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2 **ACADEMIC SENATE**

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4 **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

5 Meeting of September 21, 2016

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7 University Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Scriptorium Room  
8 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
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10 **Present:** M. Aranda, Y. Bar-Cohen, K.A. Breisch, R. Broyer (alternate for E. Kolb), S. Bucher, M. Burgos, J. Cain,  
11 P. Cannon, J. Chisum, C. Coleman (alternate for D. Ruddell), E. Collins (alternate for S. Shroyer), S. Curran, R. Davila,  
12 M. Eshaghian, B. Girandola, G. Giuliano, L. Hoffman, E. Horowitz, J. Kagan, WM. Kast, D.L. Hughes, M. Lee,  
13 R. Lonergan, E. McCann, J. M. Gray, A. Ouellette, J. Parr, D. Pecchenio, M. Pensavalle, G. Peters, R. Rasmussen,  
14 K. Rodgers, P. Rosenbloom, R. Smith, N. Sood, N. Stoubis, T. Tambascia, Z. Unno, L. Unterman (alternate for N.  
15 Benbassat), D. Williams

16 **Absent:** M. Apostolos, P. Fiss, R. Jubran, D. Oakes, S. Palmer, R. Paulson, K. Servis, R. Wantanabe, A. Wilcox

17 **Guest:** A. Blumenthal, G. Clark, E. Johnson, M. Levine, D. Newman, M. Quick, C. Resnik, J. Samet

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19 **AGENDA**

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21 Paula Cannon, Academic Senate President, called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.

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23 **Approval of Tracy Tambascia as a new Executive Board member to replace Ginger Clarke**

24 A motion to approve Tracy Tambascia as our new Executive Board member was introduced.

25 Ginger Clark, who was the executive board member as Immediate Past President, was recently  
26 promoted to the provost office leaving an open Executive Board position.

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28 *Rebecca Lonergan moved; Margot Pensavalle seconded; 28 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.*

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30 **President's Welcome and Introductions**

31 Paula welcomed the senators and introduced the new executive board. Executive board  
32 members were introduced to the Senate. The executive board meet every week on a Wednesday.  
33 We meet with the Provost at least once a month.

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35 New Academic Senate Website was introduced to be a central focus of our communications and  
36 documents. <https://academicenate.usc.edu/>

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38 Role of the senators and committees was discussed. The Senate consists of representatives from  
39 each of the schools (at least one from each school), independent health professions, USC  
40 Libraries, and chairs from each of the committees. All Senators and committees are listed on the  
41 website. The new committees this year are Task Force on Innovation, Tenure and Tenure-Track  
42 Faculty Affairs Committee, and Task Force on Interdisciplinary Communities. Task Force on  
43 Interdisciplinary Communities is currently being formed.

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45 The monthly Senate Meeting is open to all faculty at USC with the schedule of upcoming meetings  
46 on the website.  
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48 Academic Senate Fall Planning Retreat that took place on August 16, 2016 at the Galen Center.  
49 Focus of this retreat was on interdisciplinary communities, and roles and responsibilities of Faculty  
50 during emergencies and crisis prevention. Some outcomes from these discussions include the  
51 formation of the Task Force on Interdisciplinary Communities and a need for a simple app with a  
52 single button to be used for information during emergencies.

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54 Mike Lee, Secretary General of the Academic Senate, discussed the new Academic Senate  
55 Communications Plan that now includes a recurring newsletter that is sent to all faculty, social  
56 media presence and the Academic Senate website.

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58 Committee Chairs in attendance were introduced.

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60 **Dialogue with the Provost Michael Quick**

61 Michael Quick, Provost, welcomed the new Senate and is looking forward to working to increase  
62 the role of faculty in the governance of the University. He would like to continue the partnership  
63 from last year. Updates were provided on unionization, his perspectives on smoking on campus,  
64 wicked problems, academic areas of focus, childcare, and took questions from the senate.

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66 Updates on the unionization included: a recent NLRB ruling allowing graduate assistants to  
67 potentially unionize at private universities; USC is starting negotiations with the International  
68 Academy faculty union; we are awaiting rulings by the NLRB regarding Roski; the revote has  
69 been delayed at Dornsife (not by USC).

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71 Perspectives on Smoking on Campus. Smoking is currently allowed on certain portions of the  
72 University. There is also a California ballot measure on marijuana use in November which may  
73 impact smoking on campus. He asked that we keep in mind individual rights.

