

Academic Senate

Resolution 19/20-01

WHEREAS, the University of Southern California community includes faculty, staff and students, all of whom share many of the same values, interests, and concerns.

WHEREAS, each group currently has an organization that represents their interests — the Academic Senate, the Staff Assembly, the Undergraduate Student Government, and the Graduate Student Government — and each of those organizations has elected leaders, including a President and Vice President.

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the elected leaders of each group to communicate regularly with each other to share their ideas and concerns, and to coordinate their respective group's activities and efforts.

WHEREAS, the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the four organizations have been informally meeting on a regular basis as the "Trojan Council," with the goal of sharing ideas and discussing issues of common concern. It is believed that formalizing the existence of a "Trojan Council" will help ensure continued communication and cooperation between these groups.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate endorses the creation and existence of a "Trojan Council," which will operate consistent with the following charge:

The Trojan Council brings together the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Academic Senate, Staff Assembly, Undergraduate Student Government, and the Graduate Student Government of the University of Southern California to discuss and make recommendations regarding issues of common concern. The council meets approximately monthly. It has no independent budget. The Trojan Council currently organizes one university-wide open "University Forum" each semester, to which it invites members of the USC administration, including the President, Provost, Vice President of Student Affairs and Senior Vice President of Human Resources. The forum enables all faculty, staff, and students to raise their concerns, to hear from other members of the USC community, and to work toward our shared goals.

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Motion by: Executive Board

(No second required when moved by committee)

Action taken: Approved