New Faculty Senator Orientation

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Welcome!

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Dean, School of Law, 2011-present

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Senate Meetings

- All Meetings are in Gambrell 153
- Senators must sign in at tables outside the meeting room
- Departments (or other units) must notify the faculty senate office in advance of the meeting if a substitute for an elected senator will be present

Senators should try to attend all meetings of the Faculty Senate. Minimally, Senators are expected to attend a majority of meetings. Because the Faculty Senate is a deliberative body, active participation requires physical presence at the site of the meeting. [FM, p.12]

- Senators are required to sit in the middle section of the room, in order to facilitate counting
- Senators must identify themselves
- New senators will receive a “new senator form” from secretary West. Please fill out and return the form as directed.
Senate Meetings

• FALL 2018 – GENERAL FACULTY MEETING:
  September 5, 2018 - Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153

• FALL 2018 – FACULTY SENATE MEETINGS:
  – September 12, 2018 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153
  – October 3, 2018 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153
  – November 7, 2018 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153
  – December 5, 2018 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153

• SPRING 2019 – FACULTY SENATE MEETINGS:
  – February 6, 2019 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153
  – March 6, 2019 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153
  – April 3, 2019 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153
  – June 5, 2019 – Wednesday at 3:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153

• SPRING 2019 – GENERAL FACULTY MEETING:
  – April 30 (Reading Day) – Tuesday at 2:00pm – Gambrell Hall/ Room 153
Senate Steering Committee

From left to right: Bethany Bell, co-chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee (College of Social Work), Simon Tarr, chair of the Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee (School of Visual Arts and Design), Deanne Messias (College of Nursing) then-chair of the University Committee on Tenure and Promotion, Marco Valtorta, chair of the Faculty Senate (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), John Gerdes, chair of the Curricula and Courses Committee (Department of Integrated Information Technology). Brandon Bookstaver, then-chair of the Faculty Athletics Advisory Committee, and William ("Bill") Sudduth, then-co-chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee and Parliamentarian (Libraries).

The Steering Committee on Hawaiian Shirt Day---June 6, 2018. (Credit: Provost Joan Gabel)
Some Important Documents

- The Faculty Manual
  - http://www.sc.edu/policies/facman/
  - Current edition: June 9, 2017
  - Includes (as appendix) the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate
- The handbook for faculty senators
  - Current edition: September 2017
  - Includes a history of the senate
- University Policies http://www.sc.edu/policies/index.shtml
- The Bylaws of the Board of Trustees
- State Law (Sections 59-117-40, et seq.)
- Federal Law and the U.S. Constitution
Powers of the Faculty

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the university, and it delegates to the president and the faculty their powers. The faculties of the Aiken, Beaufort, Columbia, and Upstate campuses, subject to the review of the president and the board, have legislative powers in all matters pertaining to standards of admission, registration, requirements for and the granting of earned degrees, curriculum, instruction, research, extracurricular activities, discipline of students, educational policies and standards of the university, and all other matters pertaining to the conduct of faculty affairs, including the discipline of their own members.

Proposals from any academic unit that pertain to the faculty's legislative competency shall be forwarded to the board by the president only after such proposals have been considered by the appropriate faculty committees and shall be accompanied by the legislative judgment of the Faculty Senate or of the university faculty, as appropriate.

As such occasions arise, the faculties shall consider candidates for president and other pertinent academic officers. Through an appropriate committee, the faculty shall communicate its views to the board. [FM, p.4]
Powers of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate of the University of South Carolina, having been created by direction of the University Faculty to act by and for that body, is endowed with all the powers and authority of the University Faculty except for those powers specifically reserved by that body to itself, provided that the University Faculty may amend or repeal any general policy decisions adopted by the Faculty Senate. [FM, p.84]

The formation of a Faculty Senate to assume most functions previously carried out by the general faculty was widely favored, and in 1970 the Faculty adopted, almost unanimously, the plan for a Faculty Senate proposed by the Faculty Advisory Committee, chaired by John Herr. The General Faculty would thereafter meet as a whole only at the opening and at the end of the academic year, i.e., September and May. [Handbook, p.4]
Faculty Committees

- The faculty committees are under the auspices of the Faculty Senate. Membership and means of appointment are given in the USC Columbia Faculty Manual.

