



Faculty Organization Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018, 10 am

NEXT FO Meetings: 9/14 @11am, 10/5 @ 11am, and 11/2 @ 11am

Faculty Senate Meetings: 9/21 (Columbia) and 11/9 (Salk)

- Dean's Report
 - 36-66 student increase during summer term
 - Fall 2018 enrollment up 50 incoming freshman reaching a total enrollment of 1100 full time students for Fall term
 - The Dean offered a detailed account of all funding sources for all major renovation projects taking place at USCU. Much of the funding comes from commission moneys not from the USCU budget
 - Project updates on: sporting facilities, campus fencing, Patron's Park, dorm buildings on-site, refurbished post office building used for USCU storage, virtual reality labs for sciences. If anyone has continued concerns about USCU budget spending/allocation of funds, please contact the Dean.
 - Update on USCU Library: the library is currently merging with the Carnegie Library. The expectation is that this merger will create longer operating hours for the library, will be closer to new classrooms/facilities downtown, and students will have complete access to online state resources. The old USCU library will be converted into office space, a proper art studio/classroom, and other classrooms including a possible foreign languages lab.

- Academic Dean's Report
 - Students Bryana Vaughn and Estelle Means introduced their current project with the recently acquired eye-tracking machine. They're currently looking for student volunteers to participate in experiments that deal with inherent racial bias. Faculty are encouraged to offer extra credit for any students who sign up (sign-up sheets should be available in the Student Success Center). If you have questions, please contact Dr. Lowell.
 - Please encourage students to consider participating in the USCU Research Club. There's a Lunch & Interest Meeting on September 12, from Noon-1pm in the Community Room. This is a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree with leadership distinction (GLD) as well as any student considering postgraduate work. Projects would include grant-writing workshops, fund raising for research-based trips, as well as student/faculty collaboration with course design and/or publishable scholarship. Faculty are also encouraged to offer their expertise and guidance. See www.sc.edu/usconnect. For more, see Dr. Lowell or contact Bryana Vaughn (kaylav@email.sc.edu)
 - Be on the look-out for Corse Core assessment this term. Emails will be sent.
 - Faculty need to make certain all book orders are cleared with the bookstore. There have been some issues in the past with inaccurate ISBN numbers. Please double-check.
 - Send fall 2018 syllabi to Kendra ASAP
 - Keep a strict attendance record for at least the first 3 weeks of class. Be on the lookout for any students out of place.
- Dr. Maire-Afeli: (Report on trip to France—read by Dr. Pisano)
 - Reports that the CHEM field trip to France was a smashing success. Students toured a variety of museums studying paint composition; ate a variety of wonderful meals and studied the composition of food; and even toured a perfume museum which gave them first-hand experience in studying the chemistry of scent-making. "For the rest, what happens in Paris, stays in Paris!"
- Dr. Aziz: vote to replace Lane Mayon (Kevin Torres volunteered) for senate and Alice Taylor-Colbert for grievance committee (still pending)

- Dr. Pisano: Proposal for inclusion of Honor/Behavior Code protocol for the USCU Handbook:
 - Please see the attached proposal for the protocol changes. This sheet was distributed and discussed. A revised protocol sheet will be presented at the next FO Meeting for a formal vote.
 - Fall 2018 Film Series: Faculty are encourage to show a film or two that speaks to their interests and will inspire students to think critically about film and their world.

In Attendance:

Dr. Anderson
Deb Hudson
Dr. Hudson
Prof. Ivey
Dr. Charles
Dr. Catalano
Dr. Pisano
Dr. Morris
Jared Mummaw
Dr. Sixta Rinehart
Prof. Emswiler
Chakira Worthy
Brandon Simpson
Dr. Aziz
Kevin Torres
Gale Ashmore
Dr. Lowell

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Proposal: Establish Formal Protocol for USCU Student Honor and Behavior Code Violations

1. At the discretion of the instructor, a **first** occurrence of plagiarism/cheating may be reported to the Academic Dean. The AD will list the student and offence in a reserved file. The AD will then email the student (cc the instructor) with a notice that the incident has been recorded and such violations will not be tolerated. In addition, the student will be informed that a second violation will result in a formal report to Columbia.

2. At the discretion of the instructor, a **first** occurrence of a behavioral code violation may be reported to the Academic Dean. Such offences could include verbal or written disrespect of the instructor or verbal or written disrespect of another student. The AD will list the student and offence in a reserved file. The AD will then email the student (cc the instructor) with a notice that the incident has been recorded and such violations will not be tolerated. In addition, the student will be informed that a second violation will result in a formal report to Columbia.

Goals:

1. Revise USCU Handbook to include formal protocol for Honor/Behavior Code violations
2. Establish and project to students *a unified front* between faculty and administration regarding honor/behavior code violations. Faculty should no longer feel isolated and even powerless when confronting student misconduct.
3. Encourage faculty to include formal protocol for honor/behavior code violations into their syllabi.

Suggestion for revision: Academic Dean's email should include "student appeal option"