



South Carolina

Commission On Higher Education

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SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, March 3, 1983

REPORT OF BLUE
RIBBON COMMITTEE ON
MEDICAL DOCTOR
EDUCATION

Dr. Gordon W. Blackwell, Chairman of the Commission's Blue Ribbon Committee on Medical Doctor Education appointed to study the future demand for physicians in South Carolina, summarized the recently completed report of the Committee. The Commission referred the Committee's report to the Standing Committee on Health and Medical Education for recommendations to the Commission at its meeting on April 7, 1983.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Commission approved a proposed Associate in Industrial Technology Degree Program with a Major in Nuclear Service Technology at Spartanburg Technical College.

INSTITUTIONAL
RESPONSES TO BUDGET
AND CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION

On November 3, 1982, the Budget and Control Board adopted a resolution recommending that all colleges and universities submit to the Commission on Higher Education by January 15, 1983, "plans to meet the high technology needs of South Carolina by reordering their internal priorities within existing budgets." The Commission approved a response to the Budget and Control Board on February 3, 1983. The Commission reaffirmed its position, on March 3, that no changes should be made in the distribution of 1983-84 salary and equipment enhancement funds allocated by the Commission to the public colleges and universities in October, 1982. The Commission also expressed concern that further shifts in funding of such programs might be at the expense of the humanities, the social sciences, and the education of teachers.

REVISED 1983 SCHEDULE
FOR REVIEW OF 1984-85
APPROPRIATION
REQUESTS

The Commission approved a revised 1983 schedule for review of college and university 1984-85 appropriation requests.

PLAN FOR 3% REDUCTION
IN COMMISSION'S
1982-83 APPROPRIATION

The State Auditor requested, on February 23, 1983, that all agencies submit by March 4, 1983, contingency plans to accommodate an additional reduction of 3% in their 1982-83 appropriations. The Commission approved a proposed plan for achieving the required reduction in the Commission's budget.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING
EMPLOYEE LEAVE WITH-
OUT PAY

The Commission voted to endorse a joint legislative resolution to authorize the State Budget and Control Board to direct all employees to take leave without pay, not to exceed five days, during the fiscal year 1982-83 and to provide procedures for implementing the directive.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS

The Lander Foundation has proposed to construct student housing units on property it owns adjacent to the Lander College campus provided the College will lease the units. The Commission approved in principle the concept of the proposed lease with the following stipulations: (1) that the College attempt to negotiate a lease-purchase agreement with the Lander Foundation for consideration by the Commission at its meeting on April 7, 1983; (2) that the lease will expire in five years with an option to renew; and (3) that the College will cancel its current lease on off-campus student housing.

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The Commission approved a request for funding in 1983 for an addition to Calhoun Courts Dormitory at Clemson University.

PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING STATE
DESEGREGATION PLAN

The Commission approved the response to the U.S. Department of Education's (Office for Civil Rights, Region IV) evaluation of South Carolina's progress in implementing the State Desegregation Plan.

COMMISSION POSITIONS
ON HIGHER EDUCATION
BILLS

The Commission endorsed two higher education bills that have been referred to the Senate Education Committee: S.21 (revises higher education program termination appeal process to include hearing and action by joint meetings of Senate and House Education Committees); and S.118 (provides for retention and preservation of institutional and student records of nonpublic degree-granting institutions).