

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the government of the State of South Carolina is gripped by a serious and unexpected reduction in anticipated revenues requiring the highest level of management of the limited resources available to the State; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the State and particularly the Budget and Control Board have been called upon to make difficult and unpleasant choices among competing needs of the State, all of which are meritorious; and

WHEREAS, the higher education community recognizes the unfortunate but temporary dilemma brought about by the State's limited resources and is resolved to make the best possible use of the limited appropriated funds to provide quality higher education to the greatest number of students as is possible; and

WHEREAS, the higher education community wishes to convey to the legislature that it cannot continue to provide affordable, generally available, quality higher education to the citizens of the State without additional revenues;

WHEREAS, the greatest resource of the State is an educated populace, and higher education appropriations represent an investment in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education in duly convened assembly this 25th day of August, 1992, that the Commission is seriously concerned about the level of funding that limits the ability of our institutions to provide the highest levels of higher educational opportunity for our citizens but further

RESOLVES that it shall continue to assist our institutions in providing quality higher educational opportunities within the constraints necessitated by reduced State revenues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission appreciates the efforts of the Budget and Control Board to distribute the budgetary reductions as equitably as possible;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs the Chairman to appoint a Blue Ribbon Committee to consist of certain members of the Commission and institutional presidents to meet with the leadership of the General Assembly to insure proper recognition of the effect of several years of unacceptably low funding on the higher education institutions and the delivery of higher education to the citizens of this State and to enlist their advice and assistance in addressing this critical problem.