

STATE OF DELAWARE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER Ninety-Four

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies

FROM: Governor's Commission on Equality of Access to Higher Education in Delaware

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number 98, promulgated by Governor duPont on March 3, 1981, as amended by his Executive Order Number 105, promulgated on July 31, 1981, and as further amended by Governor Michael N. Castle in Executive Order Number 18 dated November 22, 1985, established the Higher Education Title VI Commission and charged it with monitoring the State's implementation of the Title VI Compliance Plan for Higher Education (Plan) which the State filed with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the United States Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, OCR found and concluded that, as of the expiration date of the Plan on June 30, 1986, the State had substantially complied with all of the goals of the Plan with certain limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, OCR, has by letter dated October 30, 1989, advised the State that its supplemental plan activities have brought Delaware into substantial compliance with Title VI; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the termination of federal oversight by OCR of Title VI compliance by the State, it is the avowed intention of the Executive Department to assure that the State maintain and effectively utilize the process it has developed for assuring the elimination of any remaining vestiges of racial inequality in our system of higher education.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Delaware Higher Education Title VI Commission created by Executive Order No. 98 dated March 3, 1981, is hereby renamed the Governor's Commission on Equality of Access to Higher Education in Delaware. The membership of the Commission shall be:

- (a) A representative of the Governor's Office;
- (b) The President of Delaware State College, or a person designated by the President;
- (c) The President of the University of Delaware, or a person designated by the President;
- (d) The President of Delaware Technical and Community College, or a person designated by the President;
- (e) The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a person designated by the Superintendent;
- (f) The Executive Director of the Delaware Postsecondary Education Commission;
- (g) The Chairperson of the State Human Relations Commission, or a Commission member designated by the Chairperson;
- (h) One public member with Title VI experience who is appointed by the Governor.

2 The Governor shall designate a Chairperson from among the members of the Commission.

3. The responsibilities of the Commission shall be as follows:

- (a) To collect, from each of Delaware's public institutions of higher education, review, make recommendations upon, and disseminate to the Office of the Governor and to such other agencies of the State as the Governor shall designate, statistical and narrative information regarding program activities and expenditures undertaken or made by the State and each of Delaware's institutions of higher education for the purpose of assuring full and equal access to and the enjoyment of the privileges of higher education at the University of Delaware, Delaware State College and Delaware Technical and Community College without regard whatsoever to race.

- (b) To convene public meetings of the Commission at least twice a year, in March and in October, and to submit to the Governor, and to any other branch or agency of the State or other level of government as the Governor may from time to time direct, as soon as practicable, an annual report following the spring public meeting, of its findings, conclusions and recommendations with regard to appropriate institutional, executive department of legislative actions necessary and appropriate to the elimination of any remaining vestiges of a dual system of higher education in Delaware.
- (c) To recommend, in conjunction with the Department of Public Instruction, programs which will encourage and promote the fullest utilization of Delaware's public institutions of higher education by all students graduating from Delaware's secondary schools.

4. The sites of the public meetings of the Commission in October and March of each year shall rotate among the campuses of each of Delaware's institutions of higher education. The Commission will on such occasions conduct its business so that the members may, on a first hand basis, acquaint themselves with the efforts of each campus to assure full accessibility and opportunity for all students without regard to race.

5. All departments, agencies and boards within the Executive Department shall cooperate with and provide such technical and other assistance to the Commission as the Commission may from time to time request.

APPROVED this 17th day of
May, 1991

Michael N. Castle
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary of State

