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# THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL FACULTY MEETING 

Wednesday September 7, 2022<br>This session was held in person and online.<br>PRESIDING President Michael Amiridis<br>PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS called the meeting to order at 3:00pm EST.<br>Called Meeting of the General Faculty

PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS welcomed the members to the meeting. President Amiridis stated that it is a privilege and pleasure to welcome the faculty to the General Faculty meeting. President Amiridis expressed his sorrow to the academic community by the loss of a faculty member who passed away the prior week. A moment of silence and reflection was held in honor of the faculty member as well as for the student whose life was lost on the same day.
Corrections to the Fall 2021 General Faculty meeting minutes: Corrections were identified and made to the minutes. The minutes were approved.

## Report of the President

PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS has been back at UofSC less than three months. He is a tenured faculty member. He earned his tenure at UofSC, and it has been reactivated. He remembers, in 1994, when he came for the first time to a General Faculty meeting to be introduced. It was held in the Close-Hipp building and at that time, the Department Chairs introduced new faculty. President Amiridis hopes new faculty members remember this moment.
Over the past few months, PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS has been traveling throughout the state, and in some cases outside the state. The purpose is to talk with alumni, business leaders, and elected officials. A great positive sign identified is the strong support for the university. Stakeholders want the university to move forward, regain national leadership in certain areas, and showcase the institution's successes. The successes of the university are defined by the success of the faculty and students. Stakeholders want the university to be stable. The sentiment from colleges and faculty is also that experience and stability are desired.
Life became much more pleasant with the arrival of students and faculty on campus. It is a unique experience of revival. Every year, it brings a lot of hope and optimism when students arrive on campus.

PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS is not ready to answer questions about goals and priorities. These questions cannot be answered (i.e., define goals and priorities) without first obtaining feedback from the academic community. This doesn't mean President Amiridis doesn't have ideas. He has scanned through the very large strategic plan that was developed during the past few years. He wants to complete the first round of interactions with faculty and students before defining goals and priorities.
Recommendations for UofSC and academic institutions throughout the Higher Education sector include:

- The need to innovate in everything to successfully support the institution's mission;
- Innovate how we teach,
- Innovate what we teach,
- Innovate how we provide for our students,
- Innovate how we support our research,
- Innovate the services that we provide, and
- Innovate how we do our own work.
- Look at what is needed, which is an excellent student, as an engaged citizen.

On Sunday, students will gather to provide answers to questions:

- What are their experiences in the classroom?
- What are their experiences in terms of the climate?
- What are their experiences in terms of the general area of Columbia?
- What are their experiences in terms of the transition from degree to career?

It is also important to create the human and physical infrastructure.

- Do we provide support to our faculty?
- What is the impact on research?
- Do we have the right infrastructure in place?

PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS would like to address local problems (e.g., environmental, health related). Another dream of the president is that the university shows others how to be more user-friendly. As a large system, employees, students, and parents find it difficult to navigate the system.
Diversity, equity, and inclusion has not been stated as a potential priority. This is because PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS stated that diversity, equity, and inclusion are qualifiers. They supersede all other priorities. It is an obligation that public universities must educate all members of the public. Without being a diverse, equitable, and inclusive university, we cannot fulfill the obligation to educate all students in the state of South Carolina. None of these can be done without the alignment and close cooperation of leadership and faculty. President Amiridis is looking forward to an environment of mutual trust, mutual respect, and strengthening the ties of the administration through shared governance.
PRESIDENT AND MRS. AMIRIDIS are looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall open house. There is a tradition for a fall faculty party at the President's house. The party will be different from the past. Each year will have a different theme. This year's theme is "flavors from the south".

## Report of Provost Donna Arnett

PROVOST ARNETT stated that it is an honor to be speaking to the general faculty. Provost Arnett provided a brief synopsis of her background:

- She has been in Higher Education for over 30 years,
- Her career began at the University of Minnesota,
- She became an endowed chair at the University of Minnesota,
- Went to the University of Alabama-Birmingham as an endowed chair (11 years),
- Went to the University of Kentucky as a dean, and
- Arrived at UofSC in August 2022 for the Provost's position.

