

Report to the Executive Committee of MACTLAC

Placement Service
1977-1978

The service was continued in unchanged form by the current Coordinator, who had given notice of his need to step down from the position at the end of the year covered by this report.

As in the past, a letter (attached) was sent to each MACTLAC Chemistry Chairman, describing the service and requesting the return of an information card (attached).

Sixty-eight of the 118 colleges solicited had responded by the final week in January and the placement list (attached) was generated and distributed. Only four additional cards were received after this date, but three of them did indicate openings. Because of the very minor change, no supplementary list was prepared and distributed this year.

Twenty-three openings and five possible openings at MACTLAC institutions were identified by the service. The number of responses received and the number of openings identified compare very closely to those of the previous two years.

The restricted-circulation placement list was requested by and mailed to only eighteen individuals. Fourteen of these returned the Placement Form. Only two of these have written confirming that they have obtained a new position. The remainder either did not obtain a position (past experience suggests this to be unlikely) or they did not respond as requested.

As in previous years, representatives from a number of departments, several non-MACTLAC, telephoned me during the spring requesting information about available candidates. The individual Placement Forms, which were in my file by discipline, were reviewed with the callers. There is no way at this time to establish the results of these exchanges.

As was pointed out in last year's report, we continue to identify a larger number of positions than we do candidates and the majority of the positions remain non-permanent.

It is my feeling (but not my absolute conviction) that the Placement Service continues to fill a needed function of centralizing information about openings in MACTLAC schools. Exploration of a number of procedures has not led to any method of quantifying the success of the Placement Service and, thus, I believe that if it is continued it will have to be on the basis of "gut feeling" rather than documentation.

The Executive Committee has appointed Professor Jack Cook as Coordinator of the service for the 1978-1979 year and the files pertinent to maintenance of the Placement Service have been forwarded to Professor Cook.

For the record and the committee's study, I have attached to this report a copy of the documents referred to within it.

Respectfully submitted,

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