

Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

The Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Faculty Council (Mann FC) accomplished the following from July 2022 to July 2023:

1. Passage of updated Bylaws to include COO, CIO and CFO in Mann FC meetings as non-voting members.

Standing committees and memberships (10 active committees in Pharmacy) were updated to ensure each department had representation and documented meeting minutes on a regular basis. The Mann FC Executive Board (Mann FCEB) reviewed all of these.

2. Preparation for Accreditation

ACPE accreditation site visit preparation continued with work groups meeting regularly to address findings from the ACPE accreditation standard gap analysis that took place in March of 2022. A half-day accreditation retreat was held in October of 2022 and reports were developed for the self-study document. The Provost's office was contacted to contribute the University's organizational structure, and to ensure the Mann FC bylaws were consistent with the University-wide policies.

The Assistant Dean of Assessment, Experiential learning director, and Association Dean of Curriculum presented results of several faculty, student, and alumni surveys and compared the results to peer schools and previous years. Strengths and opportunities for improvement were identified and addressed in the 2023-2027 Refreshed Strategic Plan. Outcomes of curricular and co-curricular advancements were also documented. Results of USC's culture journey and DEI initiatives were also integrated into the School's self-study report and Refreshed Strategic Plan with wide dissemination among stakeholders. The Mann FC website was updated accordingly.

Merit Review Guidelines and peer review process was reviewed. Mann FC provided our process for merit review to the Academic Senate's committee on merit review. Guidelines for teaching faculty were compiled and presented to the Dean for final review and approval.

3. Naming of the School

The new name for the school was put into place in early December 2022 – USC Alfred E. Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Updates to bylaws with the new name incorporated are in process.

4. Additional Topics Discussed at FC meetings

We periodically invite experts from the University and Internal experts (i.e., Director of IT at Mann) to provide presentations to the Faculty on key issues and recent updates of importance / interest. In the 2022-2023 year, we had presentations on the following topics:

- a. Conflict of Interest
- b. Cybersecurity Adi Garg
- c. Benefits USC benefits reps

- d. Work-well USC work-life balance staff
- e. Pharmacy legislative updates Richard Dang
- f. Pharmacy benefit managers and health policy advocacy Erin Trish
- g. Artificial Intelligence and implications for teaching Kari Franson
- h. Undergraduate programs successes and expansion -Hovik Guksyan
- i. Several faculty spotlights to highlight accomplishments of faculty and foster collaboration.
- j. Student organization spotlights to make faculty award to student activities and contributions to the community and student life.
- 5. Staff Council Formed with input from Faculty Council
- 6. Center for Teaching and Learning survey on students with disabilities: Mann faculty completed the survey to provide input to Senate Committee.
- 7. Mann FC invited Dr. Steven Shapiro to present his "Vision for the Health Sciences at USC"
- 8. Artificial Intelligence Research retreat held in Dana Point Mann FC input in planning.