PROVOST ARNETT stated that she is committed to the University of South Carolina. She has no aspirations of being a president. She recognizes the university has been in a state of change. Provost Arnett is here for the long haul. With the President, Provost Arnett wants to bring a sense of stability and continuity to the university.
PROVOST ARNETT doesn't have a vision yet but does have some short-term goals. Goals include:

- Go on a listening tour of every college. The tour will consist of 50 or less people. The intent is to hear from faculty and staff. What are hidden gems? How can we build interdisciplinary programs to create academic excellence to be the destination of choice?
- Over the summer, Provost Arnett met with the Faculty Welfare Committee. Provost Arnett is interested in identifying ways to build faculty resilience and welfare. The last three years, particularly with the pandemic, have been hard on faculty.
- Provost Arnett wants to develop innovative programs that infuse joy. The provost will work with Faculty Senate to look at ways that benefit all parts of faculty.
A favorite Japanese quote is "All of us are smarter than any one of us". PROVOST
ARNETT will be listening to the faculty to collectively build a fantastic vision for the University of South Carolina.


## Results for the Tenure and Promotion

Results for the spring 2021, fall 2021 cycles are as follows:

- 66 candidates of which there were 63 positive outcomes,
- 34 of the 35 candidates were for tenure and promotion to associate professor and were successful, and
- 25 of the 27 candidates of the promotions to full professor were successful.
- Another class of application in promotion was tenure at the rank of associate professor in librarian.
- Tenure at the rank of professor.

Thanks were provided to the UCTP for their efforts.
Update on the Dean searches are as follows:

- HRSM search has been launched. The first meeting will happen soon.
- Darla Moore Business search began in August. Darla Moore School of Business dean search is underway. The search is being chaired by DR. HAJJHARIRI HOSSIN and DR. TONY TORRES-MCGEE. The website has been updated.
- Education dean search is ending.
- The Graduate School dean search will be launched soon. In the meantime, VICE PROVOST CHERYL ADDY is the interim Graduate School dean.
- University Libraries dean search has been concluded. DAVE BANUSH, the current dean of Tulane University, has accepted the offer. He has been at Tulane University for seven years as a sitting dean.

PROVOST ARNETT looks forward to hearing from everyone during the listening tours.

Starting in September, a "stand-up call" will be initiated. Team meetings (very brief, 15 minutes) will be conducted for administrators. The purpose is to stimulate twoway communication. The call will always end with positive news. This week's call will end with the news that UofSC is named as the number 1 university for military and veterans.

Question from the audience: Can the Provost reconcile the information from the financial officer (i.e., Ed Walton) regarding the limited financial opportunities. PROVOST ARNETT stated that the information from Ed Walton during the Provost's retreat was a description of where the university is right now. In a constrained environment, the institution a) has been unable to increase tuition for several years running, and b) experienced a tightening of $\$ 42$ million from administration and support. Without new growth, new students, or new programming the only way the university can grow and develop new programs of excellence is to think through "leaky areas" where the university can tight up the budget.
PROVOST ARNETT will work with the deans to identify "leaky areas". One area is to examine the 12 CRMs on campus. Can efficiencies be created?
IONNIS REKLEITIS (Computer Science and Engineering): Why is the Blatt gym no longer free to faculty. PROVOST ARNETT did not have a definitive answer to the question. This question has been raised in other meetings. The question will be taken under advisement with the Mental Health and Wellness for Faculty committee.
PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS stated that students pay for the wellness centers through fees. This is an auxiliary unit; the debt of the unit is required to be paid. If students pay for the wellness centers through fees, is it possible to waive the fees for the wellness centers for faculty? These are financial decisions that need to be made.

## Introduction of New Faculty

PROVOST ARNETT introduced the College of Arts \& Sciences. This college began in 1801, the same year as the university. This college is led by Dean Joel Samuels.

