THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
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Minutes of the Committee on Academic Standards, Admissions and Financial Assistance

October 16, 1987

Members Present: Jim Anderson, Hugh Haynsworth, Cindy Hope, Michael Katuna, Tom Langley, Susan Morrison (chair).

Others Present: William Lindstrom, Don Burkhard.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the October 2, 1987 meeting were approved with corrections as noted on the chair’s official file copy of the minutes.

The committee discussed the proposed bulletin statement of admissions procedures and related issues at length. A summary of the discussion follows:

Dean Burkhard indicated that 54% of our 1987 freshmen met the 1988 secondary school preparation requirements. For 1988, applicants may be accepted without meeting the CHE secondary school requirements, based on case-by-case evaluations. This review process will be described in detail in the bulletin. Typically a student with high predicted grade point average (PGPA) will be accepted despite a deficiency in the requirements, while students with a marginal PGPA is not likely to be accepted as a degree candidate.

Dean Lindstrom agreed to bring a report and recommendation regarding retention standards to the first committee meeting of the spring term. After addressing these recommendations, the committee will review the admissions policy, which includes PGPA standards based on the current freshman retention standards.

General discussion of admission policies in South Carolina centered on concern of members of the committee with the increasing involvement of the Commission of Higher Education in setting regulations.

Dean Burkhard stated that the admissions office continues to use a floor of a PGPA of 1.2 for provisional students. Applicants with a PGPA of 1.6-1.8 will be reviewed carefully for admission, rather than granting automatic admission and students with less than a 1.6 will not be considered for degree candidacy. This procedure is in response to a goal of maintaining freshman enrollment, while raising the quality of the students.

The committee approved the proposed 1988-90 bulletin statement of admissions procedures (5-0). The statement will not go to the faculty, as no policy change is involved.
A discussion of consortium courses followed. The discussion centered around the fact that grades earned in courses taken through the CHEC at other local colleges are recorded and used in determining the GPA of our students. Members of the committee expressed the opinion that these grades should not be taken into consideration when determining eligibility for honors. No action was taken.

Prof. Katuna, reporting for the scholarship sub-committee, indicated that both President Lightsey and some potential donors would like shift to need based scholarships from merit based academic scholarships. It is likely that some scholarship funds will shift into the former category. Several members of the committee will attend the administrative retreat next week and will represent the committee on this issue.

Other items on the agenda were deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

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