- Faculty committees are distinctive from special advisory committees because they are governed by faculty of the university.

- The Faculty Senate Office will issue a call for nominations for faculty committees during the spring semester. Please respond to this call or contact the appropriate chair if you are interested in serving on a particular faculty committee.

- The committee meeting schedule is available as part of the agenda of senate meetings.
Faculty Committees

- COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY
- COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS
- FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- FACULTY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON COMMITTEE
- BOOKSTORES COMMITTEE
- FACULTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
- COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES
- FACULTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
- COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES
- FACULTY SENATE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
- COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
- COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES
- COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
- COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS
- UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON TENURE AND PROMOTIONS
- TENURE REVIEW BOARD
- FACULTY WELFARE COMMITTEE
Committee on Curricula and Courses

- This committee shall consider, and recommend to the faculty, action on all requests for new or revised curricula . . . . The committee shall also consider, and recommend to the faculty, action on all requests for the institution, modification, or deletion of courses and of any prescribed programs of study that do not fall within the purview of the graduate faculty. The committee shall review the various university curricula with special attention to duplication or obsolescence of courses. In addition to the members elected by the faculty, there shall be one member appointed by the president to serve ex officio, one representative from the regional campuses, and two student members.

- Chair: John Gerdes
  - Department of Integrated Information Technology
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Committee on Instructional Development

- This committee shall initiate studies and make recommendations to the faculty and administration on enhancing the practice and status of teaching.
- The membership of the committee shall include nine faculty members elected for staggered three-year terms. The provost shall appoint six other faculty members, for staggered three-year terms, to guarantee broad representation of the colleges and academic ranks. The president of the student body with confirmation of the Student Senate and the Graduate Student Association, respectively, shall appoint one undergraduate and one graduate student to one-year terms. A representative from the provost's office shall serve ex officio.
- Chair: Michael Weisenburg
  - University Libraries
  - 7-2721
  - weisenbu@mailbox.sc.edu
University Committee on Tenure and Promotion

- This committee shall publish guidelines for departmental tenure and promotion criteria and procedures, approve departmental tenure and promotion criteria and procedures, review all tenure and promotion cases, and make tenure and promotion recommendations to the president. It shall be composed of twenty-four tenured full professors, fifteen elected by the faculty and nine appointed by the president. ...

- The nominating committee shall nominate a slate of ten, from which the voting members of the faculty shall elect five persons. Each voting faculty member may vote for up to five nominees. No ... department chair, assistant or associate dean, or dean shall be a member of the committee.

- Chair: M. Audrey Korsgaard
  - Department of Management
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Committee on Honorary Degrees

• This committee shall recommend recipients of honorary degrees to the president and the Board of Trustees.
• Chair: Cheryl Addy
  – Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
  – 7-2808
  – caddy@mailbox.sc.edu
Committee on Academic Responsibility

- This committee shall consider appeals of cases decided by college academic responsibility committees when any party to the case formally appeals on grounds set forth in the university Academic Disciplinary Procedures. This committee shall perform any other functions provided for in the Academic Disciplinary Procedures. It shall also review periodically the Rule of Academic Responsibility and Academic Disciplinary Procedures and propose changes to the Faculty Senate.

- This committee shall consist of five faculty members, two undergraduate students, and two graduate students. ...

