



## Faculty Organization Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2018, 11 am

- Dean's Report:
  - Enrollment is up since last year, reaffirming projections over the summer.
  - Facilities: Renovations on Post office and Annex Building are moving forward. They should include faculty offices, new classes, and storage space.
  - The "white house" near campus will be leveled in the not-so-distant future.
  - Carnegie Library and USCU library are in-process of merging. Check out the Carnegie when you can!
- Academic Dean's Report: See attachment
- Dr. Fouts: Provost's council and eventual questions/concerns: see memo previously emailed to faculty. For additional concerns, contact Dr. Fouts or Dr. Maire-Afeli.
- Dr. Maire-Afeli: Virtual Lab update: still in development; looking for a 3D printer; planning on updating anatomy software.
- Dr. Hudson: Benefits of 3D Headset in the science classroom.
- Dr. Aziz: Vote on USCU Faculty Handbook Updates and Travel Request Form Update: - -
  - Both voted "yes" by the FO.
  - Dr. Sixta Rinehart nominated for Grievance Committee Chair

- Dr. Pisano: Vote on inclusion of the Honor/Behavior Code Violation Policy in the USCU Faculty Handbook:
- Some discussion of Bulletin guidelines and pertinence of proposed protocols. The topic (and revised proposal) will be circulated and addresses at the next FO Meeting.
- Tenured/Tenure-track Faculty **Only**: Vote on faculty matters.

**Attendance:**

Dr. Charles

Dr. Morris

Dr. Pisano

Dr. Fouts

Dr. Sixta Rinehart

Dr. Maire-Afeli

Dr. Lowe

Dr. Lowell

Dr. Aziz

Dr. Anderson

Dr. Hudson

Prof. Ivey

Sharon Rupp

Prof. Torres

Prof. Deborah Hudson

Dean Catalano

Gale Ashmore

Academic Dean's Report - 09/14/2018

University of Possibilities Event

- On October 24, from around 9:00 until around 2:00, we will have just under 100 6<sup>th</sup>-graders on campus from Jonesville Middle School and Union Christian Day School for this University of Possibilities event. The goal of the event, sponsored by main campus in Columbia and running at the other campuses as well, is to expose kids to college early on and increase the likelihood of their eventual enrollment in college. This event will have the students engage in demonstrations with faculty and experience other aspects of a day in the life of a college student. If you will be around and are available to spend some time helping out with this event, please contact Christen Mayes to find out how you might fit into that itinerary.

#### Research Club

- On Wednesday, 9/12, we held an interest/informational meeting for the new USC Union Research Club. The faculty and students present at the event engaged in an interesting discussion of their ongoing and future research endeavors. One of the primary goals of the club, in addition to exposing students to research and supporting them in finding ways to engage in it, is to facilitate new connections between faculty and students on collaborative work, so this was a great way to launch the club.
- Next week, on Thursday, September 20, from 12:00-1:00 in the Community Room, the Research Club will be putting on another event. This event will feature speakers from USC Columbia's USC Connect office (Theresa Harrison) and Office of Undergraduate Research (Tricia Kramer), who will speak on all of the opportunities that are available to our students through their offices, including things like the GLD and undergraduate research grant opportunities (e.g., Magellan). We would love to have a good sized crowd for them to speak to at that event, so definitely join us if you can and encourage others to attend as well. We will have food since it's being held during lunch time.

#### Progress Reports

- If you are teaching a Fall I class, the final day for students to drop the class without receiving a grade of W/F is next week on September 19. In those cases, we need to know if you have any students in that Fall I class who may be in danger of failing the class prior to that W/F date.
- If you are teaching a full semester Fall class, the final day for students to drop the class without receiving a grade of W/F is October 15, so we are asking that you get us those Progress Reports by October 1 of any students at risk of failing at that point.
- If you are teaching a Fall II class, you will be contacted after Fall Break regarding the timeline for Progress Reports for those classes.

#### Spring Schedule

- I will be starting to work on drafting the Spring schedule over the next couple of weeks, so be on the lookout for messages from me about your classes for next semester.

#### Reminder about Assessment

- The ARP, GSS, and GHS Carolina Core components will be undergoing collection of artifacts this semester from all classes that are being taught that meet those components. Be on the lookout for messages from the appropriate Carolina Core committee if you are teaching one of those classes for further instructions on how to get your students to submit that sample work for this assessment cycle.