

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE  
FACULTY STANDING COMMITTEE YEAR END REPORT

Date: 2013-14

Committee: Academics, Budget, and Facilities Planning Committee

Members: Jim Griffis, Chair  
Margaret Hindman  
Kela Goodman  
Jeff Smith  
Scott Meeks  
Brett Barwick  
Lisa Lever  
Samantha Hauptman  
Deshia Leonhirth  
Jim LaMee  
June Carter  
Jason Richburg

Meetings: Once a month, beginning in November

The committee was created by the Faculty Chair in October. The committee's charge was to create a rotation of slots among the departments sitting on the committee and to discuss the goals and purposes of the committee. We met once a month, beginning in November and ending in April. The focus was on the three areas, and we met with various administrators about academic planning, facilities use, and the budget. As the budget problems became manifest, the committee sponsored a forum, attended by Drs. Moore and Masterson and Sheryl Turner-Watts. The chair of the committee solicited questions to be addressed. The committee also sent the following resolutions to the Senate to address the committee's role in future planning at the university:

Motion 1: Whereas USC Upstate faces a continuing diminution of state funding and a limit on the amount of revenue from tuition, and whereas an institution's well-being depends on successful long-range planning especially with these threats to resources, be it resolved that the University constructs a long-range budgeting process that incorporates faculty input from the Academic, Budget, and Facilities Planning Committee.

Motion 2: Whereas a successful university incorporates long-range planning in academics, and whereas the ultimate authority for academics resides in the faculty, and whereas USC Upstate is facing serious budget constraints to academic initiatives, be it resolved that the University begin a long-range planning process for the introduction of new academic programs and the maintenance of current programs. This process should include the Academic, Budget, and Facilities Planning Committee as an active partner.

Motion 3: Whereas a successful university incorporates long-range planning for facility use and upkeep, and whereas the University faces serious constraints on funding for new capital projects, be it resolved that the University develop a long-range planning process for the use of current and proposed facilities, incorporating input from the Academic, Budget, and Facilities Planning Committee.

Finally, the committee elected Margaret Hindman to be chair for the 2014-15 academic year.