

Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions Annual Report 2016-2017

Committee Membership:

Elected

Susan Poslusny	Nursing (2017)
Kathy Snediker, chair	University Libraries (2017)
Susan Rathbun-Grubb	Library & Information Science (2018)
Ernest Wiggins	Journalism (2018)
Conor Harrison	Geography (2019)
Alexander Yankovsky	Earth & Ocean Sciences (2019)

Appointed

Scott Verzyl, ex-officio	Admissions
Aaron Marterer, ex-officio	Registrar's Office
Haley Anderson	Student
Hannah Knight	Student

New elected members with terms beginning May 2017

Brett Altschul	Physics & Astronomy (2020)
MVS Chandrashekhar	Engineering & Computing (2020)

Committee Meetings:

September 9, 2016
September 30, 2016
October 28, 2016
November 18, 2016
April 14, 2017

In addition to these meeting, the committee used email communication for discussion and voting.

Major Business:

1. Transfer equivalency of Carolina Core overlay-eligible courses

The Carolina Core Committee proposed changes to the Undergraduate Bulletin in regards to Carolina Core requirements. The proposal included additional details about the components, required credit hours, and transfer equivalency. With these changes, transfer courses that are equated with Carolina Core courses will meet all outcomes associated with the USC course, even overlay-eligible courses that fulfill two components, e.g. POLI 201 or ENGL 102. The rationale was to allow for more transparency and clarity in transfer equivalencies, allowing potential transfer students to make informed decisions based on a better understanding of the time and costs required for degree completion. On September 30, 2016, the committee

discussed the implications of these changes and voted to send the proposal to the full Faculty Senate for consideration. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the changes on November 2, 2016.

2. Hardship withdrawal from the University

The Associate and Assistant Deans' Council proposed a new process for students who ask to withdraw from all courses for the semester due to a significant personal hardship. Rather than handling these petitions through the deans' offices in each college/school and requiring sign off from each individual faculty member, the new process would direct petitions to a single contact point. Petitions submitted during the Withdrawal Fail Period would be reviewed in the Office of the Dean of Students; those submitted after the last day of courses would be reviewed by a Hardship Withdrawal Committee. The goals are to improve efficiency and the student experience during a difficult process, as well as to ensure consistency in decision-making and Title IX reporting across all schools and colleges on campus. On November 18, 2016, the committee voted to send the proposal to the full Faculty Senate for consideration. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the changes on December 7, 2016.

3. Academic progression and program dismissal

The Associate and Assistant Deans' Council proposed adding a new policy to the bulletin aimed at guiding students to a new program of study when they have been dismissed from their current program for failing to meet progression requirements and/or academic standards. These students will be placed in a new "Undergraduate Studies" program which will provide academic advising support and allow a two-semester "exploration stage" before declaring a new program. On December 1, 2016, the committee voted to send the proposal to the full Faculty Senate for consideration. The Faculty Senate voted to approve the changes on December 7, 2016.

4. Election of Chair for 2017-18

The committee elected Susan Rathbun-Grubb as the new chair.

5. Annual Reports of the College Committees

As mandated on page 14 the *USC Faculty Manual* (revised June 10, 2016), each college is required to file an annual report with the University Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions documenting the number of petitions received and the disposition of those petitions. The Committee has solicited these annual reports and will publish a compilation of the results once all reports are received and reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Snediker, Chair

Annual Petitions AY 2016-2017

College/School	Number of Petitions Received	Type of Petition								Number of Petitions Received	Action Taken				
		Early reinstatement from suspension	Relief from admission requirements	Relief from progression requirements	Relief from graduation requirements	Withdrawal for extenuating circumstances	Transient status during last 25% of coursework	Course substitution	Other		Approval Without Conditions	Approval With Conditions	Disapproval	No Action	Other
College of Arts and Sciences	303	3	0	0	0	0	38	80	182	303	247	0	56	0	0
Darla Moore School of Business	100	1	0	39	1	0	21	0	38	100	0	83	17	0	0
College of Education	51	0	10	23	0	7	4	7	0	51	29	7	15	0	0
College of Engineering and Computing	219	12	51	9	1	39	7	88	12	219	170	7	42	0	0
College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management	266	4	62	106	8	14	13	21	38	266	220	3	42	1	0
College of Information and Communications	63	0	2	6	0	11	23	21	0	63	50	3	10	0	0
School of Music	5	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	5	4	0	0	1	0
College of Nursing	25	1	0	14	0	10	0	0	0	25	11	5	8	1	0
College of Pharmacy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arnold School of Public Health	33	4	1	20	0	8	0	0	0	33	29	0	4	0	0
College of Social Work	24	11	1	0	0	6	1	5	0	24	17	0	7	0	0
Honors College	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1090	36	127	219	11	95	107	225	270	1090	778	108	201	3	0