



University of South Carolina Upstate

Faculty Senate Meeting – Virtual Format

December 3, 2021 at 2:45 p.m.

Officers Present: Lisa Johnson (CAHSS-SCW – Faculty Chair); Carmen Harris (CAHSS-HPPA – Faculty Chair Elect); Kim Land (JCBE-MEM – Faculty Secretary); Ben Montgomery (CAHSS-HPPA - Parliamentarian).

Senators Present: Xiao Tang (JCBE-EFA); Daniel Davis (JCBE-MEM); Lauren Vervaecke (HPH); Jim Kamla (HPH); Rebecca Mueller (EDU); Brooke Hardin (EDU); Freda Sue (CAHSS-FACS); Nicole Richardson (CAHSS-HPPA); Allison Ellis (CAHSS-HPPA); David Coberly (CAHSS-LLC); Esther Godfrey (CAHSS-LLC); Erika Montgomery (LIB); Ann Merryman (LIB); Daniel Norris (CST-IES); Dilli Bhatta (CST-MCS); Jahangir Majumder (CST-MCS); Scott Tanner (CST-NSE); Alaina Gunn (CST-NSE); Monique Jones (MSBN); Ryan Crawford (MSBN); Dawn Henderson (MSBN); Stephanie Barnhill (MSBN); Darlene Amendolair (MSBN); Ann Hoover (CAHSS-PSY); James Bunde (CAHSS-PSY); Mary Sarver (CAHSS-SCW); Tracey Woodard (CAHSS-SCW); Carolina Webber (CAHSS-FACS); Monika Shehi-Herr (CAHSS-LLC); Nick Rouse (CST-IES); Dan Wooster (CST-MCS)

Ex Officio Members Present: Bennie Harris (Chancellor)

Guests: Michael Wooten (JCBE); Laura Reynolds (EDU); Mo Djerdjouri (JCBE); Kim Purdy (Assistant Vice Chancellor/Dean of University College); Pamela Steinke (Vice Provost & Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs); Celena Kusch (Director of CAIFS); Tyrone Toland (CST-IES); George Williams (CAHSS-LLC); Tanya Boone (CAHSS); John Siegel (LIB); Sharda Jackson-Smith (EDU); Chris Bender (CST-NSE); Felicia Jenkins (MBSN); Courtney McDonald (CAHSS-SCW); Tim Ellis (UCG); Holly Pae (HPH); Kristi Miller (MBSN); Araceli Hernandez-Laroche (CAHSS-LLC); Catherine Canino (Honors Program Director); David Ferris (CST-NSE); Mary David Fox (Registrar); Jim Griffis (HPH); Toshua Kennedy (MBSN); Colby King (CAHSS-SCW); Yin-Chi Liao (JCBE); Karen Lounsbury (EDU); Benjamin McCraw (HPH); Kimberly Shorter (CST-NSE); Dan Wooster (CST-MCS); Lizabeth Zack (CAHSS-SCW)

Absent: Elise Harvey (JCBE-MEM); Than Nguyen (JCBE-EFA); Bridget Kirkland (CAHSS-FACS); Gabrielle Drake (CAHSS-LLC); David Ferris (CST-NSE); Bradley Baumgarner (CST-NSE); Tamara Cook (MSBN)

Call to Order – Dr. Lisa Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – from October

- Change – Kendra Allison has been replaced on senate by Ryan Crawford.
- Motion to approve by Ann Merryman, seconded by Darlene Amendolair. Minutes were approved.

Administrative Updates

Dr. Bennie Harris, Chancellor

- Three active search committees: Provost, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
- Interim leadership is doing a good job
- Legislation:
 - Tenure Act Legislation
 - Masks mandate prohibition
 - Freedom from Ideological Cohesion and Indoctrination
 - Employee status and COVID vaccination
 - Lottery funding
- Students need to claim their HEERF funds

Pam Steinke, Interim Provost

- Announced sabbaticals and projects
- SACS Report – 8 findings we are working to address (that's only half of the normal amount)
 - Kim Purdy is working on QEP
 - On-site visit March 7-10 – more information to come on this

Dr. Lisa Johnson, Faculty Chair – Presidential Search

- Assurances that the process seems fair

Committee Updates

- USC Upstate General Education Competency Alignment & Change in Curriculum Form
 - Motion to adopt revised form by Carolina Weber, second by Tracy Woodard
 - Passed 28-0
- Expanded Faculty Advisory Committee – Attendance Policy
 - Revisions have been made to the Columbia policy and it will be reviewed by legal before it is passed on

New Business – Academic Affairs

- **Faculty Manual Updates, Non-substantive change: Values Statement**
 - Side-by-Side Comparison of Values Statements
- **Program, Curriculum, Catalog, and Course Changes**

- SCW – Sociology, Criminal Justice and Women’s Studies
 - Request for new Undergraduate Certificate
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - S. C. Commission on Higher Education Notification of Change-New Certificate Program Proposal
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
 - Lisa Johnson moved to approve the SCW proposal packet, including the DEI certificate proposal, pending the subsequent approval of Psych 317 by Senate in January (if the course is not approved, it must be deleted from the DEI certificate).
 - 29-0, motion passed
- MCS – Mathematics and Computer Science
 - Request to Modify or Delete Undergraduate Worksheet or Program Description
 - Cybersecurity Curriculum Worksheet
 - 29-0 vote, passes
- HPPA – History, Philosophy, Political Science and American Studies
 - Request to Modify or Delete Undergraduate Worksheet or Program Description
 - Religion Minor
 - Request for a New Undergraduate Course
 - RELG U339–Philosophy of Religion (3)
 - Request to Modify or Delete Undergraduate Worksheet or Program Description
 - Modify the Philosophy minor
 - Request to Modify or Delete Undergraduate Course Description
 - PHIL U201–delete –History of Ancient Philosophy
 - PHIL U202–delete –History of Modern Philosophy
 - PHIL U321–delete –Ethics of Computer and Information Technology
 - LOGC U307–delete –Advanced Symbolic Logic
 - PHIL U319–modify title –Epistemology (3)
 - Request for New Undergraduate Course

- PHIL U111–Political Philosophy (3)
- PHIL U301–Ancient Philosophy (3)
- PHIL U302–Early Modern Philosophy (3)
- PHIL U329–Theories of Reality (3)
- PHIL 339–Philosophy of Religion (3)
- 29-0 vote, passes
- NSE – Natural Sciences and Engineering
 - Request to Modify or Delete Undergraduate Worksheet or Program Description
 - Program Modification Proposal (CHE) – BA in Biology
 - BIOL U305–Field Ornithology (3)
 - BIOL U310–Invertebrate Zoology (4)
 - BIOL U320–General Botany (4)
 - BIOL U330–Microbiology (4)
 - BIOL U370–Pathophysiology (3)
 - 29-0 vote, passes
- MBSON – Mary Black School of Nursing
 - Request to Change Undergraduate Academic Regulation or General Catalog Description
 - Request name change from Mary Black School of Nursing (MBSON) to Mary Black College of Nursing (MBCON)
 - 30-0 vote, passes
- SoEHPH – School of Education, Human Performance and Health
 - Request to Change Undergraduate Academic Regulation or General Catalog Description
 - Request a name change to The College of Education, Human Performance, and Health (CoEHPH)
 - 30-0 vote, passes

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Monika Shehi-Herr, seconded by James Kamla. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Land, Faculty Recording Secretary