

Minutes for the Meeting of the Committee of Nine – September 9, 2020  
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Mark Cooper, Chair of the Faculty Senate, chaired the meeting. The meeting began at 10:00am.

Members Present:

Prof. Mark Cooper  
Prof. Gloria Boutte  
Prof. Tena Crews  
Dr. Heather Heckman  
Prof. Coretta Jenerette  
Prof. Marco Valtorta  
Prof. Thomas Vogt  
Prof. Patrick Wright

Non-voting members present:

Prof. Alexander Beecroft  
Prof. Shirley Staples Carter  
Prof. Carol Harrison  
Prof. Scott Weiss

The following were also present:

Sabrina Andrews  
Tayloe Harding  
Dennis Pruitt  
Joe Sobieralski  
Julian Williams

David Attis – EAB  
Elizabeth Casey Rutland – EAB

Professor Cooper called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved and will be placed on the Faculty Senate webpage found here:

[https://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/faculty\\_senate/committees/committee\\_of\\_9/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/faculty_senate/committees/committee_of_9/index.php)

Following approval of the minutes Dr. Cooper turned the meeting over to David Attis with EAB.

David shared with the Committee of Nine a preliminary data analysis on instructional capacity that he gathered from institutional and other data sources over the last few weeks. The analysis illustrated that instructional cost per student credit hour (SCH) is a key budget component, highlighted the importance of considering SCH per tenure-track faculty member and

professional track faculty member, and proposed some areas for future investigation. This data included only the Columbia Campus and the Medical Schools.

Following the presentation, Committee members asked general questions and provided feedback related to the analysis. The committee indicated the presentation provided a good foundation for on-going conversation within the Committee of Nine, and agreed that David and EAB should continue to refine the data presentation and add to the information in subsequent presentations.

As the meeting ended, Professor Cooper invited members to email him their thoughts and suggestions related to future agenda items.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned just after 11:00am.