



South Carolina

Commission On Higher Education

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SUGGESTIONS

RATIFICATION OF
TELEPHONE POLL OF
OCTOBER 14, 1982

SUMMARY REPORT

Meeting of Commission on Higher Education, November 4, 1982

The Commission approved proposals for three new academic programs (1) Ed.D. and Ed.S. in Educational Administration, South Carolina State College; (2) Ph.D. in Physical Education, University of South Carolina; and (3) B.S. in Computer Science, Francis Marion College.

A report on the annual review of associate degree programs in public institutions was approved by the Commission. During the spring and summer of 1982, 269 active associate degree programs in 28 institutions were evaluated. Twelve additional programs remained in suspended status from the previous year, and three of 11 programs which had not been implemented were cancelled or suspended.

The Commission received as information a report on a national survey of the quality of doctoral degree programs, initiated in 1981 by the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils. When the survey is completed later this year, it will cover 32 disciplines. Results on the first six disciplines -- chemistry, computer science, geoscience, mathematics, physics, and statistics -- have been published. It was noted that ratings given for improvement in the past five years for rated programs at Clemson University and the University of South Carolina exceed the national average. The Commission commended these two universities for the progress they have made.

Several of the suggested options received by the Commission in its recent consideration of 1983-84 budget reductions were referred to the CHE Committee on Academic Affairs for further study. The Commission approved a schedule for consideration of these special studies, and took action on the following: (1) Proposed Moratorium on New Programs. The Commission voted that the proposed moratorium be disapproved. (2) Reconsideration of the Recently Approved Master's Program in Professional Accountancy at Clemson University. The Commission voted to reaffirm its prior approval of this program. (3) Proposed Resolution Concerning College Parallel Programs in Technical Institutions. The Commission adopted the resolution recommending continuation of college parallel programs designed for transfer to senior colleges and universities at seven technical colleges (Chesterfield-Marlboro, Greenville, Midlands, Tri-County, Trident, Williamsburg, and York).

The Commission ratified its October 14, 1982, telephone approval of a statement by the Chairman to the Budget and Control Board concerning the Commission's recommendations for targeted reductions and increases in the 1983-84 budgets of the public colleges and universities.

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CONSIDERATION OF
PERMANENT IMPROVE-
MENT REQUESTS FOR
1983

In July, 1982, 29 institutions submitted 122 permanent improvement requests for consideration for funding in 1983, estimated to cost more than \$200 million. The Commission recommended 41 projects, totaling \$53,518,082, to be funded from Capital Improvement Bonds (\$25,424,473), Local Funds (\$313,809), Gifts, Grants, and Other Non-State Sources (\$17,295,000), Revenue Bonds (\$10,000,000), and Additional Annual Operating Costs (\$484,800).

PROPOSED LEGISLATION
TO INCREASE MINORITY
REPRESENTATION ON
GOVERNING BOARDS

In keeping with its responsibilities for monitoring the implementation of the State Desegregation Plan, the Commission endorsed with minor modifications proposed legislation to ensure minority representation on institutional governing boards. The proposed legislation will be forwarded to the Joint Legislative Committee established to address this issue.

PROGRESS REPORT ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE MASTER PLAN

The Commission received as information a progress report on the implementation of the South Carolina Master Plan for Higher Education, summarizing Commission actions that are underway or that have been completed since 1980.