

SECTION III

PART J POLICY FOR DELEGATION OF FACILITY PROGRAM PLANNING APPROVAL AUTHORITY

1.00 Preface

The Commission Executive Director is delegated approval authority for the following categories of capital projects:

- 1.01 Exemption from the statutory requirements of program planning and physical planning set forth in 23-1-106(5), C.R.S., as amended, "any project which will require less than \$500,000 capital expenditure of state monies, conforms with master planning, and is reported at the regular Commission meeting next following such approval." (CCHE Minutes, December 1973, p. 988; as amended by H.B. 1187, 1985 General Assembly)
- 1.02 Minor capital construction projects costing less than \$2,000,000, regardless of source of funds, that:
- N do not involve the addition of more than 20,000 gross square feet of space; or
 - N remodel or renovate existing space and do not include a basic change in the function of existing space; or
 - N correct health and life-safety hazards and do not involve a basic change in the function of existing space; or
 - N remove space that should be razed, sold, or converted to non-higher education use, consistent with master planning; or
 - N acquire new or replace existing instructional or scientific equipment and do not involve a basic change in the function of existing space.
- 1.03 Major capital construction projects costing more than \$2,000,000, regardless of source of funds, that fully comply with program and financial planning guidelines, and where no state policy issues are raised during the plan review process.
- 1.04 Major capital construction projects to be constructed, operated, and maintained solely from auxiliary enterprise funds, student fees, research building revolving funds, or wholly endowed gifts and bequests, or a combination of such funds set forth in 23-1-106(9), C.R.S.; consistent with master planning, applicable Commission student fee policies, governing board approved financing plans, and applicable codes and standards.

2.00 Approval Notification

The Executive Director shall certify that such capital project approval conforms with master planning, program and financial planning guidelines, applicable codes and standards, and the technical recommendations from the coordinated state agencies' review process, and shall report each such capital project approval at the next regular Commission meeting following such approval.

3.00 Referrals to Commission

The Executive Director shall refer to the Commission any such capital projects that raise state policy issues, or which the Commission staff is not prepared to favorably approve.

4.00 Rental of Off-Campus Facilities

4.01 Commission FTE REPORTING POLICY III.B.1 provides that:

"a) under certain conditions, due to a shortage of instructional facilities on campus for programmatic reasons, a campus may rent facilities, after approval by the Commission on Higher Education (23-1-106(8), C.R.S.), for the purpose of offering resident instruction."

4.02 The Commission Executive Director is delegated program plan approval authority for rental of off-campus resident instructional facilities, consistent with CCHE FTE REPORTING POLICY III.B.1(a), and CCHE FACILITY PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDELINE C.7. The Executive Director shall certify justification of need for off-campus resident instruction space and shall report each such decision at the next regular Commission meeting following such approval.

The AHEC Board shall review the utilization of all on- and off-campus space used by the Auraria institutions and shall supply evidence to the Commission that such proposed off-campus resident instruction activity by Auraria institutions cannot be accommodated in current state-owned space. Conflicts concerning the use of physical facilities at the Auraria Higher Education Center shall be resolved, pursuant to 23-70-106.5, C.R.S.

The Executive Director shall refer to the Commission any such campus rental needs that the Commission staff is not prepared to favorably approve.