plan

The draft plan developed by the Planning Advisory Committee should be circulated for discussion at the October CHE meeting with trustees and presidents. The draft should then be revised per discussions at the October meeting, and presented to the Commission for adoption no later than January 2002.

7. Campus Safety

CHE should develop an annual Commendation of Excellence Award to be presented to the two-year and four-year institutions determined to have the best model for campus safety.