

REPORT OF
FACULTY SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE

ATTACHMENT 1.

Note: The committee charge is (Minutes, February 1, 1984, pages A-4):

A continuing review of this program will be implemented in order to determine if the program is achieving its aims. During the third year . . . an evaluation will be conducted by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee which in turn will submit recommendations to the Faculty Senate for the Senate's action concerning continuation or alteration of the program.

The program's purpose, goals, and expectations (2/1/84 pages A-2 and A-4) have been reviewed and matched with the student data (provided below) plus information arising from discussions with the program administrators. It is the finding of the committee that the Provisional Year Program is accomplishing, in the main, what it was designed to do within the parameters approved in February 1984 and as modified by the Senate at various times. It should be emphasized that "responsibility for determining the applicability of these courses [PYR curriculum] to baccalaureate programs lies with the various collegiate departmental faculties of the baccalaureate programs." (2/1/84, page A-3)

I. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee moves the following motion:

Approved

Moved: "The Provisional Year be established as an approved program in the College of Applied Professional Sciences."

II. The Elements of the Student Contract is provided below for the Senate's information:

Those students admitted to the University under this policy will be subject to the following regulations:

1. The Provisional Year Student must enroll in five of the specified courses each semester and maintain full-time status (at least 12 hours per semester) in order to remain in the program.

Students who wish either to drop a course and/or complete up to two courses in summer school must obtain the prior approval of the College's Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions. No student, however, will be retained in the Program if the student fails to complete 12 hours in each of the Fall and Spring semesters.

2. In the course of 12 months, the Provisional Year student must successfully complete the specific thirty semester hour program and must attain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in order to be considered for admission to a baccalaureate degree granting unit at USC-Columbia.

3. That student must meet the specific requirements for transfer into the appropriate baccalaureate granting academic unit.

4. At the end of 30 hours, a student who does not meet the requirements for admission into a baccalaureate program at USC-Columbia may not continue on this campus. Prior to leaving, that student will receive careful guidance regarding other educational and career opportunities.

5. A student who withdraws from the Provisional Year Program for legitimate medical reasons may be permitted to return to complete the program. Both medical withdrawal and reinstatement must be approved by the College Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions.

Provisional Year Data

1984-85 (250 students selected for enrollment)

122 students completed the P.Y. at the end of Spring '85.

21 completed the P.Y. at the end of Summer I '85

37 completed the P.Y. at the end of Summer II '85.

Total: 180 or 72%

36 were not eligible to return to USC-Columbia after Spring '85.

18 attempted but failed to complete the P.Y. in Summer I and Summer II '85.

7 were eligible to complete the P.Y. in summer school but chose not to.

Total: 61 or 24%

7 withdrew for medical reasons.

2 transferred.

Total: 9 or 4%

Follow-Up - The Sophomore Year at USC: 1985-86

Total Eligible to Return: 180

Total Who Enrolled for the Sophomore Year: 165

Total Completing Sophomore Year: 159

Total Now Enrolled at USC in Junior Year: 139

1985-86 (250 students selected for enrollment)

136 students completed the P.Y. at the end of Spring '86.

25 completed the P.Y. at the end of Summer I '86.

17 completed the P.Y. at the end of Summer II '86.

Total: 178 or 71%

35 were not eligible to return to USC-Columbia after Spring '86.

16 attempted but failed to complete the P.Y. in summer school.

11 were eligible to complete the P.Y. in summer school but chose not to.

Total: 62 or 24%

7 withdrew for medical reasons.

3 transferred.

Total: 10 or 5%

Follow-Up - The Sophomore Year at USC: 1986-87

Total Eligible to Return: 178

Total Who Enrolled in Sophomore Year: 165

1986-87 (203 students selected for enrollment)