



Faculty Organization Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2018, Noon

- **Dean's Report**
 - Spring enrollment is higher than USC Salk and USC Sumter
 - Student housing is on-target for completion by Fall 2018
 - USC Union will hire two tenure-track faculty (BIO and Fine Arts) to begin Fall 2018. Also, a Nursing Coordinator will be hired this Spring to begin in Fall 2018.
 - Facilities: Painting and fencing will begin soon for the restoration of Main Building. Fencing will be added to offset campus in order to frame it as a more formal liberal arts institution.
 - New windows and roofing on Central Building by June
 - Patrons Park will see development this Spring
 - Plans are still in motion to expand the available space for the Academic Success Center
 - Continued discussion pertaining to the merger of USCU library facilities with Carnegie Library. Also, some discussion regarding the then-unoccupied space of the current USCU library—faculty/staff offices and additional classrooms?
 - A proposal for a potential 1.1 million dollar renovation of Truluck is under discussion
- **Academic Dean's Report**
 - Carnegie Library is conducting a Union County Literacy Study. See most recent email from Dr. Lowell pertaining to suggestions for offer extra credit to students who participate

- Discipline Awards Ceremony will be April 3 at 6:30
- Summer & Fall Scholarship applications are due soon
- Faculty need review peer review status and, if possible, provide reviews of faculty in-need of evaluations
- **Dr. Rinehart:** Chair-Elect for Senate, A Place of Meeting for Senate Meetings, and Academic Affairs
 - Calls for Executive Committee Nominations (Unresolved)
 - Place of meeting for Faculty Senate→ we proposed that Faculty Senate operate on a rotation of regional campuses and forego meeting in Columbia. However, funds normally dedicated to Columbia meetings should be reinvested in endowing Palmetto College Faculty Awards: Service, Teaching, and Scholarship.
 - Some talk of Faculty Handbook revisions→in progress.
- **Dr. Anderson:** System Affairs
 - Proposed revisions to the BA of Liberal Studies Program. Contact Dr. Anderson for more details.
- **Dr. Fouts:** Provost Advisory Committee
 - Contact Dr. Fouts for more details.
- **Dr. Morris:** Active Shooter Plan
 - Dr. Morris raised awareness of the need for better security measures on campus. Dr. Catalano notes that locks will be changed on doors (so they can be locked from the inside), more cameras will be added to campus, and emergency call stations are being considered.

In Attendance:

Dr. Catalano

Dr. Lowell

Dr. Anderson

Dr. Charles

Dr. Pisano

Dr. Fouts

Dr. Maire-Afeli

Michael Sumner

Jen Emswiler

Prof. Ivey

Dr. Rinehart

Dr. Morris

Prof. Mayon