Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Admissions
2013 - 2014 Annual Report of Activities
Hunter Gardner and Joan Donohue, Co-Chairs

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS

This committee shall consider policies on undergraduate entrance examinations, admissions, and readmissions and may recommend changes in policy to the Faculty Senate. To assure conformity with undergraduate admissions policies, the committee may review policies and changes proposed by faculties of the various academic units. The committee shall act on appeals of applicants for admission who fail to fulfill established standards of admission or readmission.

Of the ten members, five shall be elected by the faculty and five appointed by the president. Two faculty representatives shall be elected each year for a term of three years, except every third year, when only one member shall be elected. The director of admissions shall serve as secretary, ex officio.

Major Agenda Items and Activities

- The Committee met Friday, October 11, 2013. Action items included:
  1) Review of minutes from April 2013 meeting and introductions of new members
  2) Discussion on proposal from Duncan Buell, Computer Science, to allow AP Computer Science to count as a college preparatory course in Math or Science.
  3) Update on Fall 2013 Undergraduate Admissions

- The Committee met Friday, November 15, 2013. Action items included:
  1) Ruled on an admissions appeal
  2) Continued discussion on Computer Science proposal. The committee decided to adopt the following statement and forward to the Faculty Senate:

Statement from University Admissions Committee on accepting AP Computer Science as fulfilling a math or science requirement for the purpose of admissions to USC:

The committee considered a proposal from the Computer Science department to allow AP Computer Science taken in high school to count toward satisfying the high school college preparatory course requirement in Mathematics and/or Laboratory Science. Representatives of the departments in Mathematics, Chemistry and Biology were informed about this proposal, as well as the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. We took into consideration what other states are doing and we consulted with SC Commission on Higher Education (CHE), the SC State Department of Education, and the College Board (who administers the AP program), and we asked the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to provide an impact assessment. Taking all this into consideration, the Committee supports this proposal, provided CHE would also approve AP Computer Science A to be a suitable course for Mathematics and/or Laboratory Science. The Committee brings this recommendation forward for consideration and approval by the Faculty Senate. The committee asks the Faculty Senate to approve this request and to recommend to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education that AP Computer Science should satisfy a college preparatory curriculum Mathematics or Lab Science course requirement.

Submitting: Hunter Gardner and Joan Donohue (co-chairs, Admissions Committee); Scott Verzyl

- The Committee met Wednesday, April 20, 2014. Action items included:
    1) Update on Fall 2014 Undergraduate Admissions
    2) Update on the SAT redesign
    3) Update on status of the AP Computer Science proposal (The statement was approved by the Faculty Senate at the April 2 meeting.) Next step is to follow up with CHE.
    4) Discussed possible changes to the Community Standards Policy (tabled)
    5) Selected chair for next year's committee (Kellee White)

Membership

The Committee membership for 2013 – 2014 was as follows:

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Elected

Jodi Spillane	Libraries	(2016)
Kenny Whitby	Political Science	(2016)
Joan Donohue (Chair, Spring 2014)	Business	(2014)
Hunter Gardner (Chair, Fall 2013)	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2014)
Kellee White	Public Health	(2015)

Appointed

Scott Verzyl, ex-officio, Secretary	Admissions	
Helen Doerpinghaus	Provost's Office	
Dan Friedman	University 101	(2016)
Karen Heid	Art	(2016)
Kathy Evans	Education	(2014)
Patrick Hickey	Nursing	(2015)