

INTRODUCTION

In the pages that follow, the Associations cooperating in this statement outline their views of the needs for national action in the area of higher education, both in the immediate future and for the years ahead. The index provides a ready reference to particular topics.

What We Favor

In broad outline, these Associations favor national action designed:

- * To strengthen the capacity of institutions of higher education to provide quality educational programs at all levels for students with a wide range of backgrounds and interests, and at a cost that most students and their families can afford.

Such programs include, but are not limited to: Federal grants for the construction of academic facilities, supplemented by Federal loans.

Federal loans for residential and related facilities, at subsidized interest rates when necessary to keep charges to students within reason.

Operating support for all accredited institutions that can participate, so devised as to stimulate and not to replace other public and private sources of support.

- * To extend the frontiers of knowledge through basic research and to bring the results into use in solving human problems through applied research.

Such programs include both the support of basic and applied research as such and post-baccalaureate and post-doctoral fellowship and traineeship programs designed to prepare individuals to make their maximum contribution to the advancement of knowledge.

They include the work of the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the fellowship and research programs of the U.S. Office of Education, the research and related programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and other Federal agencies.

- * To improve the competence of individuals in their professional and vocational capacities through such programs as the Education Professions Development Act, the wide range of special institutes assisted by various Federal agencies, the proposed Intergovernmental Manpower Act, and many others.
- * To make the resources of our universities and colleges available beyond the limits of the campus in helping solve the problems of urban and rural poverty, in giving individuals oppor-