

STATE BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Chairperson: Richard R. Kline, 1988

William J. Brogan, 1987; Lucy Kecker, 1987; Philip Pear, 1988; Bernard T. Devaney, 1989; Harry B. Smith, 1989; Joseph Harrison Ager, 1990; William R. Snyder, 1990; Anne O. Emery, 1991; Benjamin F. Mason, 1991; C. Lawrence Wiser, 1991; Michael Johnson, *student*, 1987.

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The State Board for Higher Education was created in 1976 (Chapter 538, Acts of 1976). It replaced the Maryland Council for Higher Education, which originally was created as the Maryland Advisory Council on Higher Education in 1963 (Chapter 41, Acts of 1963). Compared with its predecessor agencies, the State Board for Higher Education has considerably more responsibilities and powers to coordinate the growth of public higher education, grant institutional and program approval, and oversee fiscal matters. To the extent practicable, the Board consults with agencies and institutions affected by its actions and recommendations before taking final action.

The State Board consists of twelve members. Eleven are voting members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. They serve five-year terms. The chairperson of the Student Advisory Assembly to the State Board for Higher Education serves as a non-voting student member for a one-year term (Code Education Article, secs. 12, 17, 24, 25).

The State Board appoints a Commissioner for Higher Education who executes the policies adopted by the Board, directs the Board's staff, and serves on 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 research, planning and information services; finance and facilities; academic affairs/institutional approval and evaluation; and equal educational opportunity and special academic programs.

RESEARCH, PLANNING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

A new statewide master plan for postsecondary education was adopted by the Board in 1986. The plan is updated annually so that the Board can review short-range and long-range goals of State postsecondary education institutions and agencies to assure that they are consistent with the master plan. The Board also coordinates participation by the postsecondary education community in the State's Executive Planning Process. Under Title XII of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended), the Board additionally serves as the State postsecondary education commission.

To facilitate planning, the Board collects, compiles, analyzes, and disseminates data on 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 State educational needs and resources. To encourage the effective and equitable use of resources, the Board sets guidelines for tuition, fees, and faculty and administrative salaries. The Board also recommends improvements to coordinate and operate State financial aid programs for students, as well as to coordinate State and federal programs of support for higher education.

The Board issues a newsletter entitled *Record*, prepares news releases for public media, and publishes and distributes numerous studies, research reports, and other documents to inform the public of its activities. The Board also describes opportunities in postsecondary education through its *Guide to Higher Education and Job Training Services in Maryland*. The *Guide* is published annually and distributed to high school and adult students throughout the State.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

In consultation with the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning, the State Board for Higher Education annually reviews and makes recommendations on 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 of Maryland, the State Board for Community Colleges, the State Scholarship Board, and the Higher Education Loan Corporation. The Board, on the basis of this