Memorandum to Presidents

Date: October 1, 1974

From: Office of the Chancellor

Subject: Funding of Coordinating Area Activities

The Council of Presidents has indicated the need for a policy statement on Coordinating Area activities, particularly in relation to funding.

First, it should be stressed that the Coordinating Area was not, and is not intended to develop into the site of an additional layer of bureaucracy. It was not established to confine students or faculty within parochial limits. The Coordinating Area Council cannot be a device for generating significant additional funds to purchase campus services or compete with and distort local campus priorities.

Rather, the idea of regional cooperation was to promote educational cooperation on specific projects. This means that resources should be sought, not to support an organization but rather to support new programs to benefit clusters of campuses.

To achieve these objectives, the following policy guidelines for funding Coordinating Area activities have been developed:

1. All funding requests to support regional activities should be approved by Coordinating Area Presidents' Council.

2. State funding may be sought for programs with a clear multi-campus content that cannot be mounted within the existing campus budgets.

3. State source funding will be sought to supplement funding provided by campuses or outside sources.

4. Each programs request should include a clear justification of the project and should be linked directly to one of the major purposes of the Coordinating Area concept as expressed in the 1973 Presidents' report, i.e.: 

   a. The improvement of the quality of existing programs;
b. Increasing the options and opportunities for students;

c. Improving the efficiency of the total University's operations.

5. Major new funding will not be sought to establish regular Coordinating Area staff. Faculty and administrative help should be funded on a temporary released-time basis. Maximum use should be made of graduate student employment on a part-time basis both for the learning value of the experience to the student and to avoid the establishment of a permanent Coordinating Area staff.

6. Such funding, if available, will be provided within allocated limits upon evidence that the campuses in the Coordinating Area are committed to supporting the programs.

7. A Coordinating Area program should not be designed to generate FTE's in addition to the University's enrollment targets.

I trust this information will be helpful. If you have any questions, Murray Block and Bob Spencer will be glad to be of assistance.

Thanks very much.

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