

FACULTY ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE
Year-End Report

Major issues of concern discussed at Faculty Admissions Committee meetings during the 1987-88 academic year included:

1. The responsibility of the committee to act as a liaison between the admissions office and the faculty, and to focus on admissions policies.
2. The involvement of the Commission on Higher Education in university admissions requirements.
3. The implementation of the 1988 high school course requirements for freshmen.
4. The overall admissions process, including recruitment efforts, the number of applications received, and the quality of the incoming freshman class compared to previous freshman classes.
5. A proposal to require a grade of "C" or better in each of the required high school core courses.
6. The admission of students who do not pass the high school exit exam and do not receive a high school diploma.
7. The closing of admission to the fall 1988 freshman class.

The following actions were taken by the committee:

1. The committee decided to make a very few exceptions to the 1988 high school core course requirements. The exceptions were based on extenuating circumstances which were beyond the student's control.
2. The committee approved exempting a freshman applicant from the foreign language requirement if English is his second language and he otherwise meets admissions requirements.
3. The committee agreed to make exceptions for students who have completed the academic course requirements but not all of the elective units because their school requires fewer than 20 units for graduation.
4. The committee agreed that one three-semester-hour college course would be equal to one high school unit.

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5. The committee concluded that a high school diploma or its equivalent (GED) will remain as the basic credential required for admission but exceptions can be made if other factors indicate ability to take full advantage of the educational resources available at USC.

6. Bruce Marshall was unanimously reelected as chairman for the 1988-89 year.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Bruce Marshall
Chairman