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Rumors surround Business School's future

Interim dean claims Darla Moore School of Business won't lose accreditation

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Recent rumors among students and professors at the Darla Moore School of Business have claimed that the school faces a possible loss of its national accreditation.

A peer review team from the International Association for Management Education which reviews schools' accreditation every ten years, has recently visited the Darla Moore School of Business. According to Interim Dean Rodney Roen-

credited status of the institution."

"As of now, there is no chance of the school losing its accreditation," Roenfeldt said. "The rumors of the school losing its accreditation are just that — rumors."

Roenfeldt has been acting dean of the school since September, when former dean David Schrock left after USC didn't renew his contract. Roenfeldt, who has been a professor at USC since the early 1970s has also been the department chairperson for banking, finance, insurance, and real estate from 1985-1999 at the business school.

Roenfeldt also said the board will most likely put the school under continuous review after April 8 to request further information about the school financial and administrative status. Specifically, the board is concerned about the school still not hav-

ing a permanent dean, its current debt and its financial plan for the future.

Roenfeldt said the problems at the business school stem from the state legislature not giving the school the money it needs.

"Undergraduate enrollment here is up 50 percent, and that has caused the real problem... the funding has not matched that increase," Roenfeldt said.

As for the current debt, Roenfeldt said the provost, the president and himself have come to a resolution to settle it.

"No school is without flaws, and we will always have things to work on improving," Roenfeldt said.

Provost Jerry Odom, who wasn't available for comment, has recently announced at a faculty enate

meeting that the search for a permanent dean for the school is almost over. The list of possible deans, which was more than 20 people, will soon be down to three possible deans. That list of three possible candidates has not been released.

"The search [for a business school dean] has been very active lately, but it has not gone as quickly as we would like," said Russ McKinney, USC director of public relations. "Palms has insisted not to hire a dean just to hire a dean."

The business school has recently been ranked 34th in the world by the Financial Times of London. The newspaper also named the business school first in the nation when it comes to mobility in the international job market, beating out prestigious business schools at Harvard, Yale and Penn State.

Treasurer reflects on campaign promises

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FORDHAM

As her term as student body treasurer comes to a close, Elizabeth Fordham said she followed through on most of her campaign promises and that she wants "to be remembered as the student body treasurer who tried to fight a battle in Student Government to make a positive change."

The one component of her campaign that she didn't accomplish was the "Student Advantage Card." Fordham said she wanted students to be able to use discount cards throughout Columbia as area high schools students do.

"I researched the idea, and it was going to cost a significant amount of money that Student Government did not have," Fordham said. "It would have also cost students money, and that almost defeated the purpose of the idea."

Fordham said she did follow through with her campaign promise to ensure all student organizations a fair allocation process. Fordham said both she and the Finance Committee researched each organization's past and current budget history before making decisions.

"Although the treasurer doesn't have an actual vote on the numerical amount of money allocated, my advice and influence were taken into account before any decisions were made," Fordham said.

Fordham said she also provided students with an "open-door policy."

