

USC School of Architecture

Faculty Council Summary AY2223

The following is a list of tasks undertaken by the members of the faculty council for AY2223:

Council Leadership:

- Election of Associate Professor of Practice Lauren Matchison as Faculty Council Chair
- Designated Associate Professor of Practice and Academic Senator Lee Olvera as liaison to the University Faculty Council Chair committee

Website Presence:

- Increased the Faculty Council's presence on the school website by creating a tab that communicates information to the faculty and other stakeholders including:
 - role and responsibilities of the council
 - council member names, faculty profiles and contact information
 - meeting agendas
 - meeting minutes

Faculty Retreat:

Worked in conjunction with the Associate Deans of our school to organize and facilitate a day-long faculty retreat with an agenda focused on developing a statement of core values for the school of architecture faculty. This process involved the participation of each faculty council member with tasks including:

- breakout meeting discussion coordinators and moderators
- presentation to the faculty in attendance, the findings from each breakout meeting discussion
- preparation of minutes of breakout room discussions

Faculty Survey:

The faculty council authored an email survey to be distributed to all faculty members. The content of the survey was driven by the distillation, categorization and analysis of the discussion data collected at the retreat.

Faculty Statement of Core Values:

Following several council meeting discussions about the survey findings, each council member authored a paragraph addressing each of the core values. Through a series of drafts and edits to the paragraphs, an overall document was created communicating our faculty's core values. A final draft was presented to the faculty at our April All-Faculty Meeting for discussion and approval. The document was approved.