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USC SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS & PETITIONS COMMITTEE

The Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee met eight times during the year. The members were: Suzanne Stroman, Chairperson; Bruce Dunlap; Steve Hays; Patricia Mason; Alan Sear; Terence Shimp; Sherwood Stark; Peter Asp (student) and Jim Karegeannes (student). Professors Ronald Baughman and Benjamin Franklin are the newly elected members for 1985-86 who will replace Suzanne Stroman and Bruce Dunlap. Dr. Alan Sear will chair the Committee in 1985-86.

Major items of business included the following matters:

1. While the Chairperson advised several students regarding the possibility of appealing the decisions of the College Petitions Committees, the Committee reviewed three student appeals which, through Committee action, were denied.
2. At the request of Dr. Thorne Compton, attention was given to the study of system-wide concerns related to academic standards, policies, and curriculum. Because of the relevance of these issues to the work of the established Presidential Commission on Undergraduate Education, Chaired by Dean Harry M. Lightsey, the Scholastic Standards and Petitions Committee recommended that these concerns be referred to that Commission for further study. The Committee was informed of the efforts directed toward these issues by Dr. Lightsey at its April meeting and was assured of final recommendations from the Commission upon completion of their study.
3. A revision of the University Suspension Policy, referred to the Committee by the Assistant/Associate Deans Council, was recommended to the Senate and approved. (FS 5/1/85)
4. A revision of academic regulations regarding transfer policy and the calculation of graduate honor status, referred to the Committee by the Faculty Senate Chairman, Dr. Charles B. Weasmer, was recommended to the Senate and approved. (FS 7/11/85)
5. USC Undergraduate Bulletin revisions regarding entrance and progression requirements for the Colleges of Nursing, Business Administration and Journalism were recommended to the Senate and approved. (FS 5/1/85, 7/11/85)

6. A recommendation from the Assistant/Associate Deans Council to modify University policy in the area of transfer evaluations related to "non-traditional" educational experiences was not approved by the Committee.

Suzanne H. Stroman, Chairperson
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