



Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
USC Sumter
Friday, February 22, 2019

Coffee .....9:00 - 9:30 AM
Arts and Letters Building Lecture Hall, Room 116

Morning Session .....9:30 - 10:15 AM
Arts and Letters Building Lecture Hall, Room 116

Welcome, Dr. Christine Sixta Rinchart

Report from the Chancellor, Dr. Susan Elkins

Report from the Associate Provost and Dean of Extended University, Dr. Chris Nesmith

Reports from Palmetto College Campus Deans
Dean Walt Collins, USC Lancaster
Acting Dean Chris Nesmith, USC Salkehatchie
Dean Michael Sonntag, USC Sumter
Acting Dean John Catalano, USC Union

Standing Committees .....10:15 - 12:00 PM

I. Rights and Responsibilities
Arts and Letters Building, Room 122

II. Welfare
Arts and Letters Building, Room 148

III. System Affairs
Schwartz Building, Room 120

Executive Committee .....10:15 - 12:00 PM
Administration Building, Reynolds Gallery, Room 211

Deans Meeting .....10:15 - 12:00 PM
Administration Building, Bultman Conference Room 201

Luncheon .....12:00 - 1:00 PM
Arts and Letters Building Banquet Hall, Room 142

Afternoon Session .....1:00 - 2:45 PM
Arts and Letters Building Lecture Hall, Room 116

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order at 1:05
- II. Afternoon Attendance to Ensure Quorum
- II. Correction/Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2018 (Columbia) and November 9, 2018 (Salkehatchie)
- III. Reports from Standing Committees
  - A. Rights and Responsibilities – Professor Sarah Miller
  - B. Welfare – Professor Bianca Rowlett
  - C. System Affairs – Professor Dana Lawrence
- IV. Executive Committee
  - A. Chair – Professor Christine Sixta Rinehart
    1. Presidential Search Update
  - B. *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual* Liaison Officer – Professor Andy Yingst
- V. Reports from Special Committees
  - A. Committee on Libraries – Professor Rebecca Freeman
  - B. Committee on Curricula and Courses – Professor Christine Sixta Rinehart
  - C. Committee on Faculty Welfare – Professor Shelley Jones
  - D. Faculty-Board of Trustees Liaison Committee – Professor Christine Sixta Rinehart
  - E. Palmetto College Campuses Research and Productive Scholarship Committee – TBD
  - F. Palmetto College Campuses Academic Advisory Council – Professor Eric Reisenauer
  - G. Provost’s PCC Advisory Council – Professor Avery Fouts
  - H. Other Committees
    - Conflict of Interest Committee – Professor Noni Bohonak
- VI. Unfinished Business
  - A. Rights and Responsibilities – Professor Sarah Miller
    - Motion to Include Summaries of Teaching Evaluation form in Third-Year Review Procedure ([Motion #1 18/19](#))
- VII. New Business
  - A. Executive Committee
    1. INDEV Committee – Professor Sher Downing
    2. Executive Committee Nomination Slate
  - B. *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual* Liaison Officer – Professor Andy Yingst
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

# Morning Session

## Welcome

Chair, Dr. Christine Rinehart called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

## Reports

### **Palmetto College Chancellor, Dr. Susan Elkins-see report in appendices.**

- Thanked the Fire Ants for hosting Senate, presented six items.
- System-wide
  - The presidential search continues.
  - Provost Gable is leaving for a position in the Univ of Minnesota system.
  - CFO Brunelli is also leaving, for the Univ of Denver.
  - This year's state budget has had more positive news for higher ed., with elected officials saying that this is the year of education. The Higher Ed Opportunity Act, a bill before the legislature, would provide new funding for higher ed.
  - CHE has had a change in leadership, promising a better partnership in the future.
- Palmetto College Enrollment – Good news overall
  - Update on enrollment: overall is up by 35, FTE down slightly by 17,
  - Online continues to grow, at 1043, 3.6% increase.
  - Encouraged for Spring II.
- Salary Study Committee continues towards the distribution of existing funds and planning for future measures.
- Planning for 5 years, reports available, celebrating and looking forward. USC – Columbia and Focus Carolina – our PC campuses have a draft plan. Will be on website next week. Two week open comment plan. What do we want in 5 years?
- Middle of the SACS process.
- Good news – Palmetto Pathways – piloting with Palmetto College.

