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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. A committee of faculty and students should be formed to write a new Statement of Purpose to be adopted and advertised by the time another evaluating committee has visited.
2. The next printed bulletin (catalog) of the institution should contain an institutional Statement of Purpose.
3. There should be provided, as soon as possible, resources necessary to permit administrative officers to devote the time and effort required to design the internal policies, procedures and plans still needed.
4. Serious consideration at all policy making levels of the institution should be given to determining priorities among the 28 undergraduate and eight graduate programs with regard to which programs ought to and can be implemented at this time; also, which programs can be delayed as offerings until proper staff and facilities (including library) make it possible to offer them satisfactorily. Available resources in faculty and budget do not now match well enough to the ambitious schedule of course offerings.
5. An appropriate committee should be created in the faculty organization to review new courses and curricula, and all future catalogs or bulletins of the college should reflect accurately the scope of courses and majors offered.
6. Science laboratory facilities, not now adequate, should be improved as soon as possible. This should not be postponed until the move to the new campus which might be as much as two years away.
7. It is urgent that the college give highest priority to establishing a vigorous faculty organization which recognizes the responsibility of an organized faculty to develop and give direction to the academic program.
8. Revisions of the Faculty Handbook should include definitions of the role of faculty in institutional governance and an organization to implement this role.
9. Criteria for faculty evaluation and professional growth and advancement should be developed and stated as specifically as possible in the Faculty Handbook.
10. The college should consider allocating time for research in the overall faculty workload. This policy should be published in the Faculty Handbook.

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11. The college should look toward increasing the library's professional staff by at least one.
 12. The lighting in the library should be improved, immediately, and additional wiring should be installed for carrels, air handling units and office machines.
 13. Faculty and administration of the college should continue to play a major role in planning for the development of facilities on the permanent campus. The governing board should assure the cooperation of all engineering, architectural, and other contracting firms with campus authorities (faculty and administration).
 14. Attempts should be made to increase the size of the custodial and maintenance staffs operating in the current facility.
 15. A dean of the Graduate School or Division should be employed as soon as possible.
 16. Whatever the decision of the Texas Coordinating Board regarding the proposed masters degrees, the college should implement the programs only after an implementation schedule has been redesigned which is realistically consistent with the necessary resources. (See, also, recommendation #1, page 19).
 17. A plan should be developed for encouraging and supporting research and other scholarly activity by individual faculty members and groups of faculty. (See, also, recommendation #4, page 27).