

# USC Academic Senate

Spring 2022 Joint Provost-Senate Retreat

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Friday, April 8

[USC Health Sciences Conference Center](#) (at lower level of HSC Hyatt House)

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**8:00 am**      **Breakfast for those attending in-person**

**8:30**            **Opening welcome**

**[Morning session - Academic freedom: Changing context, new challenges, new opportunities](#)**

*8:45-9:00*      *What is academic freedom? An overview from Beong-Soo Kim, USC General Counsel*

*9:00-9:30*      *Inclusive classrooms and open communication: Professors Rebecca Brown (Gould) and Raj Rajagopalan (Marshall) report on the work of the committees they led to craft policy recommendations in their respective schools.*

*9:30-9:45*      *Social media and academic freedom: Professor Jennifer A. Petersen (Annenberg) discusses the intersection of academic freedom and social media use.*

9:45 to 10:15 Panelists' conversation and Q&A with audience

10:15-10:45 Discussion groups, addressing the following questions:

- How is academic freedom relevant to your work?
- What can we do to ensure that concerns about controversy do not limit the exercise of academic freedom in research, teaching, and campus dialogue?

**10:45**            **Break**

**11: 00**            Observations from discussion groups + Q&A with speakers/panelists (30 min)

**11:30**            **Lunch**

**12:20**            **Afternoon welcome and introduction of topics - Provost Zukoski**

**12:30**            **[Panel 1: The future of learning assessment](#)**

Introduction of session and participants

Panel Presentations (10-15 minutes each), addressing the following:

- What challenges, innovations, and opportunities exist for assessing student learning in your discipline?
- What were the effects of the pandemic on learning assessment (if any), and what objectives and practices should we aim for moving forward?

**Ingrid Steiner**, *Associate Director of Faculty Development, CET*

**Jessica Parr**, *Professor (Teaching) of Chemistry, Dornsife*

**Andy Campbell**, *Associate Professor of Critical Studies, Roski*

**Rory Lukins**, *Associate Professor (Teaching) of Writing, Dornsife*

**Marion Philadelphia**, *Professor of Clinical Business Communication and Academic Director of the John H. Mitchell Business of Cinematic Arts Program*

**1:30**      **Break**

**1:45**      **[Panel 2: The future of scholarship, research and creative work](#)**

Introduction of session and participants

**Ishwar Puri**, *Vice President of Research*

Panel Presentations (10 minutes each), addressing the following:

- What will scholarly, research, and creative activity at USC look like in 2032 in terms of discovery, translation, and dissemination?
- Who will engage in scholarly, research, and creative activity at USC in 2032 in terms of talent?
- As it relates to scholarly, research, and creative activity, what will need to change in the next decade in terms of capacity? How will USC prepare for and respond to these changes?

**Ange-Marie Alfaro**, *Dean's Professor of Gender Studies and Professor of Political Science and Gender and Sexuality Studies*

**Paula Cannon**, *Distinguished Professor of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology; Associate Director of Cross School Programs for the MESH Academy; and Special Advisor to the Provost*

**Yolanda Gil**, *Director of New Initiatives in AI and Data Science, Viterbi School of Engineering; Director for AI and Data Science Strategy, Information Sciences Institute; Research Professor of Computer Science and of Spatial Sciences; Director of the Data Science Program; and Director of the Center for Knowledge-Powered Interdisciplinary Data Science*

**Devin Griffiths**, *Associate Professor of English and Comparative Literature*

**2:55**            **Break into discussion groups**

**3:00**            **Discussion groups, addressing [Panel 1 and Panel 2 prompts](#) (45 min)**

**3:45**            **Reconvene as a large group**

**3:50**            **Closing thoughts from Discussants**

**Ingrid Steiner**, *Associate Director of Faculty Development, CET (10 Minutes)*

**Ishwar Puri**, *Vice President of Research (10 minutes)*

**4:10**            **Panelists' conversation and Q&A with audience**

**4:30**            **Closing remarks**

**4:45**            **Reception**