AGENDA

Approval of the March 23 Senate meeting draft minutes
Ange-Marie Hancock, Secretary General presented the draft minutes for discussion and approval. Cheryl moved; Margo seconded; 24 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

Academic Senate Nominating Committee Report
Paula Cannon, Chair of Nominating Committee presented the candidates for the election. Candidates who could be present were able to introduce themselves. She also announced that there will be multiple methods for voting – the standard confidential ballot will be put in campus mail for you to use; a less confidential email ballot will also be emailed – and can be emailed back to Connie Roque, the only person who would see your ballot with its name attached. Senators can use either strategy – all eligible voters are encouraged to vote!

Paula announced that one candidate for secretary general, Jennifer Floto, has informed the committee at the last minute that she is unsure she will be able to perform the role if elected. Given the proximity to the election, her name remains on the ballot.

Proposed Resolution 15/16-05: To Endorse the “Rigor and Transparency in the Conduct of Research at USC”
Yaniv Bar-Cohen, University Research Committee Chair presented the report of the Joint Provost-Senate Research Committee and the resolution to approve the report. Following a robust discussion, motion 10 to close discussion; 27 0 2 on friendly amendment; amended resolution: 26-2-2

First Read and Comments on the Proposed Resolution 15/16-06: Sandeep Gupta and Jessica Parr, Co-Chairs, Faculty Handbook Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook due to Academic Senate Resolution 15/16-03, which renamed Non-Tenure Track Faculty to Research, Teaching, Practitioner, Clinical Faculty and suggested integration of these faculty via elimination of differences where such differences are not meaningful.

Proposed Resolution 15/16-07 Change in Faculty Salary Policies and Practices
President Clark presented the resolution and following a robust discussion, requested feedback via email regarding proposed language or edits for the resolution, which will be presented in May for further review, discussion and a vote.
Report re Bike Safety
Ron Ben-Ari, Co-chair, Faculty Environment and Employment Committee presented the committee’s report on Bike Safety. 21 in favor 1 opposed 0 abstentions

Announcements
Ginger Clark, President of the Faculty
a) The next ‘Real Talk Forum’ is scheduled on April 20, 4:00 - 6:00pm, School of Social Work (SWC 106)

b) The ‘End of the Academic Year’ Senate dinner will be held on May 11th at the University Religious Center, Fish Bowl and Patio. Appetizers and drinks will begin at 4:15pm and dinner will be served at 5:30pm. All Senate members, past presidents, and spouses are invited. Please RSVP by April 27th to Connie Roque at croque@usc.edu or 213-740-7169
c) The Senate Annual Planning Retreat will be held on August 12, 2016, 9:00am - 4:00pm. The venue will be determined at a later date.

9. New Business

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary General of the Academic Senate