EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER NINETY-EIGHT

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies

RE: Creation of the Governor's Public Higher Education Advisory Commission

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is currently supporting with State funds three institutions of higher education having six separate campuses and a multiplicity of similar facilities; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement annually generates increased competition among these institutions for limited State financial resources for both operating and capital costs, the Governor and the General Assembly and the citizens of Delaware need comprehensive information with respect to all public postsecondary educational resources in the State, so that such resources can be better coordinated, improved, expanded or altered and so that equitable resource allocation decisions can be made and so that any and all citizens of the State will have the best resources available to choose from; and

WHEREAS, a broad-based, short-term commission was proposed in the "State of the State Address" to study higher education;

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

1. There is hereby established the "Governor's Higher Education Advisory Commission".

2. The Commission shall consist of 15 members who shall be appointed as follows:
   a. The Director of State Planning
   b. The Budget Director of the State
   c. The Secretary of Finance
   d. The President of the University of Delaware
e. The President of Delaware State College  
f. The President of Delaware Technical and Community College  
g. A member of the Faculty of the University of Delaware, who shall be a resident of New Castle County, to be designated by the Faculty Senate  
h. A member of the Faculty of Delaware State College, who shall be a resident of Kent County, to be designated by the Faculty Senate  
i. A member of the Faculty of Delaware Technical and Community College, who shall be a resident of Sussex County, to be designated by the Faculty Senate  
j. Six public members to be selected by the Governor  

3. The Chairman of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor. All other officers shall be elected by the Commission.  

4. The purpose of the Commission shall be to study the three public institutions of higher education and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly so that:  
   a. Statewide higher education priorities may be established.  
   b. Guidelines for State funding of the institutions may be established.  
   c. A priority listing of programs needing support and those to be considered for elimination or alteration because of duplication of effort or service can be made.  
   d. A uniform transfer-of-credits program can be recommended for the three institutions.  
   e. Guidelines for tuition fees for the various institutions can be established.  
   f. That recommendations as to better facility usage by the institutions can be made.  
   g. Guidelines for capital funding can be established.  
   h. Any other areas of concern that the Commission or the Governor might want to address can be studied.  

5. The Commission is authorized and empowered to make use of such State agency staff as may be essential to the accomplishment of the above responsibilities.

APPROVED this 8th day of March, 1976

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Governor

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Secretary of State