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 in October 2012. Action items included:
  1) Review of minutes from April 2012 meeting and introductions of new members
  2) Discussion on Transfer Student Academic Recovery Program on request of the Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions. Decided this was not under our Committee’s jurisdiction.
  3) Update on Fall 2013 Undergraduate Admissions
  4) Update on Criminal/Behavioral Questions Policy. Admissions will continue to monitor and report.
  5) Initial discussion of an admissions appeal

- The Committee met in December 2012. Action items included:
  1) Ruled on an admissions appeal

- In lieu of a February 2013 meeting, the Committee approved the following two requests via email:
  1) Approval of request from the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management to raise the minimum GPA for students wishing to transfer into Retailing from other USC campuses and from Colleges on the Columbia campus from 2.0 to 2.25. This request was part of a proposal from the College of HRSM to the Committee on Curricula and Courses, which was subsequently approved.
  2) Approval of request from the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management to raise the minimum GPA for students wishing to be readmitted into Retailing from 2.0 to 2.25.

- The Committee met in March 2013. Action items included:
  1) Update on Fall 2013 Undergraduate Admissions
  2) Update on Fall 2013 admissions cycle, including brief discussion of Provost memo to deans regarding admissions update, possibility of appeals and behavioral reviews, Gamecock Gateway update, and Waitlist/Spring Admission strategy.
  3) Discussion on minority recruiting efforts and strategies
• The Committee met in April 2013. Action items included:
  1) Approval for the Admissions Office to accept the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA) exam for undergraduate admissions. Previously, the Admissions Office accepted only the TOEFL and IELTS.
  2) Update on current programs and initiatives for minority recruiting by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions
  3) Election of Chair – Hunter Gardner will serve for fall 2013 only. Joan Donohue will be co-chair and serve as chair for Spring 2014.

Membership

The Committee membership for 2012 – 2013 was as follows:

Elected
Francis Gadala-Maria Engineering & Computing (2013)
Lori Schwartz, Chair Libraries (2013)
Joan Donohue Business (2014)
Hunter Gardner Languages, Literatures, & Cultures (2014)

Appointed
Scott Verzyl, ex-officio Secretary Admissions
Helen Doerpinghaus Provost’s Office
Dan Friedman University 101 (2013)
Tara Powell English (2013)
Kathy Evans Education (2014)
Patrick Hickey Nursing (2015)