

REPORT: ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

(For consideration by the Faculty Senate at its meeting on March 7, 1990)

The Committee proposes the following change in the Social Studies requirement for Freshman Admission:

CURRENT WORDING:

4. Social Studies [3 units]. The three social studies units must include one unit of U.S. history, one-half unit of government, and one-half unit of economics. Prospective social science majors are advised to take one additional unit of social studies.

PROPOSED WORDING: - *Approved*

4. Social Studies [3 units]. Three units of social studies are required. Prospective social science majors are advised to take one additional unit of social studies.

RATIONALE: Since one-half unit in economics and one-half unit in government are required for graduation from a public high school in South Carolina, many applicants are automatically meeting these specific course requirements. However, students from private high schools or from out-of-state schools may have had considerably different social studies requirements. Many out-of-state high schools do not offer these specific courses which we are presently requiring for admission. The Committee feels that the proposed wording will preserve the academic intent of the admissions requirement in Social Studies while eliminating the need for wholesale exceptions.

The specific requirement of one unit in U.S. history has proven to be unnecessary, since this subject is required for high school graduation in virtually every state in the nation.