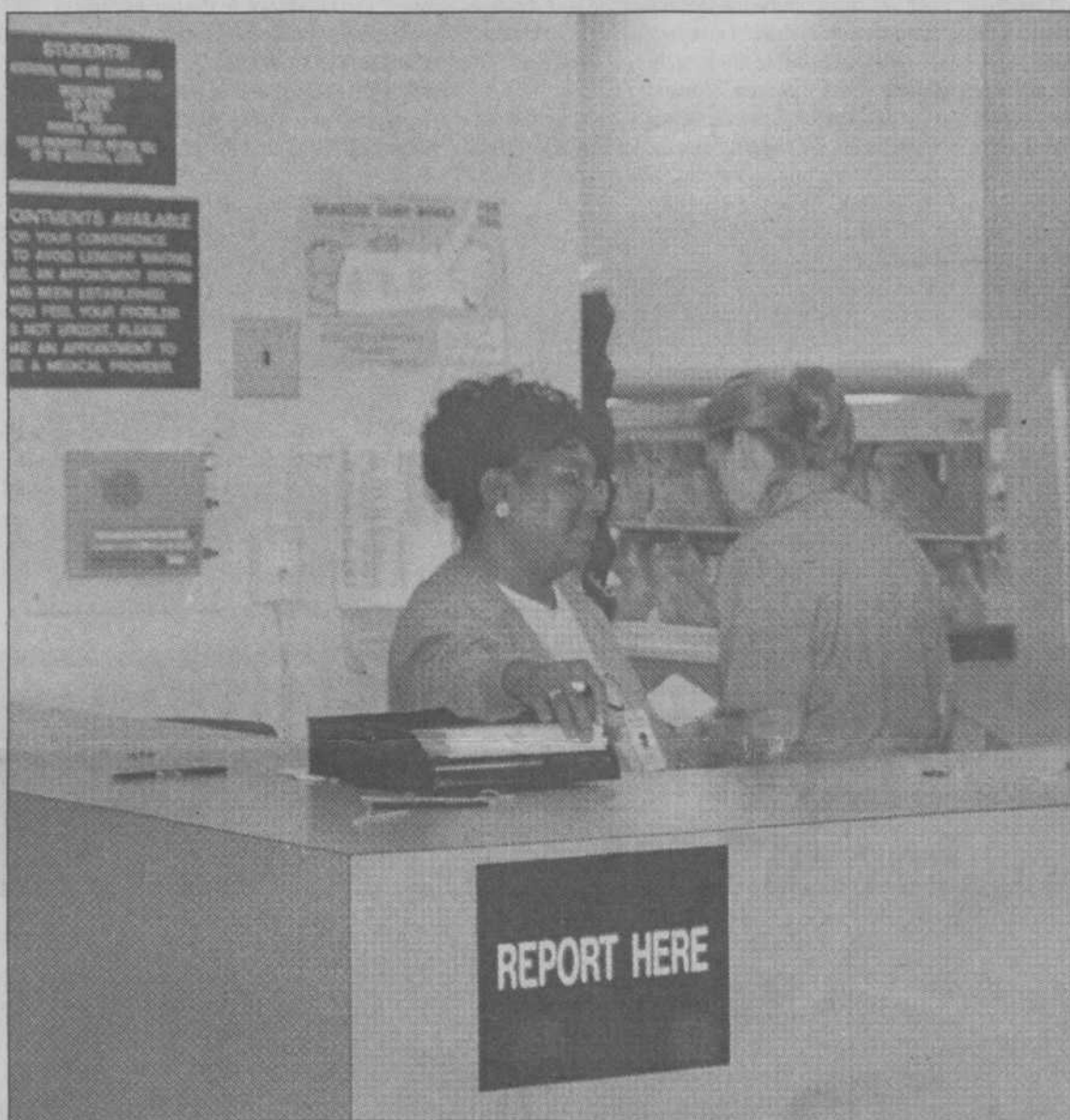
"I felt that this was very important, for students to have the opportunity to check on my progress as an executive officer," she said. "As it was evident during the mishaps last semester, this proved to be a worthy component for my campaign."

Those "mishaps" refer to the impeachment charges brought against Fordham for allegedly not carrying out her duties as treasurer. The Senate Judiciary Committee and chief justice of the Judiciary Council voted Nov. 9 to dismiss the charges because they were either factually or constitutionally unsound.

Even though her term got off to a "rocky start," Fordham said she "did the job to the best of my ability. I have added some fresh ideas to the Finance Committee and to the treasurers of campus

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ACCREDITATION Health Center receives national honor



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The Thomson Student Health Center was recently awarded national accreditation. Only 120 in the nation are considered to be nationally accredited. The Thomson Student Health Center will come up for re-evaluation in Sept. 2002.

Health Center retains national accreditation

BY AMANDA SILVA
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The Thomson Student Health Center has received national re-accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

"We're pleased and proud to have achieved accreditation," said Dr. William Hill, director of Student Health Services.

"We think accreditation is very important and has helped us improve the quality of care we provide," Hill said. "We feel that our patients are the ultimate beneficiaries from our participation in the accreditation program."

Accreditation is a voluntary process by which an ambulatory health-care organization can measure the quality of its services and performance against nationally recognized standards.

USC received accreditation in December, one week prior to winter break, after beginning the process in mid-September. The health center held off announcing the honor until after Christmas because the student body was away on vacation, Hill said.

The health center underwent an extensive survey of its facilities and services for the accreditation process. The survey team, made up of physicians and health-care administrators, evaluated all aspects

of patient care.