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75 On the wicked problems front he would like to focus on homelessness, lifespan health,  
76 security/safety, and sustainability. There is a memo planned to be sent to all faculty regarding  
77 sustainability.

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79 On the academic front he would like to have discussions on what should be the umbrella vision  
80 for the arts and an overall teaching mission of the university and what would that look like. He  
81 also noted lots of positive movement in humanities and other areas.

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83 Childcare at UPC (University Park Campus) and HSC (Health Sciences Campus). Provider has  
84 been selected to run the HSC facility. A provider is still being selected for UPC. There will be a  
85 memo sent by Todd Dickey and the Michael that will provide an update on what's going on with  
86 the child care situation. This memo will also be forwarded to the Academic Senate. To remain  
87 competitive for top faculty, he understands that we can't just focus on academics without taking  
88 care of child care.

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90 A question was asked regarding the upcoming changes to the email retention policy. Currently  
91 an unenforced policy on 6-month email retention exists. We are moving towards a 16 month  
92 email retention policy whereby all email in default folders (e.g. Inbox, Sent) will be automatically  
93 deleted at 16 months. User created folders will not be deleted. A point was raised that the  
94 university is about knowledge and its dissemination and that the new email retention policy  
95 appears to be counterintuitive. The issue of reproducibility was raised and that the email  
96 retention policy may be counter to the reproducibility policy.

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98 *Executive board will invite Doug Shook (USC CIO) to an upcoming Senate meeting to discuss email*  
99 *retention and other related topics.*

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**Approval of May 11, 2016 Senate meeting draft minutes**

The minutes from May were incomplete, so we will review those at next meeting.

**Discussion re Smoke-Free USC**

The concept of a smoke-free campus resolution was presented to get feedback from the Senate before drafting a resolution to put forth for a vote by the Senate. All other governance bodies (staff, undergraduate students, and graduate students) have approved resolutions for a smoke-free campus.

Discussions included: “smoke-free” vs. “tobacco free,” complete smoke-free vs. allowing for limited smoking locations, transitional period, safety of smokers that have to go off campus, the visibility of smokers on the outskirts of campus, enforcement of policies, and that 9 out of the 12 Pac-12 schools are smoke-free.

Jonathan M. Samet, Distinguished Professor and Chair, Dept. of Preventive Medicine, KSOM discussed his answer to “why have a ban,” “can it be done,” “is there a right to smoke” and international students.

Amanda Blumenthal, founded the Smoke Free Campus Coalition when she transferred from Pomona last semester. She was surprised at the number of smokers at USC. 5600 student survey found that 83% support or neutral to going smoke free. 88% of graduate students support or neutral to going smoke free. USC already have designated smoking areas, but they are not followed.

Daniel Newman, Senator Undergraduate Student Government, who was one of the senators that co-sponsored their anti-smoking resolution. Spoke about the culture of smoking on campus. He stated that all California community colleges, Cal States and UCs are smoke free. Recent California ballot measures include increasing taxes on tobacco. Legal age to purchase tobacco is 21.

*Executive board will take these inputs into consideration when drafting the resolution to be submitted for vote at a future Senate meeting.*

**Endorsement of the RTPC Committee White Paper**

A call to endorse the RTPC Committee White Paper was introduced. RTPC committee updates the whitepaper every 3 years or so. Key parts of this year’s whitepaper is the differences across schools.

*Jeff Cain motioned to endorse; Mary Eshaghian seconded; 28 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 abstentions.*

**Announcements**

- (a) This semester, no meeting will be held at HSC
- (b) The October 19<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting will be held at the School of Dentistry, Blaire Rooms A, B, and C; there will be a Nominating Committee election (4 Senators) at that meeting
- (c) The Senate meeting schedule and venues for 2016 - 2017 is posted on the Senate website: <https://academicsenate.usc.edu/meetings/>
- (d) The roster of Senate members and committee chairs is posted on

147 this link: <https://academicsenate.usc.edu/senators/senators/>

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149 **New Business**

- 150 • IT problems (network) and what is the plan with respect to what's going on.
- 151 ○ USC CIO will be invited to a future Senate meeting
- 152 • Suggestion for a future topic. Colleagues wanted to know about the costs of the Village.
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- 154 ○ Costs of the village
- 155 ○ Impact of USC development on the neighborhoods
- 156 ○ Include HSC as well

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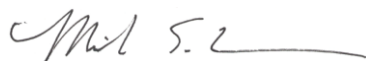
158 **Adjournment**

159 Meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.

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165 Mike S. Lee

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