

1990-91
New Initiatives for the South Carolina
Commission on Higher Education

I. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS DIVISION

- A. Nursing Education Career Mobility Committee -- develop and/or document the existence of formal articulation agreements in cooperation with the State Board of Education, State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and institutions with nurse education programs (assigned to Commission staff by the General Assembly's Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee).
- B. Health and Medical Education -- explore the role of the Joint Board for Health and Medical Education in fostering coordination, efficiency, and cooperation between the Medical University of South Carolina and USC-Columbia in the areas of health and medical education and other related activities (including those in teaching hospitals, research centers, and the various AHEC programs).
- C. Residency -- Regulations amplifying the provisions of Sections 59-112-10 through -100, 1976 S.C. Code as amended, which Sections define residency for tuition and fee purposes, will be written in appropriate consultation with institutional representatives and will be distributed.
- D. Study of Administrative Units -- A study will be conducted of the extent to which administrative units ("Centers, bureaus, institutes...") authorized as new programs have met expectations for the enhancement of external funding.

II. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

- A. Convene "A Working Conference for Forging Collaboration Between K-12 and Higher Education Institutions in South Carolina."
- B. Formulate and implement strategies to address the underrepresentation of black males in South Carolina higher education.
- C. Identify new sources of non-state funds for projects and programs and implement plan for the management thereof.

III. FACILITIES DIVISION

- A. Finalization of agreement with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education with respect to the review and ranking of Technical College System capital budget request.
- B. Develop RFP for development and implementation of statewide comprehensive facilities data base system (pending approval of Task Force on Space Use and Needs report by the Commission on Higher Education).
- C. Study of the practice of financing capital projects through tuition and fees (to be completed by December 1, 1990 with recommendations submitted to the General Assembly in January 1991).

IV. FINANCE DIVISION

- A. Develop new procedure for the selection of institutional peers (pending approval of the Task Force on Peers Report by the Commission on Higher Education).
- B. Additional review of formula student/faculty ratios (pending receipt of federal grant by Clemson University).
- C. Develop Technical Operations Manual for Finance.
- D. Develop and implement a system for collecting and maintaining specific data on each student enrolled in South Carolina public colleges and universities. The system will enable the Commission to track students from the time they enter public institutions and through graduation or the time they leave higher education. Information on student retention, transfer, and graduation rates will be provided through the system.
- E. Develop a descriptive guide to the operation and maintenance of the Commission on Higher Education data system.
- F. Establish audit function to validate institutional data provided to the Commission.

V. PLANNING AND SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION

- A. Formulation, publication, and distribution of first Statewide Planning Document.
- B. Identification of new planning issues for inclusion in the first update of the Statewide Planning Document.
- C. Examination and analysis of two new institutional effectiveness components (academic performance of student athletes and minority student and faculty access and equity).