EXECUTIVE ORDER
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TO: Heads of all State Departments and Agencies
RE: Delaware Postsecondary Education Commission

WHEREAS, the Governor, as Chief Executive of the State, has a responsibility for the effective coordination and planning of State affairs; and

WHEREAS, such responsibility includes planning for the effective interaction of State government with institutions of postsecondary education existing in the State; and

WHEREAS, this responsibility requires current and comprehensive information for the orderly coordination, development, and alteration of goals, objectives and priorities in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has made available under the appropriation authority contained in Section 1203 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1972 and 1976, funds to support State Postsecondary Education Commissions; and

WHEREAS, to receive the financial assistance offered under this Act, Delaware is required to establish a State Commission on postsecondary education which is broadly and equitably representative of the general public and public and private non-profit institutions of postsecondary education in the State, including community colleges, junior colleges, area vocational schools, technical institutions, four-year institutions of higher education and branches thereof; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number Forty-seven, dated June 13, 1974, as amended by Executive Order Number Seventy-five, dated June 25, 1975, of Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, established a Delaware Postsecondary Education Commission; and

WHEREAS, further amendment of the Higher Education Act and guidelines promulgated thereunder have made it desirable to reorganize and reconstitute the Commission, and further definition of the functions and responsibilities of the Commission would be helpful to the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PIERRE S. du PONT, IV, 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 Postsecondary Education Commission, as established and constituted by Executive Order Number Forty-seven, dated June 13, 1974, as amended by Executive Order Number Seventy-five, dated June 25, 1975, of Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, is hereby reorganized and reconstituted as follows:
2. The Commission shall consist of fourteen members appointed by the Governor.

3. There shall be two membership classifications such that eight of the members will serve as voting members, and six members will serve as ex-officio advisory members.

4. The eight voting members of the Commission shall be appointed for terms of three years and shall be broadly representative of the general public and shall not serve concurrently in the capacity of administrator or trustee at a postsecondary educational institution in the State of Delaware.

5. The six ex-officio members of the Commission shall serve concurrent with their status as:

   (a) The president of the University of Delaware, representing public universities.

   (b) The President of Delaware State College, representing public four-year colleges.

   (c) The President of one of Delaware's independent colleges, representing the independent colleges of the State.

   (d) The President of Delaware Technical and Community College, representing public community and technical colleges.

   (e) The President of one of the proprietary schools certified by and operating in the State of Delaware, who shall represent the proprietary schools of the State.

   (f) The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, representing elementary, secondary and area vocational schools.

6. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor from among the members of the Commission. All other officers shall be selected by all members of the Commission.

7. The purpose of the Commission shall be to develop comprehensive plans for postsecondary education in the State of Delaware and to make recommendations therefor to the Governor. Toward this purpose the Commission is authorized to develop plans and make recommendations to the Governor for:

   (a) The proper role and scope of the various institutions of postsecondary education in the State including the recommended levels and kinds of academic and/or occupational programs to be supported at each such institution (role) and the extent or range of these offerings (scope);

   (b) Approval of proposed degree programs with respect to their qualification within the role and scope of a publicly supported institution;
(c) Other policy, financial, or procedural matters as directed by the Governor;

8. In addition, the Commission shall herewith administer and be responsible for:

(a) the State Program authorities of the Higher Education Act, including:

(1) the Community Services and Continuing Education Authority (HEA Sec. 105);

(2) the Equipment for Undergraduate Instruction Authority (HEA Sec. 603); and

(3) the Grants for Construction of Undergraduate Academic Facilities Authority (HEA Sec. 704).

9. The Commission is authorized and empowered to apply for, accept and disburse grants, gifts and contributions from the federal government for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Commission.

10. The Commission is authorized and empowered to employ such staff as may be essential to the accomplishment of the above responsibilities within the limitation of its budget.

11. The Chairperson of the Commission shall prepare an annual report for submission to the Governor.

12. Executive Order Number Forty-seven of former Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, dated June 13, 1974, and Executive Order Number Seventy-five of former Governor Sherman W. Tribbitt, dated June 25, 1975, are hereby rescinded and repealed.

APPROVED this 22nd day of September, 1977.

[Signature]
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary of State