

**Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions
Annual Report
2003 - 2004**

Committee members:

Elected:

Sarah Fuller (2001-2004)	College of Nursing
Jane Olsgaard, chair (2001-2004)	University Libraries
Judy James (2002-2005)	College of Liberal Arts
Donna Richter (2002-2005)	Arnold School of Public Health
Carl Evans (2003-2006)	College of Liberal Arts
Will Pelfrey (2003-2006)	College of Liberal Arts

Appointed:

Terry Davis	Admissions
Gail Stephens	Registrar
Anna Fox	Student
Brian Mayer	Student

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

1. Considered a request from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry that a student applying for transfer to the chemistry major from within the University or transferring from other colleges and universities are required to have a minimum overall GPR of 2.50. This was presented to the Faculty Senate at the October meeting as a joint proposal with the Committee on Admissions.
2. The Committee received a proposal from the Associate/Assistant Deans' Council regarding a change in the calculation of a grade of 'I' to a neutral status. The proposal was presented at the April Faculty Senate meeting, where it was approved. This change affects the USC system and all campuses must approve it before the bulletin can be changed. As requested by President Sorensen a letter was sent to the Chancellors at Aiken, Beaufort, and Spartanburg requesting their faculty consider the same bulletin change.

Two student appeals were received. One appeal was withdrawn because all avenues within the College had not been exhausted. A second appeal was brought to the Committee. This appeal is still pending with the Committee.

Members of the Steering Committee asked that the Committee reevaluate the proposed Excused Absences Policy initiated by the University Athletics Advisory Committee. After discussing the draft policy and the current policy a majority of the committee did not support the draft policy.

Ken Phillips (Nursing) was elected to fill a vacant position (2004-2006) on the Committee. Terry Smith (Theatre and Dance) and Charles Wilbanks (English) will join the Committee for 2004-2007. Carl Evans (Religious Studies) was elected chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane K. Olsgaard, Chair