

**Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions  
Annual Report  
2004 – 2005**

**Committee members:****Elected:**

Judith James (2002-2005)	College of Arts and Sciences
Donna Richter (2002-2005)	Arnold School of Public Health
Carl Evans, Chair (2003-2006)	College of Arts and Sciences
Kenneth Phillips (2003-2006)	College of Nursing
Terry Smith (2004-2007)	College of Arts and Sciences
Charles Wilbanks (2004-2007)	College of Arts and Sciences

**Appointed:**

Kip Howard, ex-officio	Office of Admissions
Gail Stephens, ex-officio	Registrar's Office
Samiyyah Dickinson	Student
Megan Glassman	Student

**The Committee considered two proposed bulletin changes that were presented to the Faculty Senate.**

- Considered a request from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications to change the progression requirements for admission to the upper division and to remain in good standing to a minimum 2.50 cumulative USC GPA (up from 2.25). The request was supported by the Committee and presented to the Faculty Senate at the December meeting as a joint proposal with the Committee on Admissions. The proposed change was adopted by the Faculty Senate.
- Considered the discrepancy between the actions of the University Faculty Senate and the Aiken Faculty Assembly on the new Incomplete policy to be implemented Fall 2005. Both bodies had agreed to make the Incomplete non-punitive in the calculation of the student's GPA, but differed on the time allowed for completion of the Incomplete. The University Faculty Senate's action continues the system-wide policy of 12 months, with the faculty member having the discretion to assign a shorter period of time. The Aiken Faculty Assembly stipulated that the make-up period extends only through the next major semester. In the interest of having a uniform system-wide policy, the University SS&P Committee asked the Aiken SS&P Committee to reconsider the length of the make-up period. The Aiken Committee stood firm on their policy. The Aiken Registrar will monitor all of their Incompletes and handle them on a manual basis.

One student appeal was received by the Chair of the Committee who, after consultation with the Provost's Office and the Legal Office, ruled that the Committee did not have jurisdiction over the appeal.