

University of Maryland Board of Regents; one represents the Morgan State University Board of Regents; two represent the Board of Trustees of the State Universities and Colleges; two represent the State Board for Community Colleges; two represent the private colleges and universities in the State; and one represents the postsecondary vocational-technical institutions in Maryland. These members serve two-year terms.

The State Board appoints a Commissioner for Higher Education who executes the policies adopted by the Board, directs the Board's staff, and serves as a member of the Governor's Executive Council. The Commissioner serves a four year term and is eligible for reappointment.

The Board carries forth its broad responsibility for coordinating the overall growth and development of postsecondary education through activities in the following functional areas.

RESEARCH, PLANNING AND EVALUATION

The Board is responsible for preparing a statewide master plan for postsecondary education in Maryland and for updating the plan annually. Each year the Board reviews for consistency with the overall plan the short-range and long-range goals and objectives of the State's various postsecondary education institutions and agencies. The Board also coordinates participation by the postsecondary education community in the State's Executive Planning Process. In accord with its broad planning responsibilities, the Board serves as the State Postsecondary Education Commission under Title XII of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

In support of its planning functions, the Board collects, compiles, analyzes, and disseminates data related to postsecondary education in the State. It develops and implements management tools and information systems to aid policy-makers at the State and institutional levels. In consultation with postsecondary education agencies and institutions, the Board conducts studies of educational needs in the State and the resources

available to meet them. In order to encourage the effective and equitable use of resources for postsecondary education, the Board sets guidelines for tuition and fees and for faculty and administrative salaries. The Board also makes recommendations for improving the coordination and operation of student financial aid programs in the State, as well as recommendations about how State and Federal programs of support for higher education can be meshed for maximum benefit to the citizenry.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

In consultation with the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, the Board annually reviews and makes recommendations upon operating budget requests from the University of Maryland, Morgan State University, the Board of Trustees of the State Universities and Colleges, St. Mary's College, the State Board for Community Colleges, the State Scholarship Board, and the Higher Education Loan Corporation. On the basis of this review, a consolidated operating budget for higher education is developed for presentation to the Governor. In consultation with the Department of State Planning, the Board also reviews proposals for capital projects requested by public and private institutions of higher education. This capital budget review function is facilitated by the Board's facilities inventorying efforts as well as its other activities in the area of space planning and utilization. In conjunction with its budget review responsibilities, the Board also administers the State's program of aid to private institutions of higher education.

The Board must approve all proposals for new programs and for major changes in existing programs in the State's public postsecondary institutions. It also reviews and makes recommendations about the continuation, modification, or duplication of programs currently in operation in public institutions and about programs offered by private institutions that receive State funds. In relationship to its program review and approval functions, the Board is charged with making recommendations to the Gov-