DEAN SAMUELS stated that the hires were very intentional as an investment in the College of Arts \& Sciences, including professional track, instructors, and senior
instructors. This is to create better accountability and certain predictability for the students as well.

## Tenure-track and Tenured faculty

Note: Faculty are listed by name, position, and former institution or alma mater.

- Mylene Culbreath, Vice Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, University of Minnesota
- Ian Adams, Assistant Professor in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Utah
- Ana Almar Liante, Assistant Professor in Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Texas at Austin
- Samuel Bagg, Assistant Professor in Political Science, Duke University
- Hunter Boehme, Assistant Professor in Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of South Carolina
- Kathleen Broussard, Assistant Professor in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- Michelle Brown, Assistant Professor in Psychology, University of Minnesota
- Kelsey Cameron, Assistant Professor, in the School of Visual Art and Design Film and Media Studies, University of Pittsburgh
- Donna Coffman, Associate Professor in Psychology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Carl Dahlman, Professor, Geography and Director, Walker Institute, University of Kentucky
- Daniel Frost, Assistant Professor in the School of Earth, Ocean, and Environment, University of Leeds
- Siming He, Assistant Professor in Mathematics, University of Maryland, College Park
- Na Sil Heo, Assistant Professor in History, University of Toronto
- Caitlin Hudac, Associate Professor in Psychology, University of Alabama
- Claire Jimenez, Assistant Professor in English, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- S. Wright Kennedy, Assistant Professor in History, Rice University
- April Langley, Associate Professor in English and Director of African American Studies, University of Missouri
- Eric LoPresti, Assistant Professor in Biological Sciences, University of California, Davis
- Ruth Luo, Assistant Professor in Mathematics, University of Illinois, UrbanaChampaign
- Ting Fung Ma, Assistant Professor in Statistics, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Sai Mu, Assistant Professor in Physics and Astronomy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- Tyke Nunez, Assistant Professor in Philosophy, University of Pittsburg
- Joy Peltier, Assistant Professor in English \& Linguistics, University of Michigan
- Alexey Petrov, Professor and Department Chair in Physics and Astronomy, Wayne State University
- Joseph Quinn, Assistant Professor in Sociology, Duke University
- Wendy Regoeczi, Professor and Department Chair in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Cleveland State University
- Abbe Schriber, Assistant Professor in the School of Visual Art, and Design, Columbia University
- Sarfaraz Serang, Assistant Professor in Psychology, University of Southern California
- Olja Simoska, Assistant Professor in Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Texas at Austin
- Nicholas Truex, Assistant Professor in Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of California, Irvine
- Tharini Viswanath, Assistant Professor in English, Illinois State University
- Sarah Waheed, Assistant Professor in History, Tufts University
- Lauren Wilson, Assistant Professor in Theatre and Dance, Sarah Lawrence College
- Ashley Young, Assistant Professor in the School of Visual Art and Design \& Film and Media Studies, University of Southern California


