

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE 1991-1992 Report

During the 1991-1992 academic year, the Faculty Admissions Committee:

1. considered and made decisions on numerous individual appeals for exceptions to the admission requirements,
2. hosted a joint meeting on admissions with the Assistant and Associate Deans Council,
3. presented a refinement to the list of high school courses required for freshman admission, which was subsequently passed by the Faculty Senate, and which was consistent with the requirements for admission to any four-year state-supported school (USC course requirements remain more stringent than the statewide list, because of the minimum C average required on the core courses),
4. met with President Palms, Acting Provost Reeves, and Vice-President Pruitt on several occasions to discuss admission standards, and also to explore aggressive and effective approaches to the recruitment of talented students,
5. conducted a thorough review of the statistics of the last five freshman classes in order to assess the impact of various approaches to raising admission standards,
6. brought forth a proposal which was passed by Faculty Senate which raised the Admission Index required for regular freshman admission to a score equivalent to a projected grade point ratio of 2.15, effective for applications to the Fall 1993 freshman class,
7. maintained the Provisional Year with the same selection criteria and maximum enrollment as in the past, with the added proviso that the out-of-state to in-state enrollment in the program shall not normally exceed that of the regularly admitted students in the previous freshman class,
8. reviewed a draft document on Transfer and Articulation being considered by the Commission on Higher Education,
9. elected Jim Burns as committee chair for the 1992-1993 academic year.

Committee Members: Jim Burns, Terry Davis (ex officio), Ina Rae Hark, Pat McNeely, Mary Ellen O'Leary (chair), John Olsgaard, Mike Robinson, Elmer Schwartz, Don Secor, Dick Silvernail, and Marcia Synnott.