Hill said the health center has received full accreditation for three years.

According to the AAAHC, not every health-care organization that undergoes an on-site survey receives accreditation.

"The dedication and effort necessary to achieve accreditation is substantial," the president of the AAAHC said. "Thomson Student Health Center is to be commended for this accomplishment."

According to the AAAHC, accreditation is valued by ambulatory health-care organizations as a measure of professional achievement and quality of care.

USC, which has been accredited since 1982, is one of only 120 student health centers that have achieved national accreditation.

The standards for accreditation, as outlined in the Accreditation Handbook for Ambulatory Health Care, include such areas as quality of care, quality of management and improvement, clinical records, surgical and pharmaceutical services, environmental safety, governance, administration and professional development.

This set of standards has been developed over a 20-year period by people who represent the highest levels of achieve-

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Constitutional amendment defeated in last SG meeting

BY BRANDON LARRABEE
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In their last meeting of the term, student senate decisively defeated a constitutional amendment Wednesday, which would have allowed senators to more easily fill an open senate seat if they switch colleges.

The senate did pass a bill adding "Clean Carolina" to the list of the Student Services Committee's responsibilities.

The amendment, sponsored by Student Services Committee Chairwoman Melissa Fletcher and Vice President-elect Sen. Corey Ford, failed by a 15-20 vote, with Sen. Charaka Cook abstaining. Approval would have required a two-thirds majority vote of the senate for the amendment to be sent to the student body.

The amendment would have allowed senators who change colleges to fill an open seat in their new college, provided the move is approved by the Powers and Responsibilities Committee. Currently, persons wanting an open senate

seat must apply and be interviewed by the committee, then by the senate.

The amendment's supporters said the change would have kept senators from having to leave senate or stop projects while they applied for an open seat.

"The reason that we wrote this is to allow good senators... to be able to continue them [projects]," Fletcher said.

She said the amendment would speed up that process, which currently takes three or four weeks.

"It could happen in that same week," Fletcher said.

Ford said the amendment would have kept good senators in senate.

"We don't want to kick someone out of senate who has done the job... just because they have an academic change," he said.

Opponents of the bill said it wouldn't have improved the process, and some said it might even make selecting a senator for open seats unfair.

"This ain't broke," said Sen. Adam Dawkins, co-chairman of the Judiciary Committee. "Don't fix it."

"This is a democratic system, we need to make sure that everybody has the chance" to fill an open senate seat, Dawkins said.

He also said a senator switching colleges might not know the concerns of his or her new constituents.

"I don't know the issues facing the college of liberal arts," Dawkins said.

Sen. Christian Stegmaier also opposed the amendment.

"One of the aims of legislation is to fix problems," Stegmaier said. "We don't have any problems."

Stegmaier also said the bill might "foreclose" on someone who wanted to fill an open senate seat but wasn't in senate.

"What this bill would do, in essence, is totally cut this person out of the process," Stegmaier said. "And I don't think that's very fair."

Ford said he was disappointed in the senate's decision.

"I'm disappointed, but the opponents did have some valid points," Ford said. "I think we should reward senators

who have done a good job," he said. "But, hopefully, the Powers and Responsibilities Committee will acknowledge the work of senators who may switch colleges."

Fletcher said senators might not have

voted with the primary goal of the amendment in mind.

"I think that it's a worthwhile bill to keep good senators in office and that overall point was kind of missed," she said.

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Returning Senators in 2000

The following is a list of students returning to Student Senate for 2000-2001.

Name:	College Representation:
Kevin E. Cogsdill	Pharmacy
Charaka C. Cook	Liberal Arts
Leigh E. Edmonds	Applied Professional Sci.
Melissa Fletcher	Journalism
Hydrick Harden	Business Administration
Kristen Heatherly	Science and Math
Jessica C. Lentini	Liberal Arts
Sara Mareno	Liberal Arts
Adam Musgrave	Public Health
Rebecca Ann Payne	Science and Math

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SATURDAY
MARCH 18

• Round Table Gaming Society, noon to 11:45 p.m.
• Baseball vs. Florida, 4 p.m. (home)

ONLINE POLL



As holidays end, should USC make its residence halls accessible earlier?
76%-Yes 24%-No

Look for next week's poll question in Monday's edition of *The Gamecock*.