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HISTORICAL NOTE:

The **Citizens Commission for the Study of Higher Education**, 1984-1985 was established by Governor Joseph Robert Kerrey in May of 1984 to formulate recommendations for the Governor to use at the beginning of the 1985 session of the Legislature to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of post secondary education in Nebraska. The purpose of the commission was to identify Nebraska's postsecondary education needs for the future, especially for the decade 1985-1995; assess the capacity of Nebraska's postsecondary education system to meet those needs; and recommend actions to improve the system's effectiveness and efficiency. It was to examine the appropriateness, quality and sufficiency of several program areas, including graduate and research programs, professional education programs, and service programs.

Articles of Incorporation for the commission were filed in the Secretary of State's office, May 17, 1984. It was registered as a non-profit corporation organized to conduct a nonpartisan study and analysis of the organization, structure, financing and effectiveness of Nebraska's system of publicly-supported postsecondary education and formulate recommendations. The Board of Directors consisted of Willis A. Strauss, Omaha, president; David R. Buntain, a Lincoln attorney, vice president; and Elwood N. "Jack" Thompson, president of the Cooper Foundation, Secretary/Treasurer. The organization meeting for the commission was held on the same day as incorporation. Dr. James C. Olson, retiring President of the University of Missouri and Executive Director of the commission and Andrew F. Cunningham, a senior analyst in the Policy Research Office, as Assistant Director. The commission consisted of 66 members appointed by the Governor and who were selected by a membership survey conducted in late June, 1984. After final selections were made, they were notified by the Governor's office to contact the commission if they wished to participate. The study was begun on July 9, 1984.

The commission was given ten areas of study: Enrollment projection for the following 20 years; Coordination and governance of postsecondary education in Nebraska; Facilities inventory; Faculty and administrative inventory; Existing graduate and research program and their needs; Existing professional education programs in Nebraska; Existing Public service programs; Existing salaries and benefits in public post secondary education in Nebraska; Technology available today to assist in higher education; Existing costs of post-secondary education in Nebraska and the State's ability to support then current programs and the needs projected for the next 20 years. The commission also studied the efficiency of management of these institutions.

A report was completed in November 1984. The executive Summary of the Commission, "Toward the 21st Century," was submitted in December, 1984 outlining the results of the study and making certain recommendations concerning higher education in Nebraska. Although the Articles of Incorporation stated that the Commission would exist perpetually, the Board of Directors met to dissolve the corporation on October 31, 1985.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE - Boxes 226-228

This portion of Governor Kerry's collection consists of the Commission's organizational files maintained by Andrew Cunningham. They document to internal operations and planning of the Commission as it attempted to fulfill the responsibilities as set forth by Governor Kerrey. The collection consists of Administrative Correspondence, Fiscal Records, Membership Files, Minutes and Committee Files, Commission and Miscellaneous Reports, and Public Relations materials including photographs and audio/visual materials. The strength of the collection is in the minutes and the Reports. These two record groups analyze Nebraska's postsecondary educational system and provide a synthesis of the recommendations that eventually resulted in the final report.

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