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**ACADEMIC SENATE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

Meeting of October 21, 2015

University Religious Center, Room 108; 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: M. Apostolos, J. Armour, Y. Bar-Cohen, R. Ben-Ari, D. Brabham, T. Brun, M. Burgos, P. Cannon, G. Clark, E. Collins, A. Jone (alternate for J. Cain), J. Chisum, S. Curran, B. Danner, R. Davila, H. Weidong, D. Elliott, R. Garet, B. Girandola, H. Greenwald, F. Habeeb, A. Hancock, J. Kagan, R. Labaree, R. Lonergan, E. McCann, A. Ouellette, S. Palmer, J. Parr, M. Pensavalle, G. Ragusa, S. Rajagopalan, C. Resnik, P. Rosenbloom, K. Servis, S. Shroyer, R. Smith, J. Silvester J. Steele, N. Stoubis, C. Truhan, A. Trope, C. Wang, W. Ziebis,

Absent: B. Jansson, R. Jubran, I. Steinberg, B. Stiles, R. Watanabe

Guests: H. Bovia, M. Eshaghian, J. Gibson, J. Goldstein, K. Howell, E. Johnson, M. Levine, J. McLaughlin-Gray, L. Unterman

**Call to Order:** Ginger Clark, Academic Senate President called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Ange-Marie Hancock, Secretary General, presented the September 2015 meeting minutes for approval. They were approved by a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

**Presentation of the Nominating Committee Slate:** Ginger Clark presented the slate of senators nominated to serve as this year's nominating committee along with the requisite members from the Executive Board. No write-in candidates were presented for consideration. The slate was approved as constituted by acclamation.

**Response to the Sustainability proposal:** In place of Todd Dickey and David Wright, who could not make it today, James Gibson, Executive Director of Environmental Health and Safety and

Halli Bovia, Sustainability Program Manager, made a presentation in response to the unanimous endorsement of the Academic Senate last year to improve USC's sustainability. James Gibson oversees the sustainability program; Halli Bovia presented an update on the plan since the plan went to the president's cabinet in May.

So far the unit has been able to move forward on is the water conservation plan. All of the recommendations of the task force on water help to move the needle on the overall plan for sustainability. This term the university sustainability committee will be reconstituted and will include several faculty (committee invitations are going to go out from Todd Dickey's office this week). Certain elements, like water capture, will require additional feasibility study (-ies) and were not able to be incorporated in time for the May plan. In particular, USC would like to attract the attention of funders like DWP to assist with the feasibility studies. While Halli is the point person, the reconstituted university sustainability committee will have enormous influence. The division will also be rebuilding its website in January; the plan will be up on the permanent sustainability site and reports/report cards/feedback will also be available.

45 The provost and Todd Dickey will be sending out a letter to the USC community about the  
46 sustainability plan, framing climate change as one of the “wicked” problems of our time and  
47 talking about the next steps USC will be taking in this regard.  
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50 **Review and Vote Climate Resolution (Resolution 15/16-02)**

51 Jody Armour and Alison Trope, Co-Chairs of the new Campus Climate Committee, reported on  
52 the outcome of a meeting with Provost Quick and the Campus Climate Committee. The  
53 resolution put forth suggests that there is value in a state-federal sort of system to , where there  
54 are staff/faculty working on this matter in each of the 19 schools, and also a provost-level  
55 position that can provide additional resources, system-wide thinking that is required for some of  
56 these matters. There needs to be a special body dedicated to this matter.  
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58 The discussion included the proposal of a friendly amendment: to include a generalized  
59 endorsement/support of the student goals/intentions of USG and GSG resolutions

60 Jeremy Kagan moved; Farida Habeeb seconded; 26 in favor; 7 opposed 0 abstentions  
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62 The question was then called to approve the resolution as amended: 34 in favor; 0 opposed; 0  
63 abstentions  
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65 **Review and Vote RTPC and Handbook Resolution (Resolution 15/16-03)**

66 Jeff Chisum and Els Collins, co-chairs of the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Affairs Committee,  
67 reported on the resolution to change two specific elements of the Academic Senate’s procedures  
68 – 1) the nomenclature by which non-Tenure Track faculty will be referred and 2) the referral to  
69 faculty as applying across job designations wherever possible (i.e. where distinctions are not  
70 relevant).  
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72 Vote to approve the resolution: 26 in favor 3 opposed; 3 abstentions  
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74 **Ginger Clark made the following announcements:**

75 Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Awards and Paul E. Hadley Faculty Award

76 Colleagues are invited to the Emeriti Open House on Oct. 30, 11:00am - 2:00pm

77 Save the Date: February 12 & 13, 2016 for the joint Provost/Senate Retreat; venue to be  
78 determined  
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80 **The next Senate meeting will be held on November 11, in URC 108 on the UPC campus.**  
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82 **ADJOURNMENT**

83 Respectfully submitted,  
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85 Ange-Marie Hancock, Ph.D.

86 Secretary General of the Academic Senate  
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