## **Associate Provost and Dean of Extended University, Dr. Nesmith**

- Academic Programming
  - Course evaluations continue.
- Assessment
  - Artifacts are being collecting artifacts for review in ARP, GHS, GSS
    - Speech, English, and the Sciences will be collected in the fall.
  - There is a need for reviewers. Video tutorials will be provided to explain the process.

### Deans Reports

Dean Walt Collins- report available in appendices

Dean Chris Nesmith (Salk and EU) –

Extended University

- Lexington site is up and running, classes scheduled.
- Hybrid classes are going well at Ft. Jackson

Salkehatchie

- Tony Jackson was recently hired
- Men's and Women's Basketball is doing well.
- Three new roofs are up in Walterboro
- 4 Faculty are recipients of RISE grants

Dean Michael Sonntag - report available in appendices

Dean John Catalano - report available in appendices

# Afternoon Session

## I. Call to Order

Chair Christine Rinehart called the session to order at 1:05 P.M.

## II. Correction/Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved.

## III. Reports from Standing Committees

### A. Rights and Responsibilities-Professor Sarah Miller

1. The motion to eliminate the summary from the 3<sup>rd</sup>-year Review will appear under Old Business.
2. The Committee has been charged with collecting local T&P procedures from the campuses. Salkehatchie and Extended University are still working on theirs, but they are expected before the next Senate meeting. This is being done for an appendix to the manual, which will be referenced on page 17 (this will come up under New Business).
3. Still working on a peer review observation form for online classes, in conjunction with CTE.

### B. Welfare-Professor Bianca Rowlett

1. The Committee voted on the award winners.
2. The survey is open for the ext 2-3 weeks.
3. Data from the survey will be collected for the April meeting, but it will be deleted after.

C. System Affairs-Professor Dana Lawrence

1. Proposed changes to the AA degrees discussed further, with the decision made that the wholesale changes will not work. So, the committee will be breaking the proposal into parts that can be presented and voted on separately.

IV. Executive Committee –

1. Presidential search continues. The representative for the System, from Upstate, and the Chair of the Columbia Senate spoke at length with EC about the search. EC provided feedback, emphasizing the uniqueness of Palmetto College.

Faculty Manual Liaison- Professor Andy Yingst

1. The only significant proposal is coming from R&R.

V. Reports from Special Committees

A. Committee on Libraries -no report

B. Committee on Curricula and Courses – no report

C. Committee on Faculty Welfare – report in appendices

VI. Faculty-Board of Trustees Liaison Committee – the BOT approved both the Lexington site and the USC-Lancaster site at Indian Land High School.

VII. PCC Research and Productive Scholarship Committee – no report (committee needs chair)

VIII. Palmetto College Campuses Academic Advisory Council – no report

IX. Other Committees

1. Provost's Palmetto College Campuses Advisory Council - no report

2. Conflict of Interest Committee – no report

X. Unfinished Business

1. Motion to require inclusion of summary in Third-Year Review, as requested by the Provost's office – passed.
2. Sher Downing will take over as INDEV representative.

XI. New Business

1. EC puts forward a nomination slate.
2. Vote on manual changes – motion from the floor to change, needs no second, no debate - passed

VIII. Adjournment - 1:52 pm



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DEAN

Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate Report  
February 22, 2019  
Michael E. Sonntag, Ph.D.

