

Decision of the Government Administration Council
Concerning the Leadership Over Institutions of
Higher Learning

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All institutions of higher learning in the country, as a rule, are under the leadership of the Ministry of Education of the Central People's Government. To make it possible that higher education more effectively serve the purpose of our national reconstruction, and to simplify administrative procedures so as to facilitate the operation of these institutions, the Government Administration Council makes the following decisions concerning matters of direction assigned to them:

I. The Ministry of Education of the Central People's Government (abbreviated as the Central Ministry of Education) has the responsibility for directing all institutions of higher learning (except military academies) in the country. All large administrative district governments or Military Administrative Committee ministries of education (or ministries of culture and education) (abbreviated as Ministry of Education of Large

Administrative Districts) have the responsibility of directing, in accordance with the unified policy of the Central Government, all institutions of higher learning under their jurisdictions.

1. All institutions of higher learning must abide by all decisions of the Central Ministry of Education regarding national policies on higher education; systems and regulations for institutions of higher learning; directives on the principles of education; the establishment or closing of institutions; appointments and removals of presidents of universities, deans of colleges, and directors of institutes; pay and allowances for teachers; scholarships and related matters for students; ceilings of administrative expenditures, etc. A particular geographic area or a particular institution may make its own decisions on matters involving special local circumstances, but they must be reviewed by the ministry in the large administrative districts and approved by the Central Ministry of Education in advance.

2. To understand the current situation, to investigate problems, and to summarize experiences, the Central Ministry of Education may request that a particular institution make a direct report on a special issue. Ministries of education of all large administrative districts have the same authority with respect to institutions of higher learning under their jurisdictions.

3. Prior to approval by the Central Ministry of Education of a unified national plan for reconstruction of higher education, and prior to a unified allocation by the Central Ministry of Education of expenditures for national higher education, the ministries of education of large administrative districts prepare their own plans for reconstruction of higher education and submit them to the Central Ministry of Education for approval.

II. The Central Ministry of Education directs all institutions of higher learning in North China, with the exception of those institutions that have been assigned to provincial governments. Institutions of higher learning in large administrative districts are temporarily turned over by the Central Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Education of Large Administrative

Districts for direct guidance; in these cases, the Central Ministry of Education may, depending upon circumstances, gradually and systematically place these institutions under its own direction. All institutions of higher learning should maintain close contacts with their own provincial and local governments. These local governments should render all possible assistance to institutions of higher learning in their jurisdiction in matters of political education, study tours, internship programs, security, and general personnel actions.

III. Regular (comprehensive) universities, and the specialized institutes that have close relationships with several central ministries, are under the direction of the Central Ministry of Education or ministries of education of large administrative districts. In cooperation with all ministries and agencies concerned, the ministries of education should provide these schools with assistance and guidance in their specialized education, study tours, and internship programs. Institutions of higher learning that deal primarily with a particular ministry receive guidance concerning their day-to-day operations, staffing of teachers, management of expenditures, equipment, study tours, and internship programs directly from the Central Government or the People's Governments of large administrative districts, or appropriate departments of the Military Administration committees. In these cases, all ministries and departments concerned appoint special staffs or create offices to direct this work, in accordance with Article 1 of this resolution.

IV. In accordance with the preceding articles, when there is a need for changes in matters concerning the direction of institutions of higher learning, such changes must be made systematically and gradually, and must be made in consultation with all offices concerned and announced by the Central Ministry of Education.

V. The Government Administration Council of the Central People's Government hereby announces that this resolution is effective immediately.