## Professional Track Faculty

- Barbara Anderson, English, University of South Carolina
- Marina Arconti, Theatre and Dance, Northwestern University
- Andres Arroyave, Languages, Literature, and Culture, University of South Carolina
- Brandy Barnette, Mathematics, Western Kentucky University
- James Bird, Statistics, University of California - Santa Barbara
- Robert Bird, Political Science, Stony Brook University
- Shannon Blake-Lynch, English, University of South Carolina
- Bram Boroson, Physics and Astronomy, University of Colorado - Boulder
- Gerald Brasington, Biological Sciences, St. James School of Medicine
- Patrick Brissey, Philosophy, University of South Carolina
- Laura Bruns, English, Illinois State University
- Dawn, Women's and Gender Studies, University of South Carolina
- Alice Churukian, Physics and Astronomy, Kansas State University
- Marybeth Craig, Theatre and Dance, University of South Carolina
- Austin Crane, Walker Institute, University of Washington
- Allison Culver, Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina
- Mihaly Czako, Biological Sciences, University of Szeded (Hungary)
- Steven Derochers, Mathematics, North Carolina State University
- Aaron Dicker, English, Ball State University
- Christian Dotson-Pierson, English, Howard University
- Azar Eftekhar Khansari, Psychology, University of Wolverhampton (UK)
- Ursula Englebrecht, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of South Carolina
- Erica Fischer, English, University of South Carolina
- Eduard Forehand, Theatre and Dance, University of lowa
- Augustus Fountain, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Florida State University
- Benjamin Garcia Egea, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of South Carolina
- LaRita Hipp, Mathematics, University of South Carolina
- Mary Hollenbeck, Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of South Carolina
- William Joe Jones, School of Earth, Ocean, and Environment, University of California - Santa Cruz
- EB Landesberg, School of Visual Art and Design, Duke University
- Kathryn Luchok, Women's and Gender Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Rachel Mann, English, University of South Carolina
- Cameron Massey, Psychology, Appalachian State University
- Richard McCain, Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina School of Medicine
- William McGuffey, Mathematics, Columbia University
- Megan McKay, Mathematics, University of South Carolina
- Chase Meyer, Political Science, University of Georgia
- Grayson Morgan, Geography, University of South Carolina
- Elizabeth Myers, Psychology, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
- Emily Neger, Psychology, University of South Carolina
- Gustavo Obeso, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Arkansas
- Carissa Orlando, Psychology, University of South Carolina
- Jess Peri, School of Visual Art and Design, University of New Mexico
- Nancy Pinzon-Acevedo, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of Florida
- Shannon Pipes, Biological Sciences, University of South Carolina
- Ali Pirhadi, Mathematics, Oklahoma State University
- Kelvin Pompey, Statistics, University of South Carolina
- Christopher Portwood, Mathematics, University of South Carolina
- Gareth Rees-White, English, University of South Carolina
- Alexandria Reynolds, Psychology, University of South Carolina
- David Roberts, Biological Sciences, Kingdom College of Natural Health
- Maria Victoria Sanchez Samblas, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Vanderbilt University
- Jordan Sheridan, School of Visual Art and Design, University of South Carolina
- Donna Smith, School of Visual Art and Design, Savannah College of Art \& Design
- Sueanna Smith, English, University of South Carolina
- Christine Vahlstron, Psychology, University of South Carolina
- Whitney Waites, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, University of South Carolina
- Nicola Waldron, English, Bennington College
- Navida Chunhan, Political Science, University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign
- David Weaver, Statistics, Duke University

PROVOST ARNETT introduced the Darla Moore School of Business. This college was founded in 1919. The college is led by Dean Peter Brews. SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN FERGUSON introduced the new faculty.

- Joao Albino-Pimentel, Assistant Professor in International Business, HEC Paris
- Priyank Arora, Assistant Professor in Management Science, Georgia Institute of Technology,
- Beth Vermeer, Assistant Professor in Accounting, Drexel University,
- Anjelita Cadena, Clinical Assistant Professor in Finance, University of Texas at San Antonio
- Alireza Farnoush, Clinical Assistant Professor in Management Science, Auburn University
- Geoffrey Carr, Clinical Assistant Professor in Economics, University of Virginia
- Dexter Harlee, Clinical Assistant Professor in Management, Capella University
- Alexxandra Henley, Lecturer in Accounting, University of South Carolina
- Lindsey Kim, Lecturer in Management/Center for Business Communication, Winthrop University
- Brandon Mendez, Clinical Assistant Professor in Finance, Florida State University
- Deniz Sanin, Assistant Professor in Economics, Georgetown University
- Ellison Smith III, Clinical Assistant Professor in Finance, Jacksonville University
- Prateek Sharma, Clinical Assistant Professor in Finance, Louisiana State University
- Karolina Summerville, Assistant Professor in Management, University of North Carolina - Charlotte
- Helen Van der Sluis, Assistant Professor in Marketing, Arizona State University

PROVOST ARNETT introduced the College of Education. This college was founded in 1888 and is led by interim Dean Tommy Hodges. INTERIM ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH AND FACULTY AFFAIRS SUSAN BON introduced the new faculty.

