



Faculty Organization Meeting

April 27, 2018, Noon

- Academic Dean's Report: New Business and 2018-2020/21 Committee Appointments *see attached report at the end of the minutes*
- Bobby Holcombe: Reminder about email regarding US Dept. of Education protocol regarding students who attempt to take up to 90 credit hours (which is the exception). Advisees should review the email (and/or print out of email provided during the FO Meeting) regarding the need for students to apply for graduation as soon as they meet the credit hour requirements (and not exceed them).
- Dr. Anderson: System Affairs announcement—delivered a handout that addressed proposed changes to A.A. degree via discussion at USC Lancaster. Contact Dr. Anderson for more information.
- Drs. Aziz and Maire-Afeli: USCU FO Meeting voted “yes” for proposed handbook revisions, per the proposed changes discussed during our last FO Meeting. There was also some discussion regarding the revision of the USCU Teaching Award. Please email Dr. Aziz with any suggestions and/or concerns regarding these changes. As of now, we have decided to “table” the discussion until August.
- Dr. Pisano: Italian Dinner on May 17 at 1 pm in the Community Room

NEXT FO MEETING: AUGUST 16 @ NOON

In Attendance:

Dr. Lowell
Dr. Sixta-Rinehart
Dr. Anderson

Dr. Pisano
Dr. Aziz
Prof. Ivey
Prof. Emswiler
Dr. Fouts
Dr. Maire-Afeli
Dave Hudson
Kevin Torres

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University of Possibilities Event

- On May 24, from around 9:00 until around 2:00, we will have just under 100 6th-graders on campus from Sims Middle School for this University of Possibilities event. The goal of the event, sponsored by main campus in Columbia and running at the other campuses as well, is to expose kids to college early on and increase the likelihood of their eventual enrollment in college. This event will have the students engage in demonstrations with faculty and experience other aspects of a day in the life of a college student. If you will be around and are available to spend some time helping out with this event, please contact Christen Mayes to find out how you can fit into that itinerary.

Discover USC and Magellan

- Last Friday, I was on the Columbia campus with a number of our students who were presenting at the annual Discover USC event at the Convention Center. Koby Lee presented a poster on his GLD in Global Learning. AJ Eison presented a poster on her GLD in Community Service, which she will be completing the hours for this summer. Estelle Means presented on her research with me on implicit bias and news media, which goes toward her GLD in Research. Analeigh Tucker presented on her research with me on sensory sensitivity and personality, after having also presented at Upstate's SCURS event the week before. Join me in congratulating these students, particularly Estelle, who won 1st prize in her Psychology and Neuroscience group, and Analeigh, who won 2nd prize in her Psychology and Neuroscience group, as they competed against students from Columbia and the other USC campuses.
- Also congratulate Bryana Vaughan, as she has just been awarded a Magellan Scholar Grant, in the amount of \$2,750.00 from the Office of Undergraduate Research in Columbia. This grant will support the research that she will continue to conduct through next year on facial perception and implicit bias, with myself, Dr. Aziz, and Dr. Pisano as co-mentors.

Trivia Bowl

- Thank you to everyone who helped with, and/or sent in questions to, the Trivia Bowl yesterday. We had a total of 3 students teams competing against each other, with a handful of others in the audience. The team composed of tutors managed to get the win in the end, after a close match all the way through.

Annual Administrative Review

- Reminder for all full-time faculty, I'd emailed out this year's document for your annual administrative review (i.e. Professional Activities Report) a couple of weeks ago for you to begin filling out. If you can get that submitted to me by May 25, then when you do submit it we can schedule a time for you to discuss the report with me after I've had a chance to write up the annual review based on that.

Advising and Summer Orientations

- Reminder to continue to try and reach any of your advisees who haven't come by yet to get advised for summer/fall classes.
- Summer Orientations will be held on the following dates, so please plan on attending at least a couple of them to help out with the advising of the new students who will be there:
 - o 6/12 – (all athletes, who will primarily be advised by Zach Simmons & Amanda Warley)
 - o 6/21
 - o 7/12
 - o 7/26
 - o 8/16 – (same day as our next FO meeting)

Peer Review Recap

- Thanks to everyone who helped out with peer reviews this semester. We got largely caught on the faculty who were in need of having a classroom observation done. If you completed one, and haven't already done so, be sure to get me a copy of your write up from each of those peer reviews to have on file and to be sure that the instructor who was reviewed receives that information from the review as well.

Final Exams and Final Grades Reminders

- If you are not giving a final exam during your scheduled final exam time, you need to be sure to let me and/or Academic Affairs know, so that we will have that information for any students who may come by about it. This also helps us to know when coverage of the facilities is, or isn't, needed.

Graduation Reminder

- Graduation will be on Saturday, May 5, at 6:00, in the church next to the Main Building. Please plan on attending if possible to ensure that we have sufficient faculty representation to support these students as they celebrate their accomplishments.

Textbooks Reminder

- If you haven't already, be sure to get your summer textbook information into the bookstore so that they can help students secure those materials. If you're not requiring students to have a book, let the bookstore know that as well so that they can relay that to students to go to them for this information. Go ahead and get book information for fall classes to the bookstore as soon as possible as well.

Course Evaluations

- We have done a reasonably good job of getting student course evaluations turned in for this semester. There are still a handful of them outstanding though, so if that is for one of your classes, try to get them done with the remaining time we have left.

Updated Committee Listing from FO Voting on 4/27/18, to be in effect starting August 2018:

Faculty Senate:

- [New Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences] (System Affairs), through Spring 2021
- Andrew Pisano (Rights & Responsibilities); through Spring 2020
- Lane Mayon (Faculty Welfare); through Spring 2020
- Randy Ivey (Alternate); through Spring 2020

Columbia Faculty Senate Representative:

- Avery Fouts (through Spring 2020)

Palmetto College Faculty Senate Research and Productive Scholarship Committee:

- Andrew Pisano (through Spring 2021)

Provost's Palmetto College Campuses Advisory Committee:

- Helene Maire-Afeli

- Avery Fouts

Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate Academic Advisory Committee:

- Avery Fouts

Palmetto College Campuses Grievance Committee:

- Alice Taylor-Colbert

Local Campus Tenure and Promotion Committee:

- Chris Rinehart

Palmetto College Tenure and Promotion Committee:

- Steve Lowe
- Avery Fouts

USC Union Faculty Organization:

- Maggie Aziz (Chair)
- Joe Anderson (Vice Chair)
- Andrew Pisano (Secretary)
- Helene Maire-Afeli (Local Campus Welfare and Grievance Committee)

USC Union Academic Affairs Committee:

- Helene Maire-Afeli
- Maggie Aziz (Chair)
- Jennifer Emswiler
- Randy Lowell (ex officio)

USC Union Student Affairs Committee:

- Randy Ivey (Chair)
- Allan Charles
- Helene Maire-Afeli
- Randy Lowell (ex officio)

/USC Union Financial Affairs Committee:

- Avery Fouts (Chair)
- Kevin Torres
- Chris Rinehart
- Randy Lowell (ex officio)

USC Union SAP Committee:

- Brad Greer (Chair)
- Joe Anderson
- Kristie Roberson
- Randy Lowell (ex officio)

USC Union Peer Review Committee:

- Jennifer Emswiler
- Maggie Aziz
- Randy Ivey
- Avery Fouts