

Annual Report of the Faculty Senate Committee on Admissions 2023-2024

2023-2024 Committee Members

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS	Department	Service Ends
<u>Elected</u>		
Laura Herbert	Nursing	(2024)
George Roy	Education	(2025)
Orgul Ozturk	Business	(2025)
Deepak Bhere	Medicine	(2026)
Julie Sease	Pharmacy	(2026)
<u>Appointed</u>		
Richard (Scott) Verzyl, ex-officio, Secretary	Enrollment	
Lara Lomicka Anderson	Provost's Office	(2024)
Sabrina Habib	Information & Communications	(2024)
Christopher Holcomb	Arts and Sciences	(2025)
Frank Chen Chen	Engineering	(2026)
Kunio Hara	Music	(2026)
Khara Cox	Sumter	(2026)

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the committee met two times:

- October 5, 2023
- February 5, 2024

Attached is a summary of key updates and actions.

**USC Faculty Senate
Committee on Admissions Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 5, 2023**

Committee Members:

Elected

[Laura Herbert](#), Chair, College of Nursing, College Of Nursing (2024)

George Roy, College of Education (2025)

[Orgul Ozturk](#), Darla Moore School Of Business, Economics (2025)

[Deepak Bhere](#), School Of Medicine Columbia, Mdc Path-micro-immunology (2026)

[Julie Sease](#), College Of Pharmacy, College Of Pharmacy (2026)

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Christopher Holcomb, College of Arts & Sciences, English (2025)

Frank Chen Chen, College of Engineering and Computing, Mechanical Engineering (2026)

Kunio Hara, School of Music, School of Music (2026)

Lara Lomicka Anderson, Office of The Provost (2024)

Khara Cox, Sumter Campus (2026)

Order of Business

- 1) Call to order – Chair Herbert
 - 2) Approval of the Minutes from July 23, 2023
 - 3) Chairs Report – Chair Herbert
 - a. Meeting schedule
 - b. Call for 2024-2025 Chair
 - c. Motions approved at 10/4/23 Faculty Senate Meeting
 - 4) Old Business
 - 5) New Business
 - a. Two items for discussion – VP Verzyl
- **Policy statement on readmission to make it clear that acceptance by admissions does not supersede/override other university actions that prevent a student from re-enrolling, such as financial, conduct, or public safety restrictions.**

Background: We have had cases recently in which students were academically eligible to return to USC but had outstanding conduct issues (including active trespass notices) that made them ineligible to enroll. Students in this situation may erroneously assume that being readmitted will void unresolved issues with other offices on campus. USCPD and

General Counsel recommends a clarifying disclaimer to include in acceptance notices as well as a policy statement to include in the Academic Bulletin and on the undergraduate admissions website.

Proposed Language: Admission or readmission to the university is contingent on being otherwise eligible to enroll. Students must be in good standing with the university and have no unresolved obligations or restrictions that prohibit enrollment.

- **Edit to the B.A. Organizational Leadership and B.A. Liberal Studies programs to reduce the required hours from 45 to 30 and clarify the 2.25 requirement for external transfer students.**

Background: The university is discontinuing the Columbia-based AA and AS degrees that are currently offered through our Ft. Jackson program. These students will likely continue to be served through Palmetto College for the first year, or two years if they want to complete the associate degree. Students will continue to be able to transfer to Columbia to complete the upper division requirements for these degrees. This is an update to the current language on the admissions website to clarify the requirements and align them with our regular transfer requirements.

Proposed Edit: Students may apply to the B.A. Organizational Leadership and B.A. Liberal Studies Programs after completion of at least ~~30~~ **45** semester hours of accredited, college-level work. A minimum grade point of ~~2.25~~ **2.0** is required for admission (2.0 for USC system transfers). ~~and graduation.~~ As part of the application process, a specific Program of Study is developed by the student and the student's advisor and approved by the Program Committee. Any changes to the Program of Study must be approved by the advisor and Program Committee. All students must earn at least 30 USC hours after admission to this program. A cumulative GPA ~~minimum~~ of at least 2.00 on all ~~120 semester hours of accredited, college-level~~ work attempted at USC and a minimum of 120 semester hours of accredited, college-level work must be presented to earn this degree.

**USC Faculty Senate
Committee on Admissions Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 5, 2024**

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Invited

Aaron Marterer, University Registrar,

Cliff Murphy, Director of Admissions Operations

Trena Houpp, Director of Academic Programs

Marla Mamrick, Director of Enrollment Analytics

Elizabeth Orehovec, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Executive Director of Undergraduate Admissions

Order of Business

- 6) Call to order – Chair Herbert
- 7) Old Business
- 8) New Business
 - a. Nursing wants to raise lower-division transfer GPA increase from a 3.4 to a 3.5. GPA used to be a 3.0 and Nursing increased it to a 3.4. There is no record of approval, but Nursing and Provost’s Office say they went through the proper channels (it was pre-APPS). They now want to increase from 3.4 to 3.5. The transfer Nursing process has been competitive for many years (current admission GPA is 3.7) and while the minimum was a 3.0, students needed at least a 3.5 to be competitive for admission due to the demand. Motion made to increase lower-division transfer GPA to 3.5.

Result – the motion was carried and approved by unanimous vote.

- b. Information Science requests to lower GPA requirement from 2.25 to 2.0 for change of campus students. Non-USC transfer GPA requirement is a 2.25.

Result – the motion was carried and approved by unanimous vote.

- c. The Statewide Transfer Agreement between USC, Clemson, and the technical colleges was presented to the Committee, with the opportunity to ask questions.

- d. Invitees reviewed Test-Optional data from the past several years and it revealed that test-optional students do as well as those who submit SAT/ACT scores, with minimal decreases in retention. A motion made to continue test optional and review data again next Spring 2025.

Result – the motion was carried and approved by unanimous vote.

- e. Current chair called for Nominations for Chair for 2024-2025.

Result – Orgul Ozturk self-nominated for Chair. This was unanimously approved by the committee via email vote.