- Ashley Gess, Instruction and Teacher Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Integrative STEM Education, Virginia Polytechnic and State University
- Matthew Cunningham, Instruction and Teacher Education, Educational Administration, Loyola Marymount University
- Elizabeth Rollins, Instruction and Teacher Education, Elementary Education
- Jamil Johnson, Instruction and Teacher Education, Elementary Education
- Jenny Powell, Instruction and Teacher Education, Elementary Education, University of South Carolina
- Myung-Ha (Mason) Su, Physical Education, Georgia State University
- Charles Thompson, Instruction and Teacher Education, Educational Leadership and Policies, University of Arkansas
- Yingxia (Karen) Qian, Educational Studies
- Devin Randall, Instruction and Teacher Education

PROVOST ARNETT introduced the College of Engineering and Computing. This college opened in 1909. The college is represented by Dean Hossein Haj-Hariri. ASSOCIATE DEAN JED LYONS presented the new faculty members.

- Ahmed Alshareef, Assistant professor in Mechanical/biomedical engineering, Johns-Hopkins University
- Robert Bailey, Instructor in Computer Science, Dominion Energy
- Natasha Delahunt, Instructor in Computer Science, Claflin University
- Brian Hipp, Instructor in Computer Science, Winthrop,
- Golareh Jalilvand, Assistant Professor in Chemical Engineering, University of Central Florida
- Junsoo Lee, Assistant Professor in Mechanical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Yue (Stanley) Ling, Associate Professor in Mechanical Engineering, Baylor University
- Keiona Middleton, Clinical Assistant Professor, Integrated Information Technology, Western Governor's University
- Zhenmeng Peng, Professor in Chemical Engineering, University of Akron
- Tao Wei, Associate Professor in Chemical/Biomedical Engineering, Howard University

PROVOST ARNETT introduced the College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management. The college was founded in 1965. The college is led by INTERIM DEAN DAVID CARDENAS.

- Tarlan Chadardovali, Assistant Professor in Sport and Entertainment Management, Florida State University
- Eckton Chinyanga, Instructor in Retailing, Tennessee State University
- Keshav Gupta, Assistant Professor in Sport and Entertainment Management, Temple University
- Daniel Kim, Instructor in Retailing, University of South Carolina
- Hanna Lee, Assistant Professor in Retailing, North Carolina State University
- Tom Mullikin, Professor of Practice, Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management, Columbia International University
- Elana Nichols, Instructor in Retailing, University of Navarra
- Ashley Schroder, Assistant Professor and Research Lead of Crisis Management Working Group, SmartState Center for Economic Excellence in Tourism and Economic Development, University of Florida
- Md. Islam Rafiqul Rana, Assistant Professor in Retailing, University of Missouri
- Scott Taylor, Assistant Professor, Hospitality and Tourism Management, University of Houston,
- Stephanie Taylor, Instructor in Retailing, Western Michigan University
- Laura Truell, Instructor, Sport and Entertainment Management, University of Northern Colorado
PROVOST ARNETT Introduced the College of Information and Communications. The College of Information and Communications was founded in 1923. This college is led by Dean Tom Reichert. ASSOCIATE DEAN SHIRLEY CARTER-STAPLES introduced the new faculty.
- Russell Gottwald, Instructor for Journalism and Mass Communication in Creative Brand Management, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Jacqueline Keisler, Instructor for Journalism and Mass Communication in Business Administration, Webster University
- Marcia Purday, Instructor for Journalism and Mass Communication in Business Administration, University of South Carolina
- Brandon Shulleeta, Instructor for Journalism and Mass Communication in Multimedia Journalism, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Ryan Rucker, Instructor for the School of Information Science in Curriculum and Instruction, Valdosta State University
- Jeff Salter, Instructor for the School of Information Science in Media Arts, University of South Carolina
- Eileen Waddell, Instructor for Journalism and Mass Communication in Journalism, University of South Carolina
The School of Law was founded in 1867. The school is led by DEAN WILLIAM HUBBARD.
- Scott Bauries, Professor of Law, University of Florida
- Kevin Brown, Professor of Law, Yale Law School
- Cassandra Jones Havard, Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania-School of Law
- Laura Lane-Steele, Assistant Professor, Harvard Law School
- Katherine Magner, Librarian, University of South Carolina