### Faculty

Last Year:

- Virtually every tenured or tenure-track faculty member published and/or presented his or her research and/or served as a peer-reviewer this past year.
  - Several of our Instructors did likewise.
- Faculty and staff members submitted travel requests for more than 50 research, scholarship, and professional development opportunities during 2017-18.
- All of these received some level of funding, many were funded fully.
- USC Sumter and the Sumter Partnership of the USC Educational Foundation together provided almost \$40,000 to offset costs associated with these opportunities.

Since last Senate meeting, eleven faculty produced 15 publications, presentations, or other scholarly works:

#### **Robert Costello**

- “Positive and Negative Impacts on Archaeological Research Resulting from Erosion along the Upper Lake Marion Shoreline” presented at the Annual Conference of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, February 16, 2019
- “Analysis of an Allendale/Brier Creek Chert Blade Tool from Lake Marion, Clarendon County, South Carolina” (in press), 50th anniversary edition of *South Carolina Antiquities*.

#### **Mike Evans**

- Recently graduated from the 5th class of The Advanced Force Science® Specialist Course, making him one of fewer than 100 people in the world certified to analyze how officers respond during high-stress, use of force situations.

#### **Kristina Grob**

- “Teaching the Students We Have So They Become the Learners They Need to Be: Metacognition in Philosophy at Two-Year Colleges” (in press), *APA Newsletter on Philosophy in Two Year Colleges*.

#### **Dan Kiernan**

- Kiernan, D., & Lotter, C. (in press). Inquiry-Based Teaching in the College Classroom: The Nontraditional Student. *The American Biology Teacher*.



- Lotter, C., Hoppmann, R., Carnes, N., Bailey, S., & Kiernan, D. (*in press*). A Project-based Biology Unit: Star Athlete Collapses on the Football Field. *The American Biology Teacher*.

#### **Daniel Kiernan and Pearl Fernandes**

- Poster presented at the Southeastern Association for Science Teacher Education Regional Conference in Birmingham AL: *Plankton Exploration at Swan Lake Iris Gardens: A Mentoring Summer Research Project for Teachers and Students*. The project was created to give college students and local school teachers the opportunity to do research with college professors over the summer.

#### **Andy Kunka**

- Received RISE Palmetto College Campuses grant for his project entitled *Howard Cruse: Critical Graphics Series*.

#### **Sal Macias**

- Appointed member of an APA committee (CABE: Committee for Associate and Baccalaureate Education) from January, 2016 through December, 2018. He is also continuing his appointment to the ETS (Educational Testing Service) Item Development Committee, writing and reviewing items for the Psychology Advanced Placement, GRE, and the Praxis exams.

#### **Santosh Nandi**

- *Intellectual Structures of Circular Economy Within the Conversation of Supply Chain Management: A Bibliometric Review*, paper presented at Annual Meeting of Decision Sciences Institute (DSI), November 18, 2018, Chicago. DSI Annual Conference is one of the topmost international academic conferences that covers decision science related areas of business, such as supply chain management, operations research, information systems, data security, etc. This year they had over 1,500 participants from across the globe.
- Santosh also completed his Ph.D. in Business Administration last December at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

#### **Damien Picariello**

- “‘Machevil’ and Machiavellianism in Marlowe’s *The Jew of Malta*,” was published in *The Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 46 (2018).
- Published review of Paul Hollander, *From Benito Mussolini to Hugo Chavez: Intellectuals and a Century of Political Hero Worship*, in *Expositions: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities*, Vol. 12, Issue 2 (2018).
- Received RISE Palmetto College Campuses grant for his project entitled *The Politics of Horror*.

#### **Michele Reese**

- Published poem “Yang Tao” in *Watershed Review*, Vol. 40, No. 2 and the poem “William Ellison” in *Up the Staircase Quarterly*, No. 43.

