

*Postsecondary Institutions.* In order to benefit from the advice of students, faculty, and other groups in the State's postsecondary education community, the Board appoints advisory committees composed of faculty, students, and citizens to develop recommendations on specific areas of concern.

## STUDENT ADVISORY ASSEMBLY

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The Assembly consists of the presidents of the student government associations of all two-year and four-year, public and independent institutions of higher learning in Maryland and is the only officially sanctioned body representing the State's 224,000 college students.

The new Assembly, perhaps the only one of its kind in the United States, was created in May 1980 when the State Board for Higher Education unanimously passed a resolution presented to it by the out-going Student Advisory Committee. The Assembly replaces that Committee and provides more equal and better representation of students before the State Board and the Maryland academic community.

## MARYLAND FIRE-RESCUE EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* Charles W. Riley, 1983

Warren E. Isman, 1983; Peter J. O'Connor, Jr., 1983; Elwood H. Banister, 1984; Harry Devlin, 1984; Elizabeth Scanlan, 1984; Thomas J. Baginski, 1985; Robert J. Smith, 1985; W. Newton Carey, 1986; J. Donald Mooney, 1986; Frederick R. Seibel III, 1986.

Chapter 682, Acts of 1976, established within the State Board for Higher Education the Maryland Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission. The Commission reports to and is subject to the authority of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The Commission consists of eleven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Fire-Rescue Education and Training Commission develops standards for fire-rescue education programs and procedures, and for the accreditation of instructors and schools involved in these programs. The Commission develops and

maintains a statewide master plan to coordinate all emergency services training courses and activities in Maryland. In support of its other activities, the Commission collects and disseminates data and reviews research relevant to fire-rescue education. The Commission prepares an annual report that describes its activities and sets forth its recommendations for improvements in emergency services education. The Commission's activities are carried out in cooperation with the University of Maryland and other schools engaged in training fire-rescue personnel in the State (Code Education Article, secs. 12-113).

## ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES ACTS

*Chairperson:* Constance Lieder, *Secretary of State Planning*

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Title VII-A of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-329, as amended) provides federal grants to institutions of higher education to finance the construction of classrooms, laboratories, and libraries.

Title VII-C of the same Act provides federal grants to subsidize the interest payments on bonds and mortgages used to finance such construction when direct federal funding is unavailable.

In accordance with the provisions of these Titles, the Governor designated the Board of Public Works as the State commission to administer the various programs. In addition, the Governor created in 1964 an Advisory Council to assist and make recommendations to the Board of Public Works on matters pertaining to these programs.

The Advisory Council processes applications and recommends priorities for federal grants among the eligible institutions. It disseminates information and maintains liaison between the colleges in Maryland, the State Commission, and the U. S. Office of Education. The Department of State Planning provides staff assistance to the Advisory Council.