

University of South Carolina Upstate

Faculty Standing Committee Year End Report 2007-2008

Date: 4/25/2008

Committee: Academic Support Services

Members:

Paul Grady, (Chair), Jorge Salvo, Michael Hudak, Linda Hayes, Michaeleen Davis, Stuart Shough,

Students:

Aline Fisher

Ex-Officio:

Marsha Dowell, Katy Murphy (Registrar), Frieda Davison (Library), Jeannie Skul (IT Services)

Meetings Conducted:

4 meetings conducted during the academic year and by email collaboration

Actions/Activities/Accomplishments:

Each meeting reports were received on actions, activities, and plans of the three academic service units represented on the committee. These units were the Library, Registrar, and Information Technology. For each report, faculty representatives were charged with providing input and reporting important points to their various units.

The most important matters covered by the committee this academic year were:

- 1) The ongoing plans for the planned move to the new Health-Education complex and the resulting changes in space usage for the various units.
- 2) The technical updates to the computer systems and instructional technologies of the various departments and classrooms. Among these were the planned summer campus-wide upgrade to Windows Vista and Office 2007, the continuing installation of Smart classrooms, installation of software allowing remote service on all computers, and the continuing planning for a system to require laptops of all incoming freshmen.

- 3) The planned improvements for the library including an expansion and rearranging of space, a new computer lab, implementation of a 24 hour usage area.
- 4) The ongoing budgetary issues over online databases and journals.
- 5) The continued planning for the move to the "One Carolina" system that will link the records systems of the entire USC system.
- 6) Expansion of Library services in the UCG location.
- 7) Plans for the visit of the traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial.

Additional Faculty concerns and questions dealt with:

- 1) Investigation with the assistance of Jeanne Skul and Bob Connolly over the system of funding of printing for the computer labs and printers maintained by the individual units and departments.
- 2) Concerns over the timing and implementation of various technological improvements were discussed and resolved.
- 3) Several issues regarding individual journal and database availability were investigated and resolved.
- 4) Faculty representatives were provided information regarding grade forgiveness policies and registration issues for dissemination to their respective units.
- 5) Stuart Shough was elected by acclamation to serve as the chair of the committee for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Paul Grady, Chair