#### Campus

- Campus exterior lighting and parking lots being converted to LED; interior to follow

- Received \$125,000 donation for a new scholarship for nursing students from Mr. Robert Graham in honor of his mother and father.
- Science Building Renovation Phase 1 to begin mid-March
- Phase 2 of parking lot renovations was approved by BOT and is with engineering and design
- Survey contracted as next stage in campus housing
- New chiller installed for Nettles/Schwartz
- Kitchen upgrades across campus

#### Student Affairs

- Successful MLK Dream Walk, 500+ in attendance, joint effort between USC Sumter, CCTC, and Morris College.
- eSports League of Legends team finished undefeated in the regular season 7-0, start playoffs this Saturday
- Very active club turnout for Club Day, students are staying involved, more than half a dozen active clubs
- Christian Collegiate Ministry (CCM) applied for a \$1,000 grant that would help cover travel and accommodations to a weekend prayer conference at Camp Bob Cooper. They were awarded the grant and five students attended and represented USC Sumter.
- Members from the eSports program will be assisting with the Kiwanis Club Pancake Day on March 2nd

#### Athletics

- 119 student athletes--approximately 20% of our full time students.
- Four 4.0 GPA baseball student athletes.
- 47 student athletes with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- Athletics teams have fundraised over \$44,000 since July 2018.
- Community service includes volunteering with the Salvation Army, Evening Optimist Club, Sumter Sunrise Rotary Club, Federation for the Blind, Alice Drive Middle School, Crosswell Drive Middle School, YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Pop Warner Football, Sumter Soccer Club, Pilots International Club, Pocalla Springs Elementary School, and last but not least, our very own Fire Ant Food Harvest. The Harvest helped fill more than 11 shopping carts of food and money for families in need over the holiday season.
- Countries represented by student athletes: Canada, New Zealand, France, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica, and Ecuador.
- The men's tennis team will be playing on the US Open Tennis Courts in New York in April.
- The men's soccer team finished the fall 2018 season ranked first among all USC 2 year regional campuses.
- Plans to add Women's Soccer and Men's Golf in Fall 2019.

#### Enrollment

##### Fall 2018:

- Fall 18 HDCT = 1,110 vs. Fall 17 HDCT = 1,002 (11% increase)
- Fall 18 FTE = 783 vs. Fall 17 FTE = 733 (7% increase)
- Largest fall enrollment since 2011—7 years

##### Spring 2019:

- Spring 19 HDCT = 903 vs. Spring 18 HDCT = 806 (12% increase)
- Spring 19 FTE = 630 vs. Spring 18 FTE = 620 (2% increase)



## **USC Union, Dean's Report to the PCFS, 02/22/19**

**\*\*\* New USDA grant has been awarded that will allow USCU to upgrade all four PC Classrooms in Union and Laurens. Each campus will now have three newly equipped PC classrooms. We are also in the process of upgrading the wireless system for the campus this year.**

### **Students**

Fall enrollments were up by over 20%. Spring enrollment looks strong as well (1060 headcount/ 628 FTE). The third privately owned and operated student housing site right across the street will be opened for spring 2019. The 4<sup>th</sup> will be in the 1927 Building on West Main Street and will open for fall semester with six additional beds.

### **Faculty & Staff**

Three tenure track faculty searches are underway in Speech, Foreign Language, and Psychology. Ms. Lyn Edwards, the new Nursing Coordinator, is now on the job. Our new women's soccer coach is Cory Junker, and our new admissions counselor/recruiter is Amy Queen. The Upcountry Literary Festival is scheduled for March 22&23. Drs. Lowell and Aziz are taking 6 students to SEPA in Jacksonville in March.

