

# Annual Report of the Faculty Senate Committee on Admissions

## 2018-2019

### 2018-2019 Committee Members

#### Elected

Cannon, Cormac – Music (2019) – CHAIR ‘18-‘19  
Litwer, Laura – Libraries (2019)  
Smith, Scott – HRTM (2020)  
Xiao, Shuo - Environmental Health Sciences (2020)  
Bookstaver, Brandon – Pharmacy (2021)

#### Appointed

Gavigan, Karen – Library and Information Sciences (2019)  
Tedeschi, David - Physics (2019)  
Kelly, Sandra – Provost’s Office  
Wagner, Mary – ex officio, Secretary

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During the 2018-2019 academic year, the committee met twice: September 7, 2018 and April 4, 2019. Below is a summary of key updates and actions.

## September 7, 2018

### 1. 2018 Freshman Class Update (unofficial due to timing in semester, prior to census date)

#### **Freshman Profile (n=5858)**

- *Second largest freshman class (F17 was 5874)*
- *4.12 WCGPA, 27.9 ACT, 1274 SAT*
- *18.7% Students of Color (AA enrollment up 13% over Fall 2017, up by 40% since Fall 2016)*
- *51% Resident, 49% non-resident*
- *Most South Carolinians ever: SC enrollment up 4% over Fall 2017, up by 25% since Fall 2016*
- *Top 10 States: SC, NC, VA, GA, MD, NJ, PA, NY, IL, MA*
- *1700+ high schools*
- *44 States and Territories, including DC; 40 countries*
- *12 Majors account for 55% of the freshman class: Biology, Nursing, Undecided, Business Undecided, International Business, Sport and Entertaining Management, Exercise Science, Mechanical Engineering, Psychology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Public Health, Political Science*

**Honors Profile (n=566)**

- 4.71 WCGPA, 32.9 ACT, 1490 SAT

**Capstone Profile (n=1364)**

- 4.39 WCGPA, 30.2 ACT, 1364 ACT

**Gateway Profile (n=410)**

- 3.32 WCGPA, 20.8 ACT, 1072 SAT

2. *Annual report to the committee on behavioral review cases*  
*During the Spring, Summer and Fall 2018 terms, admissions reviewed responses to behavioral questions on 38,657 applications. Of these, 173 were flagged for additional review by the ad hoc committee on behavioral; 21 were reviewed by offices outside of admissions, and 8 were denied.*
3. *Key updates about fall 2019 admissions cycle/process:*
  - a. *Admissions initiative to use self-reported test scores for initial admissions consideration, scholarships*
  - b. *Academic Recruitment Council (ARC) newly formed. Each college/school has a representative. Meeting several times per semester for key updates on recruitment activities and yield initiatives.*
  - c. *CHE changed college prep requirements for 2019-2020 class. Earth science with lab is now acceptable. Half unit, each, of econ and US government now required.*

## **April 4, 2019**

1. *Fall 2019 class update (preliminary) presented. Unofficial projections for freshman, transfer, and Gamecock Gateway and Palmetto Pathway residential bridge were provided. Official counts to be presented after October 2019 census date.*
2. *The committee thanked Cormac Cannon for his service as chair and welcomed Scott Smith (Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management) as incoming chair for 2019-2020.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Wagner, ex-officio, Secretary