In 1974, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine - Columbia was founded. The school is led by Dean Les Hall. RUTH RILEY, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR EXECUTIVE AFFAIRS, introduced the new faculty.

- Daniel Foster, Assistant Professor in Pharmacology, Physiology and Neuroscience; Pharmacology
- Jasmine Scripp, Clinical Instructor in Family and Preventive Medicine; Global Health
- Marion Smith, Clinical Instructor in Family and Preventive Medicine; Global Health
- Farren Stackhouse, Clinical Assistant Professor in Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science; Rehabilitation Counseling and Rehabilitation Counseling Education

The School of Medicine-Greenville has been serving the State of South Carolina since 1991 and is led by DEAN MARJORIE JENKINS. Dean Jenkins is unable to attend today.

- Phyllis MacGilvray, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs; Department of Family Medicine \& Biomedical Sciences
- Alyson McGregor, Associate Dean for Clinical Faculty and Development; Professor for Emergency Management
The School of Music was founded in 1994 and is led by DEAN TAYLOE HARDING.
- Nicholas Susi, Assistant Professor in Piano Performance, The College of St. Scholastica
- Mak Grgic, Assistant Professor in Classical Guitar Performance, Industry

The College of Nursing is led by Dean ANDREWS. The College was founded in 1957.

- Kate Bernheisel, Clinical Assistant Professor, Duke University
- Teresa Bowers, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina
- Sevilla Bronson, Clinical Assistant Professor, Barry University
- Lorie Donelle, Emily Myrtle Smith Professor of Nursing, University of Waterloo
- Donna Kazemi, Professor, Walden University
- Janet Kubas, Clinical Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina
- Gayenell Magwood, Emily Myrtle Smith Professor of Nursing, Medical University of South Carolina
- Malissa Mulkey, Assistant Professor, East Carolina University
- Jewel Scott, Assistant Professor, Duke University
- Nikki Smith, Clinical Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina
- Carolyn Sue-Ling, Clinical Associate Professor, Catholic University of America
- Kristen Weaver-Toedtman, Assistant Professor, New York University
- Pamela Wright, Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina

The College of Pharmacy was founded in 1988. The College is led by Dean Stephen Cutler. SENIOR ASSOCIATE DEAN JULIE SEASE presented the new faculty.

- Jordan Ballou, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences, Campbell University
- Jennifer Clements, Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences, Campbell University
- T. Chase Francis, Assistant Professor, Department of Drug Discovery, and Biomedical Sciences, University of Maryland-Baltimore
- Alessandra Porcu, Assistant Professor, Department of Drug Discovery, and Biomedical Sciences, University of Calgari

Founded in 1975, The Arnold School of Public Health is represented by DEAN THOMAS CHANDLER.

- Meisam Arjmandi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Michigan State University
- Heather Armstrong, Clinical Assistant Professor in the COMD Department, Louisiana State University
- John Bernhart, Research Assistant Professor in Health, Promotion, Education and Behavior, University of South Carolina
- Sarah Burkart, Assistant Professor in Exercise Science, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
- Dawn Emerson, Clinical Assistant Professor in Exercise Science, University of South Carolina
- Hala Ghattas, Associate Professor in Health, Promotion, Education and Behavior, University of London
- Rahul Ghosal, Assistant Professor in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, North Carolina University
- Katie Hirsch, Assistant Professor in Exercise Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Minji Kim, Assistant Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Pennsylvania
- Sigfus Kristinsson, Research Assistant Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of South Carolina
- Lisa Norris, Research Assistant Professor in Communication Sciences Disorders, University of South Carolina
- Erin Smolak, Assistant Professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, San Diego State University
- Catherine Stromberg, Clinical Instructor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of South Carolina
- Cheuk Chi (George) Tam, Research Assistant Professor in Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Brad Wright, Professor and Chair, Health Services and Policy Management, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The School of Social Work was founded in 1969 and is led by INTERIM DEAN TERI BROWN.

