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TO: Dr. John L. Safko, Secretary
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FROM: Dr. Marcia G. Welsh, Chair *M. G. Welsh*
Faculty Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: The 1991-92 Annual Report of the
FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Faculty Advisory Committee met on a regular basis throughout the 1991-92 year. The following matters were considered and either disposed of or reported to the Faculty Senate:

1. Search Committee for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs: The Committee recommended names for membership to the Search Committee for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Committee also made recommendations regarding the composition of the committee.
2. Faculty Evaluation of Deans: The Committee recommended that a faculty committee be appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate to consider procedures for the evaluation of deans and chairs that would work in parallel with the Task Force of deans that had been appointed by Acting Provost Reeves. In conjunction with the Special Committee on Faculty Evaluation of Deans, the Faculty Advisory Committee made recommendations to the Acting Provost concerning the evaluation forms to be used, the scheduling of the evaluations, how the evaluation process could be conducted, and access to the results.
3. English Proficiency Requirements: At the request of the Provost, the Committee evaluated a Policy Statement for English Proficiency Requirements for Instructional Staff.
4. System Academic Coordinating Committee: The Committee evaluated a proposal concerning the System Academic Coordinating Committee and returned it to the Provost for rewording.
5. Student Grievance Process: The Committee recommended to the Faculty Senate that a faculty committee on Student Academic Responsibility and Academic Grievances be established at the University level. The Committee decided not to address similar structures at the college, school, or departmental levels.
6. International Travel Authorizations: The Committee sought Faculty Senate approval to forward materials gathered on travel authorizations to the State

Budget and Control Board and to the State Reorganization Commission.

7. Role of Librarians in Tenure and Promotion Proceedings: The Committee considered the role of University librarians in the tenure and promotion process. It was reported to the Faculty Senate that only full professors with tenure can serve on the University T&P Committee and that a change in the faculty manual would be required if librarians were to be permitted to serve on that Committee. The Committee recommended that there be no change in the wording of the Faculty Manual.

8. Student and Faculty Representation on the Board of Trustees: The Committee took no action on the matter of student and faculty representation on the University Board of Trustees.

9. Faculty Committee on Instructional Development: The Committee discussed a proposal to establish a standing faculty committee on instructional development. After discussions with faculty and the administration, the Committee recommended that the Faculty Senate establish a Faculty Committee on Instructional Development that would advise the faculty and administration on matters pertaining to the improvement of teaching within the context of a research university.

10. Faculty Budget Committee: The Committee recommended changes in the membership composition of the Faculty Budget Committee so that the faculty could be better represented in budgetary concerns.

11. Academic Planning for the USC Columbia Campus: The Acting Provost presented the Committee with the problem that there was no planning committee for the Columbia campus. After lengthy discussions, the Committee presented a report to the Faculty Senate affirming that the Faculty Budget Committee should be the planning committee for the Columbia campus.

12. Law School Honor Code: Responding to a Law School Proposal for the establishment of an honor code in the School, the Committee decided that it would be inappropriate for the Law School to have procedures different from those governing other students at the University.

13. Committee on Outside Employment: The Provost announced that a committee appointed to establish a policy for outside employment had failed to reach agreement. The Committee recommended that the matter be referred to Sponsored Programs and Research and to other administrators for further consideration.

14. USC System Reorganization: As requested by the Chair of Faculty Senate, the Faculty Advisory Committee considered President Palms' proposal to restructure the USC System as presented to the University Board of Trustees in June, 1992. After significant discussion the Committee presented its opinion to the General Faculty for their discussion and vote of either approval or disapproval. This was presented to the General Faculty at its September, 1992, meeting.

14. Report of Task Force on Aberrant and Disruptive Behavior in Academic Settings: The Committee considered the report of the Task Force on Aberrant and Disruptive Behavior in Academic Settings and referred the report to the Office of Legal Affairs for comment pending action.

15. Election of Chair for AY 1990-91⁹²⁻⁹³: Professor Roger Sawyer was elected chair for AY 1990-91.
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16. Faculty Senate: The Faculty Advisory Committee reviewed pertinent actions taken by the Faculty Senate, the Board of Trustees and other University bodies.

1991-92 Committee Members:

George L. Geckle (1992)
Marcia G. Welsh (1992)
Alice B. Kasakoff (1993)
Dennis R. Nolan (1993)
Brian Fry (1994)
Roger Sawyer (1994)