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TO: Dr. John L. Safko, Secretary  
The Faculty Senate

FROM: John J. Winberry, Past Chairman  
Health Professions Advisement Committee

RE: Annual Report, 1991-92

I am pleased to submit to the Faculty Senate the following report on the activities of this committee for 1991-92:

Last year, the committee interviewed and prepared letters of evaluation for 54 students seeking admission to a health professional school (medical, dental, optometry), the overwhelming majority of whom were applying to medical school (a total of 75 students from USC applied to medical school; not all went through the committee). This resulted in more than 425 letters being sent to 112 institutions. The overall acceptance rate for students from USC applying to health professional schools was 66.7%, which is a bit lower than in previous years. It is suggested that this was due to the large increase in applications to medical schools across the nation and especially the 30% increase in applications to the University of South Carolina Medical School (Medical University of South Carolina also experienced an increase).

The average MCAT score of students accepted to medical school last year was 27.2, and their GPA was 3.52. For those applicants not accepted, the MCAT score was 22.2 and GPA, 3.22. The increased competition for places in medical school noted above is reflected in these higher GPA and MCAT scores.

A total of 52 USC students began health professional schools in fall 1992. Of these, 27 began study at the University of South Carolina Medical School, 13 at the Medical University of South Carolina, and 4 at the MUSC Dental School.

Three medical students and one optometry student were successful in obtaining the quite competitive military scholarships to support their studies.

Dr. Daniel J. Pesut, College of Nursing, was elected chairman of the committee for 1992-93.