

Provost Stand-up Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 28, 2023

Microsoft Teams

8:15 am – 8:30 am

I. Provost Donna Arnett

- Welcome
- Schedule for Fall Check-Ins
- Provost Retreat – September 1st
- Introduction of new Deans and Vice Provost
- Bridge to Faculty
- New AI positions

II. Shout-out for academic excellence

- Today, I would like to recognize the **College of Engineering and Computing** for graduating 26 students from the McNAIR Junior Fellows program in 2023.
- This program allows students in the College of Engineering and Computing to partner with faculty mentors over the summer to engage in innovative research and experiential learning, providing funding for students to complete 300 hours of research and allowing them to build skill sets invaluable to their future careers.
- Professor Ramy Harik created the Junior Fellowship program in 2015 to allow students to conduct aerospace and manufacturing research through the McNAIR Center for Aerospace Innovation and Research, but the program has since expanded to include students from other fields within the college and has had over 300 participants and 150+ graduates.
- This year's graduates included students from Computer Science, Aerospace, Information Technology, Mechanical, Biomedical and Chemical Engineering that worked with numerous faculty advisors.

- In 2024, the program will celebrate its 10th anniversary, a major milestone that demonstrates the commitment of the College towards community building and undergraduate research.
- I would like to thank **Hossein Haj-Hariri**, Dean of the College of Engineering and Computing, **Ramy Harik**, director of the McNAIR Junior fellows program, and the entire College of Engineering and Computing faculty for their tremendous work in preparing students for success in the fields of engineering and computing.

Fall Meeting Topics

September 11th – Rhiannon Mayer – Blackboard UCV

September 18th – Michael McGandy– USC Press

October 9th – Rex Tolliver – Student Affairs and Student Grievance

October 23rd – Ann Vail – Graduate School

November 6th – Jeff Perkins – Future facilities plan

November 20th – Lara Lomicka Anderson- CircleIn

December 4th – Derrick Meggie and Craig Parks – Legislature update