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**TO:** Academic Deans, Endowed Chairs, CoEE Chairs, Associate and Assistant Deans, Department Chairs, Directors of Schools, Programs, Institutes and Centers, System Campus Academic Leadership, Vice Presidents and Vice Provosts

**FROM:** Michael D. Amiridis, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost 

**DATE:** December 8, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Spring 2010 Provost's Retreat (formerly Provost's Meeting)

On Friday, January 8, 2010, I will be holding my first meeting with USC's academic leadership since becoming Provost in August 2009. The Provost's Retreat, formerly known as the Provost's Meeting, will use a new interactive format with breakout discussion sessions and facilitators. The purpose is to discuss issues important to the university and its faculty and to obtain feedback from distinguished faculty, department chairs, and deans of the university. We will ask penetrating questions and will use your input in the development of our plans.

Four breakout sessions will take place corresponding to four areas essential to the university:

- Teaching and Learning
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Achievement
- Service Excellence and Community Engagement
- Tenure and Promotion

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Provost's Retreat on January 8, 2010. The retreat will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center (located at 1101 Lincoln Street, next to the Colonial Life Arena) and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m., with lunch provided.

I hope that you will participate in this event. It is critical for me to learn what the leadership and distinguished faculty members, like you, think about the important issues that our university is facing. Information about the Spring 2010 Provost's Retreat is available at <http://www.sc.edu/provost/acadadmin/provostmeetings/>. Please RSVP by December 18 at [www.sc.edu/provost/rsvp](http://www.sc.edu/provost/rsvp).



## **REVISED AGENDA**

### **Spring 2010 Provost's Retreat**

**Friday, January 8, 2010**

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

- 9:30-10:00 a.m.     **Coffee and Networking**
- 10:00 a.m.         **Welcome and Message from the Provost**  
Michael D. Amiridis, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
- Questions and Answers**
- 10:40 p.m.         **Breakout Sessions**
- Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement (lunch 12:00 p.m.)
  - Teaching and Instruction (lunch 12:10 p.m.)
  - Service Excellence (lunch 12:20 p.m. )
  - Tenure and Promotion Criteria (lunch 12:30 p.m.)
- 12:00 p.m.         **Lunch will start at 12:00 p.m.**  
*(Breakout session groups will be invited to lunch at staggered times as the buffet lines clear.)*
- 1:20 p.m.          **Break**
- 1:30 p.m.          **Group Reports and Open Discussion**
- 2:30 p.m.          **Adjourn**

Please go to <http://www.sc.edu/provost/acadadmin/provostmeetings/>  
and complete an online evaluation regarding the Spring 2010 Provost's Retreat.  
Questions? Email [Provost@sc.edu](mailto:Provost@sc.edu) or call 803-777-2808

***The Spring and Fall Provost's Retreats are for all Academic Deans, Endowed Chairs, CoEE Chairs, Associate and Assistant Deans, Department Chairs, Directors of Schools, Programs, Institutes and Centers, System Campus Academic Leadership, Vice Presidents and Vice Provosts.***

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