

List of Actions and Recommendations

1. In consultation and coordination with the institutions, by January 1988, the Commission on Higher Education will ensure that minimal admissions standards are developed by the State's colleges and universities. Such standards will be gradually raised, where necessary, to enhance quality without drastically altering enrollment patterns.
2. Beginning in the Fall of 1988, the Commission on Higher Education will, with the institutions, monitor the effect of compliance with the new admissions prerequisites on enrollment patterns, retention, and student achievement.
3. To provide early recognition and encouragement to potential scholars, the Commission will establish a Junior Palmetto Fellows program.
4. The Commission recommends that a State-funded merit scholarship program be established.
5. The Commission will implement a plan for developmental education.
6. The Commission will ask the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education (SBTCE) to explore the feasibility of converting its quarter system to the semester calendar used by the other public institutions.
7. The Commission will also request that the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education modify its current policy that allows any technical college to offer any course in its State "Catalog of Approved Courses."

8. Upon implementation of recommendation 7 above, the senior colleges and universities will be urged to review and amend their current policies on acceptance of credit from technical colleges without the AA/AS degree.
9. The Commission will continue to work with all of the institutions to further improve articulation concerning courses acceptable for transfer.
10. The Commission recommends that a competitive grants program be established in order to improve undergraduate education in South Carolina.
11. The Commission recommends the establishment of a Governor's "Professor of the Year" award.
12. The Commission will continue to work toward improving cooperation among institutions.
13. The Commission will seek a one-time appropriation of \$2.9 million to provide matching funds for establishing a program of endowed professorships at senior public colleges and universities.
14. The Commission will seek annual State appropriations to establish a Research Incentive Fund.
15. The Commission will establish an Advisory Council on Planning to assist the Commission and the institutions in maintaining planning as a high priority.
16. The Commission will ensure that each public institution maintains its individual planning process; it will develop and annually update a State-wide strategic plan.
17. The Commission will require that a system for measuring institutional effectiveness is in place at every public college and

university; it will collect and disseminate data resulting from the measures of institutional effectiveness, and it will use such data in planning.

18. Because student achievement is the most vital aspect of any institution's effectiveness, the Commission emphasizes that all State-supported institutions will establish their own procedures and programs to measure such achievement.
19. The Commission requests that the legislation creating the Commission on Higher Education be amended to remove the appeal process for program termination.
20. To promote the Commission on Higher Education's State-wide perspective, the Commission requests that the General Assembly amend the Commission's enabling legislation so that some members are appointed on a State-wide basis.
21. To improve communication and interaction between the Commission and the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee, the Commission requests that the General Assembly amend the legislation creating the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee so as to include the Commission's chief executive officer as an ex-officio member of the Tuition Grants Committee.
22. The Commission will serve the public by providing more and better information about higher education in the State.
23. The Commission will seek appropriate resources to develop a more thorough, State-wide information base and to use that base more fully to analyze planning issues, identify strengths and weaknesses, and monitor improvement efforts.
24. The Commission is committed to forging closer linkages with public and private institutions, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and the State Board of Education.

25. To improve its internal operation, the Commission will examine and revise, as appropriate, its organization and procedures.

Adopted by the Commission on Higher Education, 1/8/87.