

1 **ACADEMIC SENATE**  
2 Meeting of September 17, 2014  
3 *(Please note location of meeting)*

4 UPC Engemann Student Health Center, Room 101/102  
5 **(near the corner of Jefferson and Vermont)**  
6 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
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8 **MINUTES**  
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10 **Present:** P. Cannon, L. Carver, J. Chisum, E. Collins, A. Crigler, S. Curran, R. Davila, A. Dowd, C. Gomer, H.  
11 Greenwald, M. Gundersen, A. Hancock, E. Johnson, J. Kagan, J. Kopcsak, R. Lonergan, M. Madden, O. Mayer, K.  
12 Murphy, A. Ouellette, L. Palinkas, B. Rathbun, P. Rosenbloom, J. Silvester, M. Vicedo, C. Wang, E. Webb, R.  
13 Weisberg, M. Weinstein, C. Zachary

14 **Absent:** J. Barnett, G. Clark, A. Neville-Jan, D. Oakes, S. Palmer, R. Paulson, W. Petak, C. Russell, D. Ruddell J.  
15 Steele, I. Steinberg, W. Ziebis

16 **Guests:** M. Eshaghian, E. Garrett, J. Jacobs, M. Levine, L. Neinstein, C. Yu Yu

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18 **Call To Order:** John Silvester, Academic Senate President 2:06 PM  
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20 **Remembrance and Moment of Silence for:**

21 a) Warren Bennis, University Professor and Distinguished Professor of Business  
22 Administration, Marshall School and an internationally recognized authority on  
23 leadership – by Kevin Murphy

24 b) John Choma, professor of Ming Hsieh Department of Electrical Engineering,  
25 Viterbi School - by Martin Gundersen

26 c) Michael Preston, former USC vice provost for strategic initiatives, professor  
27 emeritus and former chair of political science at the Dornsife College by Ange-Marie Hancock  
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29 **Presentation on Engemann Student Health Center**

30 **Dr. Lawrence Neinstein, Executive Director of Engemann**

31 Dr. Neinstein gave a brief introduction and welcome to Engemann Student Health Center, the  
32 location of today's meeting. He also presented health trends for emerging young adults who make up  
33 the bulk of the student population at USC.  
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35 **Dialogue with the Provost**

36 **Elizabeth Garrett, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**

37 Provost Garrett provided updates on the naming ceremony for the Occupational Therapy department  
38 and the 2014 First-Year Class, with attention to this year's outstanding yield (3,096 first year  
39 students). She then introduced Christina YuYu, the new director of the USC Asia Pacific Museum in  
40 Pasadena, to present the history of the museum, discuss upcoming plans for the institution and how  
41 the faculty can get involved with current and new initiatives.

42 **Introduction of the New Academic Senate**

43 **John Silvester, President**

44 Members identified their school affiliations and role(s) served in association with the Senate.  
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46 **Approval of Senate Meeting Minutes**

47 **Ange-Marie Hancock, Secretary General**

48 *Approval of Meeting Minutes for March, 2014 Meeting (recorder: Lucinda Carver)*

49 Approved by a vote of 19 for; 1 opposed; 5 abstentions

50 *Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 2014 Meeting (recorder: Diana Blaine)*

51 Approved by a vote of 17 for; 1 opposed; 6 abstentions

52 **Review of the Annual Planning Retreat of the Academic Senate**

53 **John Silvester, President**

54 President Silvester reviewed the August 20<sup>th</sup> agenda and outcomes of the retreat, which was held at  
55 the San Antonio Winery. The agenda included the following items: a) Faculty Governance at USC  
56 b) Wellness and Safety on Campus and c) Analytics and the University. We will look to have a  
57 speaker to present on learning analytics later on during the academic year from the Center for  
58 Scholarly Technology, as no one was available for the retreat date. CST is looking to have an  
59 initiative on learning analytics.

60 Next he specifically reviewed the results of the breakout sessions and the votes regarding the  
61 priorities among the “Hot Topics” generated during the break-out sessions and from a previous email  
62 to the faculty senate listserv (around 20-30 email responses). Rebecca Lonergan coordinated the  
63 suggestions into more general categories for voting over lunch so that retreat participants could vote  
64 their priorities during the afternoon of the retreat. *Full results of voting at the retreat were distributed*  
65 *electronically with today’s (17 September 2014) meeting agenda as a related document by Connie*  
66 *for reference.*

67 Four top issues were discussed: 1) Non-Tenure Track and Part-Time Faculty Issues. Silvester  
68 discussed the possible creation of a Task Force to understand Part-Time Issues separate from Non-  
69 Tenure Track Faculty, in conjunction with what the provost’s office is already doing.

70 2) Community Security and Safety – this would include the bicycle safety issue, along with what the  
71 university is doing more broadly to addressing these issues. The Faculty Handbook committee will  
72 also take a look at the new affirmative consent law passed by the state of California that will change  
73 sexual assault and rape consent standards to make sure our policies are consistent with the new law.

74 3) Faculty Morale. Many of these issues are more properly framed as “Part Time Issues,” which has  
75 already been discussed, but one more universal concern is creating opportunities for cross-school  
76 interactions to build collegial interdisciplinary communities.

77 4) Sustainability. We have identified this issue, long championed by Jeremy Kagan, as the subject  
78 for the first “mini-retreat,” half-day sessions during each semester to dive deeper on certain topics.  
79 This mini-retreat will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014 from 12-5 pm.

80 Please send President Silvester any comments or feedback on the retreat if you have them.

81 **Acknowledgment of Receipt of Senate Task Force and Committee Reports**

82 **John Silvester, President**

83 President Silvester asked the Senate to read over all of the reports provided by all of the task forces  
84 and committees and to get feedback back to either the Executive Board or the Committee Chairs by

85 the time of the next meeting (October 15, 2014). The next Senate meeting will present an  
86 opportunity to ensure that a formal acknowledgment of receipt of all reports from 2013-2014 can be  
87 enacted.

88 **Announcements:**

89 The next meeting will also feature an election of four members for this year's Nominating  
90 Committee, who will join two members elected from the Executive Board, and John Silvester and  
91 Ginger Clark, as current and incoming Senate president, respectively.

92 The next joint Provost-Academic Senate Retreat will be on January 31, 2015 at The Ritz Carlton  
93 Hotel, LA Live. It will be a one-day rather than a two-day event.

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95 Respectfully submitted,

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98 Ange-Marie Hancock, Ph.D.

99 Secretary General of the Academic Senate

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