### **Facilities**

Main Building plaster repair and interior painting is ongoing. MB exterior work is complete. Central Building roof replacement, stucco repair, and exterior painting is complete. Patron's Park construction is complete except for some additional landscaping and seating. We have just replaced two HVAC compressors in Truluck and finished roof and gutter repair. Nearly 1000' of enamel coated steel fencing in a crescent pattern has been installed around campus with more to come. Fiber has finally been pulled to the S&N Building and several offices are now occupied. We have met with architects to develop initial plans for the conversion of the old library space to classrooms and faculty offices, using the space primarily for language arts and humanities instruction. We have begun work to convert the old Post Office Building to a fine arts building, including classrooms and faculty offices, a print room, kiln, and gallery space. We have added a third PC classroom to Union and Laurens sites. This year we will renovate all restrooms in the CB & MB, including handicapped accessibility upgrades. The UC/LC CHE purchased the large white house on the corner of Faith and Pine as well as the corner building next to the Bookstore at 317 East Main St. They have also agreed to receive the old cleaners building at 307 East Main St. and Mrs. Rippey's building at 125 East Main St. as gifts.

### **Budget**

The USCU budget is in good shape, due mainly to recent enrollment increases, and both revenues and expenditures are very close to budgeted figures. SC continuing appropriations remain a concern, although there is some one time relief in the 2018-2019 budget.



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Dr. Walter P. Collins, III  
Regional Palmetto College Dean

Report to the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate  
meeting at USC Sumter  
February 22, 2019

## People

### Enrollment

As of February 20, 2019, 1345 students (headcount) are registered for Spring 2019. Pre-registration for Summer and Fall 2019 will begin on March 18.

### Athletics

**Upcoming baseball games:** On February 22-24 the Lancers are at home against Community College of Baltimore County Dundalk and on February 27 we are home against Catawba Valley Community College. Check our online schedule for game times and other dates: <http://www.usclathletics.com/schedule.asp?sportID=1>

### Ongoing faculty searches

- BIOL/CHEM – Instructor
- CSCE – Instructor or Assistant Professor
- PHYS – Assistant Professor
- PSYC – Instructor

### New hire for Fall 2019

**Dr. Jarred Yarosh** has accepted our offer and will join our faculty as assistant professor of sociology in August.

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### Congratulations to the following faculty members for their respective accomplishments:

**Dr. Susan Cruise** (sociology) for her award of a Horizon Grant from the J. Marion Sims Foundation and for her award of a grant from the Springs Close Foundation both to support the USC Lancaster Student Food Pantry.

**Dr. Li Cai** (chemistry) had three manuscripts published in Sept./Aug. and one accepted 3 weeks ago. Notably, results from one of the papers were done by two USCL students (now sophomores Layla McManus and Khalisha Emmanuel). Bryson Chavis who already transferred to Clemson also had his first publication for his summer contribution. The links for these papers are below

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0040403918313315>  
<http://chemeducator.org/bibs/0023001/23180198.html>  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0040403918310827>  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e/issues/2018/09/00/ex2010/index.html>

**Prof. Fran Gardner** (art) will be exhibiting her artwork at Satellite Gallery in Asheville in June and July 2019. She is exhibiting along with 3 other artists -- Eli Corbin, Beau Wild, and Lisa Stroud. Their exhibit is titled "Voice Lessons." "Voice Lessons" will also be on exhibit at the Burroughs Chapin Museum in Myrtle Beach in 2020. Finally, Prof. Gardner has had work accepted for ArtFields 2019—April 26 to May 4 in Lake City, SC.

**Dr. Lisa Hammond** (English) has had 2 poems published in *Waccamaw: A Journal of Contemporary Literature*: "[Second](#)" and "[Green Hand](#)."

**Prof. Kaetrena D. Kendrick** (Librarian) on receiving the prestigious Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award for 2019. This honor is presented each year by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

**Dr. Liz Easley (exercise science), Dr. Sarah Sellhorst (exercise science), Dr. Patrick Lawrence (English), Dr. Steve Campbell (political science), and Dr. Li Cai (chemistry)** for their respective 2019 RISE awards funded by USC's Office of Research. RISE awards fund faculty summer research projects.

## Budget

The Upper Palmetto YMCA will have completed 15 months of management of fitness operations at the Gregory Center as of the end of this month. Membership at the **Gregory Family YMCA** is now just over 2500 and finances continue to be stable. More improvements/renovations will be under way soon for expanded exercise space and child watch space.

