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The USC Board of Trustees decided Saturday the 14 students admitted to the Law School will be allowed to remain as long as their presence does not endanger the school's accreditation. Board Chairman T. Eston Marchant (below left) addressed a press conference after the meeting, and revealed the Board's decision. More photos, Page Five.



Board allows students to remain in Law School

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Fourteen students admitted to the USC Law School after a controversial Sept. 2 decision of the Board of Trustees, will be allowed to remain in school, the Board decided Saturday.

However, the Board said that at such time that their presence endangers the accreditation of the Law School or the entire University the 14 students will be asked to leave.

THE 14, three of which have decided not to enter school, will be on probation until the end of the semester, at which time the law school faculty will decide whether they will be allowed to continue with their studies.

The trustees said that if the students are forced to withdraw, however, they will be automatically admitted to next year's Summer Pre-

Admission Trial Program (SPAT), or if the program is discontinued, they will be tested to determine their eligibility for the 1976 freshman law school class.

BOARD CHAIRMAN T. Eston Marchant said the Board's resolution was guided by a report of the Law School's Academic Standing Committee—a report endorsed by Law School Dean Robert W. Foster.

After a closed-door executive session, which lasted almost an hour, Marchant released a five-page statement outlining the Board's action.

The resolution reads, in part: "The Board of Trustees directs that the fourteen students, identified by the Law School as being entitled to a measure of relief, be continued as probationary students in the Law School for the current fall term, at the end of which period the Law School itself will determine their fitness to continue as law students."

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Now established as the central issue in the law school controversy, the ABA's certificate of accreditation rests in a plaque in Dean Robert W. Foster's office at the Law Center.

Board's action draws meeting of law panel

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A resolution concerning the decision by the Board of Trustees to allow 11 law students to remain on probationary status was passed Sunday afternoon by the Law School Steering Committee.

Specifics of the resolution were not released Sunday, but will be released today. The committee met for about an hour and a half in executive session Sunday before deciding on the matter.

Earlier Sunday, Law School Dean Robert W. Foster discussed the possibility of sending an American Bar Association (ABA) inspection team to study the Board's latest action with ABA legal education counsel James P. White.

The committee's response by the Board's decision to allow 11 students

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