

**Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC)  
Annual Report 2004-2005**

During 2004-2005, the University Of South Carolina Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) met about once a month. One of the first orders of business was to acquaint our new provost Dr. Mark Backer to the member of the committee and the University faculty at large.

The approved changes to the Faculty Manual were presented to the Faculty Senate and approved by the General Faculty and subsequently submitted to the Board of Trustees.

This report outlines the major items considered by the FAC during the past academic year. Many other editorial and/or less substantive revisions to the USC Faculty Manual were also approved and a description of these revisions can be found on the Faculty Senate web site.

Highlights of the important FAC actions.

- **FMC regarding Membership of the UAAC**

After extensive review, the UAAC decided that its charge was not adequate to the task of managing substantive review and change in faculty governance of athletics. At its May 19, 2004 meeting changes in the Official Charge of the UAAC were approved by that committee and sent to the Faculty Advisory Committee which approved these changes for consideration and vote at the Sept. 1, 2004 General Faculty meeting. In the process of preparing this proposal for the General Faculty meeting the words below in the Original Version in bold and struck through (“the staff, or the administration”) were not deleted from the version presented to General Faculty. A semicolon has also been inserted as appropriate. It was the intent of the UAAC to delete these words and for the revised version to read as indicated in the right hand column.

Original version	Revised version
Membership of the committee shall be six elected faculty members; three student members, (one undergraduate student-athlete who serves as either president or president-elect of the Student Athletics Advisory Committee; one undergraduate student appointed by the president of the student body; and one graduate student appointed by the student government with the consent of the Association of Graduate Students); one member of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee of the Board of Trustees appointed by the chair of that committee; and four presidential appointees (one at-large representative from the faculty, <del>the staff, or the</del>	Membership of the committee shall be six elected faculty members; three student members, (one undergraduate student-athlete who serves as either president or president-elect of the Student Athletics Advisory Committee; one undergraduate student appointed by the president of the student body; and one graduate student appointed by the student government with the consent of the Association of Graduate Students); one member of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee of the Board of Trustees appointed by the chair of that committee; and four presidential appointees (one at-large representative from the faculty; the NCAA faculty

<b>administration;</b> the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR); one representative from the Division of Student Affairs; and the director of athletics).	athletics representative (FAR); one representative from the Division of Student Affairs; and the director of athletics).
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- **Change regarding Patent and Copyright.**

The Intellectual Property Committee of the Faculty Senate has recommended a *Patent and Copyright Policy* to replace the existing University policy. This new policy, ACAF 1.33 has been adopted by the University administration as of August 17, 2004.

The Intellectual Property Committee also recommended that the Patent and Copyright Policy currently found in the Faculty Manual (pages 52-61 online version) be replaced with language referring to the recommended policy. The new policy (ACAF 1.33) would then become the University's sole policy concerning intellectual property. The recommended language for the Faculty Manual (below) referring to the recommend policy is indicated below.

#### **LANGUAGE FOR THE FACULTY MANUAL Regarding PATENT AND COPYRIGHT POLICY**

The University of South Carolina is a public institution devoted to teaching, research, and service. One aspect of the University's mission is to apply the knowledge gained from teaching, research and service as a beneficial outcome to society. Technology transfer seeks applications of that knowledge for public benefit. The University recognizes and supports technology transfer and intellectual property development activities as integral components of this mission, and asserts that the guiding principle governing the conduct of these activities shall be the service of its mission.

The objectives of the University's technology transfer and intellectual property development activities are : (1) to facilitate the efficient transfer of knowledge and technology from the University to the private sector in service of the public interest; (2) to support the application of new knowledge and technology and to attract resources for the support of University programs; (3) to provide services to the University faculty, staff, and students to facilitate their efforts to carry out the University's mission; and, (4) to promote local and national economic development.

To ensure these objectives, the University has established a University patent and copyright policy [ACAF 1.33] that (1) asserts the university's ownership rights, pursuant to state law, to all intellectual property developed by faculty, staff, or student inventors related to their work at the university; (2) establishes rights and obligations of both the university and the inventor, including due diligence responsibilities of the university to pursue commercialization on the inventor's behalf; and (3) outlines a procedure through

which inventors can request a variance from the policy in situations where the intellectual property was developed completely independent of the university.

- **Regarding Committee on Libraries**

At the September 1 General faculty meeting a change in the Faculty Manual was made regarding the Dean of Libraries. The old title was “vice provost and dean for libraries and information services”. That change was made but only in one section of the Faculty Manual. In the section on Committee on Libraries the old title is still there and needs to be corrected. This change was approved by the Faculty Advisory Committee and later by the General Faculty at their April 26, 2005 meeting.

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### **COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES**

This committee shall consider and review matters concerning the status and funding of the libraries that are under the supervision of the ~~vice provost and~~ dean of libraries ~~and informational services~~.

The committee shall consist of eleven members: seven elected from the faculty, including one member of the teaching faculty of the regional campuses elected by the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate; three presidential appointees; and the ~~vice provost and~~ dean of libraries ~~and informational services~~, ex officio. No college shall have more than two elected members, and no department shall have more than one elected member.

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- **FMC on Consideration of T&P files.**

The offices of both the provost and the vice president for research and health sciences have deliberated on the matter regarding a change in the Faculty Manual regarding the role of the provost and the vice president for research and health sciences in the matter of “UNIT CONSIDERATION OF TENURE AND PROMOTION FILES”. An appropriate text for Page 18 of electronic version (pdf) on the USC Web under "UNIT CONSIDERATION OF TENURE AND PROMOTION FILES" was decided and the suggested text is provided below-

Recommendations from the unit tenure and promotions committee, including the recording of votes and all written comments, are forwarded to the unit chair or other appropriate administrator. The unit chair or other appropriate administrator shall vote "yes" or "no" or "abstain" and shall forward his or her vote with written

justification, along with all other recommendations, statements, and endorsements to the dean. In health sciences units, the dean shall forward the file with his or her recommendation to the vice president for research and health sciences, who will then forward the file with his or her recommendation to the provost. For all other units, the dean shall forward the file with his or her recommendation to the provost. The provost shall forward all files, including those from health sciences units, to the UCTP with his or her recommendations.

This text was also duly approved by the Faculty Advisory Committee as well as by the General Faculty at the April 26, 2005 meeting.

- Election of the 2005-2006, FAC chair.

This was the last FAC business item that was considered by the committee, and after the June FAC meeting, Professor Judith Alexander was unanimously elected by an email vote to be the next chair.

Submitted by Timir Datta, Chair of FAC, 2004-2005

FAC Members, 2004-2005:

Judith Alexander, Nursing  
Michael Dickson, Pharmacy  
Andrew Gowan, Music  
Lucia Pirisi-Creek, Medical School  
Laura Woliver, Political Science and Women's Studies  
Provost Marc Becker, ex-officio  
James Augustine, Chair of faculty Senate, ex-officio  
Eugene Reeder, Chair elect of faculty Senate, ex-officio