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3 **ACADEMIC SENATE**
4 Meeting of September 30, 2015
5 University Religious Center, Room 108, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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7 **MINUTES**
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9 **Present:** M. Apostolos, Y. Bar-Cohen, R. Ben-Ari, D. Brabham, T. Brunn, P. Cannon, J. Chisum, G. Clark, E. Collins, J. Cain, S.
10 Curran, B. Danner, R. Davila, M. Eshaghian, R. Garet, B. Girandola, H. Greenwald, F. Habeeb, A. Hancock, B. Jansson, J. Kagan,
11 R. Labaree, R. Lonergan, E. McCann, A. Ouellette, J. Parr, M. Pensavalle, G. Ragusa, S. Rajagopalan, C. Resnik, D. Ruddell,
12 K. Servis, S. Shroyer, R. Smith, J. Steele, B. Stiles, N. Stoubis, C. Truhan, A. Uyeshiro, C. Wang, W. Ziebis
13 **Absent:** M. Burgos, D. Elliott, R. Jubran, S. Palmer, R. Paulson, A.D. Renteln, P. Rosenbloom, J. Silvester,
14 C. Templeman, R. Watanabe
15 **Guests:** P. Adler, H. Bovia, A. Carry, J. Garner, J. Gates, J. Gray, K. Howell, M. Levine, R. Marinelli, J. Nyquist, M. Quick,
16 C. Zachary
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18 Ginger Clark, Academic Senate President called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm
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20 Nick Stoubis from the Thornton School of Music was introduced as the new Executive Board
21 member. He replaces Andy Lakoff.
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23 **Welcome and Introductions/Role of Senators**

24 Ginger Clark shared a revised charge to each member of the Academic Senate – that they will be
25 asked to increase level of communications between their Faculty Council and the faculty in each
26 of their years and also with the Senate – we would like to improve the response rates in order to
27 make sure we are effectively representing all of the faculty and librarians in our constituency.
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29 **Dialogue with the Provost**

30 The provost thanked Ginger and the members of the Senate for their commitment to better
31 leveraging the university’s bandwidth on sustainability. The sustainability committee and the
32 USC Sustainability representative were all in attendance and participated in a discussion about
33 the committee’s recent report and the release of modest sustainability goals by the university.
34 Senior Vice President of Administration Todd Dickey’s office will come and do a presentation in
35 response based on what the administration has done over the summer (meeting presentation will
36 occur at a later date).
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38 The provost also discussed his “wicked problems” approach. Though it is easy to identify a
39 plethora of wicked problems, this approach involves selection of four or five problems that USC
40 can make a specific valuable impact, whether alone or through strategic alliances in partnership
41 with others. For example, in the area of sustainability, should we create a consortium of
42 Southern California universities around the issues of sustainability that would include most if not
43 all the UCs, CSUs and USC in having an impact on the state, the region, etc. Identification of
44 both opportunities that exist and barriers requiring elimination are part of this approach as well.
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46 **Proposed Resolution 15/16-01**

47 Re: Change in Policy on Commencement of Greek Life Activities: Spring Rush
48 Vice President for Student Affairs Ainsley Carry framed the conversation around the resolution
49 sitting before the Senate regarding moving Greek Rush to Spring Semester as a response that will
50 be supported by parents and faculty alike. One of the questions to be answered is whether the
51 school-related professional organizations (both undergraduate and graduate organizations) are
52 actually covered by this change in policy. Motion passed unanimously.
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55 **Presentation of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award**

56 Jerry Gates, Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at Keck School of Medicine was
57 awarded the Distinguished Faculty Service Award by Judy Garner, Vice Dean of Keck School of
58 Medicine

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60 **May 2015 Minutes Approval**

61 Minutes of the May 2015 meeting were presented for approval by Secretary General Ange-Marie
62 Hancock. No changes were requested. Cheryl Resnik moved to approve the minutes; Rebecca
63 Lonergan seconded. Motion passed (5 abstentions)

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65 **Poll of New NTT Designation**

66 An informal, nonbinding poll was taken regarding a new designation for the faculty who are not
67 on the tenure-line (tenure-track or tenured) following a brief discussion. President Clark will
68 take the substance of the discussion back to the Executive Board and will present more
69 information at a later date for official/formal consideration.

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71 **Announcements**

- 72 • This year the Senate will change how election ballots are cast and grievance filing to
73 allow for online submission.
- 74 • This semester, no meeting will be held at HSC due to unavailability of room
- 75 • There will be a Nominating Committee election (4 Senators) during the
76 October 21 Senate Meeting
- 77 • The Senate meeting schedule for 2015 - 2016 is posted on the Senate website, on this
78 page: <http://www.usc.edu/academe/acsen/Calendar/meetingSchedule.htm>
- 79 • The roster of Senate members and committee chairs is posted on this link:
80 <http://www.usc.edu/academe/acsen/FacultyGovernance/senateMembers.htm>
- 81 • Save the Date: February 13, 2016 for the joint Provost/Senate Retreat; venue will be determined
82 later
- 83 • The Emeriti Center has two upcoming events and has moved to share an office with the Academic
84 Senate

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86 **ADJOURNMENT**

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90 Ange-Marie Hancock, Ph.D.
91 Secretary General of the Academic Senate