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**The following report of the Faculty Advisory Committee was approved by the General Faculty at the September 2, 1992, meeting:**

**TO:** Members of the Faculty  
for consideration at the September 2, 1992, meeting

**FROM:** Faculty Advisory Committee  
Marcia G. Welsh, Chair

**SUBJECT:** Dr. Palms' proposal to restructure the USC System

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Dr. Palms addressed the University Board of Trustees on June 24, 1992, with a proposal to restructure the USC System as it is currently organized. The President requested that the Faculty Senate consider these recommendations. Chairman Becker referred the matter to the Faculty Advisory Committee, and we are submitting our opinion to the faculty for discussion and, ultimately, a vote for approval or disapproval. The proposal consists of 3 recommendations. Each recommendation is summarized below and is followed by the Faculty Advisory Committee's opinion concerning that recommendation:

***1. That USC continue to develop, with a sense of urgency, the University of South Carolina Columbia campus into an institution of true national and international stature.***

The Faculty Advisory Committee strongly supports and applauds this recommendation. The future of the faculty and students of The University of South Carolina-Columbia campus is dependent upon a clear plan for growth and development of this institution. This plan for growth and development should "make it possible once again to mobilize fully our comprehensiveness, our historical sensitivity to the state's needs, and our high aspirations as the state's original campus of higher learning."

***2. That USC pursue the independence, in both name and administration, of our campuses at Aiken, Coastal, and Spartanburg, to occur at the appropriate pace and at the appropriate time for each campus and community.***

The Faculty Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the *status quo* is not satisfactory. The four year campuses should become part of a meaningful system or establish an independent status.

***3. That USC continue our close relationship with the five regional campuses, addressing each of their distinct characteristics, needs, and goals.***

The Faculty Advisory Committee agrees with this recommendation, stressing that these regional campuses are a vital, integral part of The University of South Carolina and should be treated as such.