

education had divested themselves of community college responsibilities. In 1976, the Governor was authorized to establish boards of trustees for future community colleges upon petition of the respective counties and recommendation of the State Board for Higher Education and the State Board for Community Colleges (Chapter 538, Acts of 1976). Local boards of trustees are appointed by the Governor, except in Baltimore City where the Mayor and City Council make the appointments.

The State Board for Community Colleges establishes general policies for the State's community colleges. The Board studies the problems of community college education and assists the colleges with professional advice in all areas of their activities. The Board reviews and advises upon all proposed major program additions or modifications in existing community colleges, as well as proposals for establishing new community colleges. The Board also reviews and approves all continuing education courses offered by the colleges.

To assure educational opportunities for students and efficient use of funds, the Board coordinates relations among community colleges and facilitates transfer of community college students to four-year institutions of higher education. The Board also coordinates relations among community colleges, State and local public school systems, and private high schools to promote cooperation in guidance and admission of students to community colleges.

The Board maintains an information and accounting system for community college programs, administers the State's program of support for community colleges, and helps community colleges secure and administer available federal funds. The Board also assists the Maryland Higher Education Commission in its duties as they pertain to community colleges and in its preparation of plans and recommendations for new facilities and programs concerning community colleges.

The State Board for Community Colleges establishes guidelines for community colleges to use in financial record-keeping and preparing annual audit reports. The Board also reviews audits and management letters of community colleges to determine if the schools are audited in accordance with statute, and to assure that recommendations are implemented by each college.

Recent Board initiatives include coordinating college programs for business and industry and promoting community colleges as a statewide resource for economic development initiatives.

The Board may designate certain community college instructional programs as statewide programs. Fifty-nine programs since 1979 have been so designated. Statewide programs minimize duplication while enriching the curriculum.

Maryland has fourteen county community colleges, two regional community colleges, and a college in Baltimore City. In three counties, branch campuses also serve as extensions of neighboring community colleges. Each branch campus is administered by a community college in a different political subdivision under contract with the county government in which the branch is located. Catonsville Community College administers a Carroll County branch campus. Charles County Community College administers branch campuses in St. Mary's and Calvert counties. Community college services are thus available in each political subdivision, except for Somerset County. Enrollment for fall 1987 totaled 96,517 students in degree and certificate programs. In fiscal year 1988, enrollment totaled 142,123 students in continuing education courses.

The two regional community colleges are Chesapeake College and Wor-Wic Tech Community College on the Eastern Shore. Chesapeake College at Wye Mills was chartered in 1965. It serves Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. Created in 1975, Wor-Wic Tech Community College at Salisbury serves Worcester and Wicomico counties as a community college with a strong emphasis on vocational-technical programs.

Annually, the Board submits a State Plan to the Governor and General Assembly that incorporates elements of an annual report. The Board also publishes special and continuing studies on program evaluation, student follow-up, enrollment, finance, and related policy issues. General policies of the Board are found in Title 13C of the *Code of Maryland Regulations*. A monthly newsletter, *SBCC Bulletin*, is distributed to the colleges and State officials.

The Board consists of eight members appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Seven members are appointed for six-year terms. One member is a student appointed to a one-year term upon recommendation of the community college presidents (Code Education Article, secs. 16-101 through 16-515).

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