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ATTACHMENT 4.

August 23, 1976

TO: THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
FROM: THE SECRETARY

In accord with page 17 of the Faculty Manual, your secretary of the Faculty submits herewith the annual summation of Faculty actions for the period September 10, 1975 through July 6, 1976.

All actions of the Faculty are specifically adverted to except the passage of the requests for grade changes and the reports of the Committee on Curricula and New Courses, both of which were generally adopted with only occasional and slight emendations. However, in those cases where proposals for new degree programs were recommended by the Committee on Curricula and New Courses Faculty action on these proposals are reported herein. Reports of the Grade Change Committee and of the Committee on Curricula and New Courses are kept with the official minutes, which are on file in the Faculty Senate Office where they may be consulted by anyone holding membership in the University Faculty.

Please do not confuse this report, which is a synopsis for the whole academic year, with the minutes of specific meetings.

During the academic year 1975-76 the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate:

September 10, 1975:

Passed by a unanimous vote a resolution that the Faculty Senate supports the Law School in their efforts to preserve their accreditation and protect the integrity of their evaluation and admission; that the Faculty Senate strongly urges the Board of Trustees to reconsider its action with respect to Law School admissions; and that the Board of Trustees-Faculty Academic Affairs Committee be instructed to recommend to the Board of Trustees that it reconsider its recent action with respect to Law School admissions.

October 1, 1975:

Passed a motion that the Faculty Advisory Committee inquire into the role of the faculty in the admission of students, and the functions of the Committee on Admissions; and that the Faculty Advisory Committee present its findings with appropriate recommendations to the Faculty Senate.

November 5, 1975:

Passed the motion to exempt mid-term grades for graduate students.

Passed the motion that the Faculty Senate reaffirm the regulation that all grade changes except for changes from Incomplete (I) must go through the Grade Change Committee. Any change not validated by the Grade Change Committee will be subject to reversal by the Faculty Senate.

November 5, 1975 (continued)

Passed the motion that the four-year regional campuses submit all matters on curricula and new courses and other proposed changes in academic policy to the University Faculty Senate or as appropriate to the Graduate Faculty, to be accomplished under the same procedures by which approval is sought by academic units on the Columbia Campus and by the two-year regional campuses.

Passed a motion to approve a degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Defeated a motion to require a grade of "C" for courses to be counted toward a student's major.

December 3, 1975:

On behalf of the Faculty of the University of South Carolina adopted a resolution congratulating Professors Robert D. Ochs and Cecil I. Tucker for having received the honor of being awarded the title of Distinguished Professor.

Approved a proposal to re-establish South Carolina College.

February 4, 1976:

Deferred action until the March meeting on a motion to include the grades of C+ and B+ to carry 2.5 and 3.5 grade points per credit hour respectively.

The Steering Committee noted that the Resolution passed by the Senate on November 5 relative to the Regional Campuses receiving approval of new courses and curricula by the Senate is not being followed.

March 3, 1976:

Approved a proposal for a Presidential Selection Committee.

Approved as amended the recommendations of the Faculty Advisory Committee concerning U.S.C. admission policies.

Approved the motion to endorse the Faculty Senate Steering Committee's interpretation of honors as presented at the February 4 meeting.

Approved the granting of a B.G.S. degree for medical and dental school students who have completed three years at U.S.C. and one year of medical or dental school.

April 7, 1976:

Defeated the motion to change the grading system to include grades of C+ and B+.

Adopted a resolution that where interpretation becomes necessary in the enforcement of University academic regulations and acts of the Senate and Faculty, such interpretation be done by the Faculty Advisory Committee acting together with the Chairman of the Faculty Senate and the Vice President for Instruction. Such interpretations are to be published to the Faculty and will be subject to review by the Senate.

April 7, 1976 (continued)

Approved by a slim margin the endorsement of a non-contributory retirement plan. (However, further study by the Welfare Committee resulted in the abandonment of their proposal, as reported in the minutes of July 6, 1976.)

Defeated a motion to re-structure the Athletic Advisory Committee.

April 27, 1976:

Accepted the report of the Nominations Committee, but with the addition, by nominations from the floor, of one nominee each for the Board of Governors, Faculty House, and for the Athletic Advisory Committee, and six nominees to the University Student Affairs Committee.

Approved changes in the Faculty Manual giving membership and voting rights to the full-time lecturers and instructors who are not in baccalaureate and graduate degree programs.

Approved recommendations of the Committee on Scholastic Standing and Petitions for changes in the catalogue with reference to suspension and a change in the standards for graduation with honors.

Approved as amended the Proposal for a New Student Judicial System.

Passed a motion requesting the Administration to draft a two-year calendar to be submitted to the Faculty Senate for discussion at its summer meeting, and that the calendar should not call for senior grades to be due until the end of the examination period.

July 6, 1976:

Tabled a motion to amend the University's summer calendar to schedule an eight or ten week summer session in order to allow the Steering Committee time for consultation with other Faculty committee, and asked that the Steering Committee make recommendations to the Senate in September.

Recommended adoption of the 1976-77 Fall and Spring calendars as presented in the agenda.

Passed a motion calling upon the University Library Committee to postpone until October 1 the new inter-library loan charges, until the Graduate Council and the Faculty Advisory Committee have time to examine the fee with a view toward presenting a possible alternative.

On April 27, 1976, the General Faculty:

Approved a motion which called for the appointment of an ad hoc committee to look into the lack of news media coverage of academic affairs and asked that the committee make its recommendations to the Faculty Senate at its September meeting.