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FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Secretary

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TO: THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY  
FROM: THE SECRETARY

In accord with page 14 of the Faculty Manual, your secretary of the Faculty Senate submits herewith the annual summation of Faculty actions for the period September 6, 1979 through May 2, 1979.

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 Courses, both of which were generally adopted with only occasional and slight emendations. Reports of the Grade Change Committee and of the Committee on Curricula and 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 1978-1979 the University of South Carolina Faculty Senate:

September 6, 1979

Nominations for Chairman-elect were held. Professor Charles Coolidge, History, was nominated.

A motion to approve the admissions procedures for the College of Education failed by a vote of 29-35. The Admissions Committee was requested to study the procedures and provide assistance to the college.

Upon request by the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee, the Committee on Curricula and Courses presented the following catalogue changes and were amended and approved by the Faculty Senate:

Repetition of course work (University Catalogue, p. 14)

When a course is repeated, both grades will be entered on the student's permanent academic record and included in the grade point ratio, but he will receive course credit toward graduation only once, unless otherwise stipulated in the course description.

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Minimum course work at the University (Catalogue, p. 18)

A student planning to pursue work at other institutions or through correspondence or off-campus extension classes must complete this work before attaining senior classification (90 semester hours). The last 30 credits (representing the senior year's work) must be earned in residence at the University and at least twelve hours of the student's major courses must be earned at the University. Some programs impose larger student residence and/or major requirements.

and (Catalogue, p. 21)

The senior year of work (30 semester hours) must be completed in residence at the University, and at least twelve hours of the student's major courses must be taken at the University. Some programs impose larger student residence and/or major requirements.

Chairman Felix appointed Professor Richard Walker, Law School, to the Supreme Court and Professor William Krenl, Government, and J. Michael Farrell, Criminal Justice, to the Campus Court.

September 6, 1978 - General Faculty Meeting

President Holderman introduced Dr. Francis T. Borkowski, the new Provost of the University. Provost Borkowski presented a speech to the faculty expressing his goals for the University.

October 4, 1978

In compliance with amendments to the Faculty Manual which were adopted after the Manual's publication and with the recommendation of the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions the admissions procedures for the College of Education were accepted.

There being no further nominations for Chairman-elect of the Faculty Senate, Professor Charles Coolidge was declared elected by acclamation.

November 1, 1978

Professors John Safko, Astronomy, and Frederick Gertz, Law School, were appointed to the University Judicial Advisory Board.

The matter of transfer grades being used in the computation of the grade point average was referred to the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions for study.

The matter concerning excessive noise in the dorms which was brought to the Senate's attention in October was referred to the Student Affairs Committee.

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December 6, 1978

The Faculty Advisory Committee presented for the Senate's information a proposed change in University regulations concerning withdrawal from courses.

The Faculty Welfare Committee announced that an ad hoc subcommittee prepared a document to be presented in the fall to President Hoiderman. The document supports: (1) enactment of legislation to reduce the vesting period to five years; (2) enactment of legislation to guarantee cost of living increases in benefits; (3) revising employer procedures for implementation of those cases which require statutory authority legislation and (4) submission of a ruling to the Internal Revenue Service to clarify whether employee's contributions can or cannot be deducted under a new tax law.

The Academic Forward Planning Committee announced that Professor Robert J. Carlsson, Business Administration, was elected chairman.

The following nominations to fill vacancies on various university committees were made: Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor John MacNicholas, English, to replace Tom Rice for spring 1979; Patent and Copyright Committee, Professor Harvey Silverstein, Government, to complete the term of Eugene Hardin (1980); and Grievance Committee, Professor Elchanan Cohn, Business Administration to replace Oliver Wood. Professor Richard Hohn, Health and Physical Education, was nominated from the floor to the Grievance Committee.

The matter concerning an appropriate common grading system was referred to the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee and the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Professor MacNicholas and Silverstein were unopposed and therefore elected to their respective committees. A faculty-wide election was held for the contested position on the Grievance Committee.

February 7, 1979

The proposed amendment to the Faculty Manual, page 21, to include the Chairman of the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee as an ex officio member of the Steering Committee was approved.

The following change in regulations concerning dropping courses was approved: "A student may drop a course by submitting a properly executed schedule change form to the Office of Student Records. Courses dropped during the late registration period will not be recorded on a student's permanent record. Thereafter, during the first six weeks of a semester the grade of "W" will be recorded for any course dropped."

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Professor Richard Hohn, Health and Physical Education, was elected by the faculty to fill the vacancy of Oliver Wood on the Grievance Committee for the spring semester.

Professor Rosamond Sprague was nominated and elected to fill Professor Leonard Lanfranco's term on the Grievance Committee.

The Faculty Student Teaching Evaluation Committee announced that a questionnaire was distributed to a random sampling of students to develop data regarding student interest in the evaluation of faculty teaching and the possible uses of the information.

March 7, 1979

The Steering Committee presented a slate of nominations for faculty committees. Additional nominations were made from the floor.

The recommendation to change the name of the Committee on Scholastic Standing and Petitions to the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions was approved.

