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FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY

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1988-89 Annual Report

Academic Planning Committee

The committee met monthly October through May. In its capacity as an advisory committee to the Provost, the committee made the following recommendations.

1. The committee advised that a request from USC-Spartanburg Faculty Senate for a local change in grading system be denied. The committee also recommended that policies be uniform throughout THE USC System in grading, award of honors, suspension, and course numbering for common courses. The committee suggested that a procedure be proposed, approved by appropriate authority, and published, which would allow desirable changes to be made in such policies.
2. The committee recommended that THE USC System adopt a policy that allows students to follow bulletins in effect at the time of matriculation into THE USC System, regardless of the campus of entry. A policy such as this would require a similar statement in all bulletins of THE USC system.
3. A central, computerized method of transcript evaluation for transfer students should be established as quickly as possible. Local access should be available for all system campuses.

At the request of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, the Academic planning Committee also studied the issue of summer school and approved the following recommendations.

1. The calendar requiring 120 minute classes for 18 class days should be abandoned and not used for any Columbia Campus classes after summer 1989.
2. A calendar of two summer sessions, each utilizing 75 minute classes for 28 class days (5 days/week), should be reinstated beginning summer 1990.
3. Further study should be conducted concerning the advisability of adopting a calendar consisting of a single session of 50 minute classes for 42 class days (5 days/week).
4. Members of the Academic Planning Committee from campuses other than Columbia should study the summer school issue on their respective campuses.
5. The Faculty Welfare Committee should be asked to review the Faculty pay scale for teaching summer school.
6. Summer school should be a part of the annual USC budget.