## Facilities

Expenditure of current fiscal year deferred maintenance funding will begin in a few weeks. The renovations will affect Bradley, Hubbard, and Gregory as well as the parking lot that extends from Starr in front of Hubbard and over to the maintenance building.

Conversion of rest rooms in Starr Hall has just been completed. The faculty/staff restrooms have been converted to unisex, single use facilities with the larger one (formerly the women's restroom) now also designated as a handicap accessible restroom.

## Other items...

- The **Soul Food Cook Off** is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Proceeds from the event will support the Thelathia Barnes Bailey Textbook Scholarship Fund.
- The **Lancer Boutique** is now open on campus in Starr Hall 125. This is a free clothing closet for students especially those looking for business attire for interviews or other professional meetings. Donations are being accepted.
- USC Lancaster's student **Food Pantry** continues to grow. Donations have recently come in from grants, individual donors, Kohl's Department Store, and Founders Federal Credit Union. A refrigerator was added this week to grow the cold storage space of the pantry.

- The Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster was awarded an **Eat Smart Move More mini-grant of \$3,000** to promote the free/publicly accessible recreation areas around campus and pass an Open Community Use agreement. **Prof. Lauren Thomas** authored the grant. Funds will be dispersed in early April. The grant will allow us to create way-finding signage around campus to promote the amenities in the agreement.
- Several USC Lancaster students, Karlee Christian, Laura Carnes, Shana Dry, and I attended **Carolina Day at the Statehouse** on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. We met with the legislative delegation from USC Lancaster's service area to thank them for their support and to ask for their continued support of USC Lancaster and higher education in South Carolina.
- Our **2019 commencement speaker will be Dr. Harris Pastides**, president of the University of South Carolina. Dr. Pastides is excited to speak to our graduates and their families in his last year as USC president. Commencement is scheduled for May 4 at 2:30.
- Thanks to **Prof. Adam Biggs** for coordinating the campus entry and presence in the recent **Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade** in Lancaster.
- The **Town-Gown Advisory Group** met yesterday afternoon at City Hall with guest speaker Mr. Jim Hunt, founder of the organization Amazing Cities, presenting to members.
- The **Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster** has set the date for a 5K and 10K — **Laps for Lancers—as a fundraising activity on Saturday, March 23, 2019 on campus**. Events planned that morning include the races, a pancake breakfast, and activities for families with children to enjoy. Please come out and join us for this event.
- Next **Lunch & Learn at the NASC**, Mar. 15th at noon with a talk entitled “Powwow: The Spark of Haliwa-Saponi Cultural Revitalization by Dr. Marvin Richardson, (Haliwa-Saponi).

This is also the kick-off event for the 2019 Native American Studies Week. **The schedule for the week** can be found here:

[https://sc.edu/about/system\\_and\\_campuses/lancaster/documents/native\\_american\\_studies/nas\\_week/nas\\_week\\_2019.pdf](https://sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/lancaster/documents/native_american_studies/nas_week/nas_week_2019.pdf)

**The 2019 Native American Studies Week and select 2019 Lunch and Learn Series' speakers** are generously sponsored by OceanaGold—Haile Gold Mine.

- The **USCL Indian Land Location** has received site approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Thanks to Dr. Cox for his contributions including authoring the request document and attending the meeting as the USCL representative where the vote was taken. Our SACS-COC request to operate the Indian Land Location was forwarded to their Atlanta office on Dec. 21, 2018. We should have a response this Spring.

Dear Provost Gabel:

Congratulations on your new post as president of the University of Minnesota. We wish you every success in your new endeavor. Thank you for meeting with us these past two years. Your willingness to spend time with Palmetto College in the midst of a full schedule is greatly appreciated. Your candid and direct approach made our meetings productive, and your down-to-earth manner made them quite refreshing. All the best to you and your family.

Respectfully,

The Provost's Palmetto College Campuses Advisory Council