

**University Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions  
Annual Report 2013-2014**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Elected

Joan Culley, *chair*, Nursing (2014)  
Lori Schwartz, Thomas Cooper Library (2014)  
Peter Binev, Mathematics (2015)  
Krik Foster, Social Work (2015)  
Hrishikesh Chakraborty, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, ASPH (2016)  
Candle Wester-Mittan, Colcman Karesh Law Library (2016)

Appointed

Scott Verzyl, *ex-officio*, Admissions  
Aaron Marterer, *ex-officio*, Registrar's Office

Student

Carli Smolcn term ended December 2013  
Joshua Norris term ended December 2013  
Jessica Myles, (2014)

New Members Appointed For Three Year Terms:

Susan Poslusny, Nursing (2016)  
Kathy Snediker, Library (2016)

**SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

October 20, 2013  
December 5, 2013  
February 25, 2014  
April 3, 2014  
May 6, 2014

**PROPOSALS**

1. **FROM:** Faculty department representative to the Faculty Senate from the Darla Moore School of Business  
**REFERRAL DATE:** October 3, 2013  
**PRESIDING COMMITTEE:** UCSSP  
**PROPOSAL:** Proposal from a faculty department representative to the Faculty Senate from the Darla Moore School of Business regarding proposed changes to the Grading Policy  
**COMMITTEE ACTION:** June 4, 2014 the following proposal was sent to the Faculty Senate for consideration:  
The Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions appreciates the complexity of this decision and the need to include the Regional Campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union) in the survey administered on the Columbia campus. Given the results of careful

study, the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions moves to empower the Faculty Advisory Committee to:

- Distribute to the Regional Campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter and Union) a similar survey tool used on the Columbia campus to solicit faculty views on the adoption of a plus-minus grading system;
- Solicit additional input from students through the Student Government body;
- Develop a comprehensive list of policy and procedural changes impacted;
- Identify reasonable barriers to implementation; and
- Bring to the Faculty Senate in the Fall of 2014 a report on those actions, and as appropriate, a resolution on a proposed change to the grading policy.

2. FROM: Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

REFERRAL DATE: September 5, 2013

PROPOSAL: To recognize the essential curriculum common to all USC-System comprehensive institutions (Columbia, Beaufort, Upstate, and Aiken)

PRESIDING COMMITTEE: UCSSP

COMMITTEE ACTION: On October 29, 2013 the UCSSP voted to forward the proposal to the Committee of Curricula and Courses for their review and action.

3. FROM: USC Registrar

REFERRAL DATE: October 29, 2013

PRESIDING COMMITTEE: UCSSP

PROPOSAL: "F stopped attending" grade entry modifications to the Banner system. On October 29, 2013 the UCSSP agreed that this is an administrative issue that does not affect the actual grades of a student but is rather an analysis tool to facilitate reporting requirements. This requires no further action from this committee.

4. FROM: USC Registrar

REFERRAL DATE: February 3, 2014

PRESIDING COMMITTEE: UCSSP

PROPOSAL: Proposed bulletin changes to the Transfer Credit Policy

COMMITTEE ACTION: The UCSSP worked with the Registrar to develop a revised Transfer Credit Policy that reflected needed changes to an outdated policy. On April 6, 2014, the revised draft policy was approved by the UCSSP and forwarded to the Assistant and Associate Deans Council for their review and comment. Once the policy is returned to the UCSSP, the document will be reviewed and approved and then forwarded to the Faculty Senate for final approval.

5. FROM: Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Affairs and Academic Program Liaison from the College of Education

REFERRAL DATE: March 13, 2014

PRESIDING COMMITTEE: UCSSP

PROPOSAL: Proposed changes for the fall 2014 and 2015 undergraduate bulletins to increase the minimum GPA requirements to 2.6/2.75 (depending on year) for the School of Education to reflect new GPA state requirements for the education professional program.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** The Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Affairs was directed to submit a table that compares current and proposed changes with the justification for changes. The changes have not been forwarded to the UCSSP committee for review. This item was tabled from further consideration until the requested information is provided.

**ADDITIONAL ACTION/DISCUSSION**

- As mandated on pages 14 and 15 of the *USC Faculty Manual*, each college is required to file an annual report with the University Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions documenting the number of petitions received and the disposition of those petitions. Our committee is in the process of collecting the annual reports and will publish the annual reports once all of the reports are received and reviewed.