- Bree Alexander, Clinical Assistant Professor, Baylor University

The University's first free-standing library first opened in 1840. Today our libraries are led by Dean Thomas McNally. ASSOCIATE DEAN HEATHER HECKMAN introduced the new members of the faculty.

- Evette Bridges, Librarian, Clarion University
- Daniela Curro, Librarian, University of Milan

Palmetto College was founded in 2013 and is led by CHANCELLOR SUSAN ELKINS.

- Sahar Aghasafari (Lancaster campus), Assistant Professor in Art/Graphic Design, University of Georgia
- Christine Anderson (Lancaster campus), Assistant Librarian and Director of Archives, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Amy Gerald (Lancaster campus), Assistant Professor of English, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Even Nooe (Lancaster campus), Assistant Professor of History, University of Mississippi
- Brian Lindmark (Salkehatchie campus), Assistant Professor in Mathematics \& Engineering, Auburn University
- Sami Varjosaari (Sumter campus), Assistant Professor in Chemistry, Northern Illinois University
- Tekla Johnson (Union campus), Assistant Professor in African American Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Andrew Kettler (Union campus), Assistant Professor in History, University of South Carolina
- David Mitra (Union campus), Instructor in Mathematics, University of South Carolina

PROVOST ARNETT reiterated that it is the university's commitment that the faculty have a great experience at USC and have the tools to become the faculty that you aspire to be.

PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS stated that the university just welcomed the largest freshman class in the university's history. There are approximately 6,600 full-time first-time students. This is also one of the largest newest cohorts of faculty members that President Amiridis remembers during his time at USC. President Amiridis thanked the audience for taking time to come in person.

## Faculty Senate Chair's Report

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR AUDREY KORSGAARD stated that there is no action during this meeting on the part of the Faculty Senate. To inform the new faculty, the Faculty Senate is empowered by the Board of Trustees to govern over certain aspects of academics. Faculty Senate delegates to standing committees. Examples of standing committees include a) Committee on Curricula \& Courses, and b) the University Committee on Tenure and Promotion. Once the standing committees decides, the decision goes to Faculty Senate. The decision then goes to the general faculty.
There will be actions to take at the next general faculty meeting. This includes the changes in the Faculty Manual.
On behalf of the faculty, CHAIR KORSGAARD extends a warm welcome to President Amiridis and Provost Arnett. There is exciting to have you both join the faculty, have some stability, and have some momentum. The university will be able to leap ahead and be a leader in Higher Education. Faculty Senate is excited to work with the university leadership.
Faculty responsibilities are very important. Faculty can make unique contributions to the operation of the university in terms of a) guiding curricula and courses, and b) developing and enabling faculty to conduct the best research possible. These efforts come from shared governance. Faculty are encouraged to "step up". New faculty members are encouraged to read the Faculty Manual. Learn about Faculty Senate; learn about your rights and responsibilities. Many believe the Faculty Manual is a contract. It is a contract. It is also a guidebook regarding how we can contribute to making USC a better place. Think about how you might want to engage with shared governance.
For returning faculty, "step up". Faculty Senate is always seeking volunteers. A few volunteers are still needed for some committees. Please reach out to Chair Korsgaard if interested in serving on one of the committees.
A new call for serving on all committees will be sent out this fall. Find a place for yourself. There are varying levels of work on different committees. Find a committee that you are passionate about (e.g., scholarship, fund-raising, education).

Old business: none New business: none Good of the order: none

The meeting ended at $3: 57 \mathrm{pm}$ EST.