- Chair: Brent Appling
  - Mass Media and Social Science Librarian
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Faculty Welfare Committee

• This committee shall consider university policies and the enforcement of policies regarding the welfare of the faculty, such as faculty salaries, other compensation and benefits, and any matters affecting the workplace environment. The committee may recommend appropriate changes or the enforcement of existing policy, propose new policies, or comment upon proposed university action affecting faculty welfare. Major changes in policy should be forwarded with a recommendation to the Faculty Senate for its consideration and transmittal to the provost, president, or Board of Trustees. …

• Co-Chair: Bethany Bell
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• Co-Chair: William Morris
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The Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee provides a faculty voice in assessing and planning Information Technology (IT) services, resources, and infrastructure for administration, instruction, and research at the University of South Carolina. …

Chair: Simon Tarr
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Presenting Member: Susan Rathbun-Grubb
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Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petition

This committee shall consider matters concerning university academic requirements, standards, policies, and practices. It shall review changes proposed by colleges and shall make recommendations to the appropriate faculty or the Faculty Senate. Decisions of a college committee concerning academic regulations may be appealed to the university committee by either the student involved or the dean of the college. Grounds for appeals shall be limited to a contention that a university academic regulation was misinterpreted or that the college committee hearing was fundamentally unfair. The appealing party shall describe in writing the basis for the appeal and shall provide available supporting information. …

- Chair: Brett Altschul
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- Presenting Past Chair: Susan Rathbun-Grubb
  - School of Library and Information Science
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This committee shall advise the faculty and administration on all matters pertaining to the general policies and operations of the university that lie outside or cut across the responsibilities of other standing committees. It shall initiate studies and make recommendations to the faculty and administration regarding any matters affecting the general welfare of the university that faculty members, faculty bodies, and administrative officers refer to it. It also shall review proposals of other standing committees and recommend procedures for their implementation. The committee consists of eight elected members; the chair of the Faculty Senate, the provost, and vice provost responsible for faculty development are ex officio members.

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Co-Chair: Susan Bon
Department of Educational Leadership and Policies
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University Athletics Advisory Committee

• The committee shall review and monitor admissions decisions and the academic performance of all student-athletes … The committee also receives reports on, reviews and advises, as appropriate, the Faculty Senate, the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), the president, the director of athletics, and the Board of Trustees on the following: annual inter-collegiate athletic program schedules and major changes to them; the annual budget of the Athletics Department; admissions decisions for athletes receiving grants-in-aid; NCAA certification reports, including Title 9 reports; major requests for waiver of any institutional athletic policies; major changes in Athletics Department personnel (specifically the director of athletics, director of the academic support unit, and head coaches for each sport); the needs, interests, and concerns of student athletes …

• Chair: Deborah Brosdahl
  – Department of Retailing
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Intellectual Property Committee

- This committee shall consider cases involving intellectual property, including patent and copyright matters, and shall be the intellectual property advisory body within the university. In addition to the six elected faculty members, there shall be three members appointed by the president. The director of the Technology Commercialization Office, or a representative of that office, shall serve ex officio.

- Chair: Dick Kawooya
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This committee shall serve as liaison between the faculty and the Board of Trustees. Members shall be the chair and the past chair or chair-elect of the Columbia Faculty Senate, the chairs of the Faculty Advisory and Faculty Welfare committees, one person appointed by the president upon nomination by the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate, and the chair of the faculty government at one of the comprehensive campuses. The representation of the comprehensive campuses shall rotate in alphabetical order, annually, among these campuses, Aiken, Beaufort, and Upstate. The chair of the Columbia Faculty Senate shall be chair of the committee and shall sit with the Board of Trustees as provided by the bylaws of the board. The committee shall meet with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, which deliberates on matters of mutual concern to the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

Lizabeth Zack
USC Upstate
(Comprehensive University Representative)

Hennie Van Bulck
USC Sumter
(Palmetto College Representative)

Leah Moody
Chair of the Board of Trustees
Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee
University, from *Universitas*, “Directed towards One Thing” or “A community of associated people who have the common purpose to produce and transmit knowledge.”

“The primary mission of the University of South Carolina Columbia is the education of the state’s citizens through teaching, research, creative activity, and community engagement.”

“At the heart of its mission lies the University’s responsibility to state and society to promote the dissemination of knowledge, cultural enrichment, and an enhanced quality of life.”

Is there any question that our mission requires an engaged and active faculty senate?
Questions?