The following changes recommended by the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee were amended and approved:

1. Changes to page U18, USC Bulletin:

I, incomplete, indicates satisfactory attendance and performance, but failure to complete some portion of the assigned work in a course. By arrangement with the instructor the student may have up to 12 months to complete the work before a permanent grade is recorded. After one year a grade of I may be changed to another symbol only if it was recorded erroneously. The grade of I will affect the computation of GPR as if it were a grade of F until a permanent grade is assigned.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>No points are assigned to the grade of I, but the hours attempted in a course for which this grade is received are included in the computation of GPR.

2. The following recommendation was amended and approved by the Faculty Senate:

- (1) that, as a general policy, transfer grades not be included in the computation of a student's GPR; and

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- (2) that, when required by specific colleges, transfer GPR's be computed in accordance with procedures established between colleges and the Admissions Office; and
- (3) and that transfer grades of students who apply to graduate with honors be included in the computation of their GPRs for those courses which were allowed toward the degree being sought, provided, however, that the GPR earned at USC must meet the level specified for the honors sought.

April 4, 1979

The Curricula and Courses Committee recommended that "All University courses numbered 100 or lower shall be considered to be remedial in nature. Such remedial courses shall be taken pass-fail, and the credit hours received upon successful completion shall not be counted toward a baccalaureate degree." The recommendation was defeated.

May 2, 1979

Professor Rufus Fellers, Engineering and Robert Porter, Business Administration, were appointed to the Academic Forward Planning Committee.

The new descriptions for the Admissions Committee and the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions presented by the Faculty Advisory Committee were approved.

The recommendation of the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee, approved in March, was amended as follows: "That transfer grades of students who apply to graduate with honors be included in the computation of their GPRs; provided, however, that the GPR earned at USC must meet the level specified for the honors sought."

The following student resolution that "The drop period be extended to four weeks with the mark of "W" to be posted on a student's permanent record after this four week period has elapsed" was referred to the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions.

May 3, 1978 - General Faculty Meeting

President James B. Holderman presented the annual faculty honors and awards.

FACULTY ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE  
1979-1980 ANNUAL REPORT

The charge of the Faculty Admissions Committee is:

This committee shall consider University policies on entrance examinations, admissions and readmissions and will recommend to the Faculty Senate changes in policy as these are deemed advisable.

To assure conformity with university undergraduate admissions policies the committee will review policies and changes proposed by faculties of the various academic units.

The committee will act on appeals of persons who seek admission to the University but fail to fulfill established standards of admission or readmission.

Responsibilities of this committee are confined to matters dealing with undergraduate admissions to the University.

Of the ten members, five members of this committee shall be elected by the faculty and five appointed by the President. Two faculty representatives shall be elected each year for a term of three years except every third year one member shall be elected for three years. The Director of Admissions shall serve as secretary to the committee without voting privileges.

Faculty Admissions Committee members of 1979-1980 were:

Elected Members

John Basil (1981)  
Timothy Bergen (1980)  
Morris Blachman (1982)  
Benjamin Franklin (1981)  
Susie VanHuss (1980)

Appointed Members

Walter Bailey  
Dan Berman  
Lloyd Brown  
Andrew Chisholm  
Joe Gibbons  
John Bolin, ex-officio

Dr. Olin Pugh, College of Business Administration and Dr. Duane Rohlifing, Department of Biology were elected to serve on the 1980-1981 Faculty Admissions Committee.

Summary of Faculty Admissions Committee Activities

The Faculty Admissions Committee met seven times during the period of July 1, 1979 to June 30, 1980. The Committee considered the cases of 13 applicants appealing decisions of the Admissions Office.

Summary of Cases

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Disapproved</u>	<u>Deferred</u>
Freshmen	0	4	0
CCI	1	0	0
Transfers	0	1	0
Change of Program or Status	0	1	0
Non-High School Graduate	5	1	0
Foreign	0	0	0

The primary activity of the Admissions Committee was the review and revision of undergraduate admissions standards. The revision of admissions standards involved considerable research by the Admissions staff, extended study by the Committee, and use of a consultant from the Educational Testing Service in Princeton. The revised admissions standards were presented to the Faculty Senate and approved by the Faculty Senate.

The new standards are more stringent, but are fairer to all applicants. The standards are easier to explain to applicants, parents, and school officials. The revision of standards resulted in a drastic decline in appeals to the Committee. During 1978-1979, 54 cases were appealed. This year only 13 cases were appealed.

The new standards approved were based on a minimum predicted GPR of 1.75. The Committee directed the Admissions staff to use a predicted GPR of 2.0 as a basic admissions guide. Some discretion was allowed for borderline cases provided the SAT scores were satisfactory.

Of the approximately 4,000 applicants accepted, roughly 400 had a predicted GPR of less than 2.0. The Committee is pleased with the changes and anticipates steady improvement in the quality of entering students.

The Admissions Committee also monitored and reaffirmed support for the "Provisional Limited" category of admissions. The progress of students admitted under this category will continue to be monitored by the Admissions Committee.

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Discretionary admissions were also monitored. Only 10 students were admitted with a predicted GPR of less than 1.75. Admissions was granted either by President's discretionary admission, Opportunity Scholars Program, or appeal to Admissions staff and Admissions Faculty Committee. The Committee reaffirms its position that discretionary admissions are not abused and, in fact, are seldom used.

Another major activity of the Committee was the review of the total admissions process and the preparation of the self-study report for Standard Three.

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee for 1980-81 will be V. Benjamin Franklin, Department of English.