

1 **ACADEMIC SENATE**

2 **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

3 September 20, 2023

4 Hybrid Meeting

5 2:00 - 4:00 pm PST

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7 **Present (Senate Members):** P. Adler, S. Altman, M. Apostolos, S. Barbot, M. Bayiz, D. Becker, D.
8 Brooks, A. Cannon, K. Carlson, M. Chatterjee, T.D. Church, J. Dinalo, N. Duquette, C. El Haddad,
9 S. Enguidanos (alternate-V), S. Faris, S. Gruskin, S. Hsu, K. Imagawa, S. Kim, J. Kirschner, M.
10 Kong, G. Kung, R. Larabee, W. Mack, C. Neumann, S. Schepens Niemiec, S. Nye, L. Olvera, T.
11 Patel, D. Pecchenino, L. Perin, M. Philadelphia, S. Rao, C. Resnik, A. Samkian, K. Savla
12 (alternate-V), S. Shroyer, A. Siegel, W. Swartout, J. Swift (alternate-V), L. Turcotte, M. Turner, A.
13 Tzoytzoyrakos, J. Urbano, A. Uyeshiro Simon, F. Valero-Cuevas (alternate-V), A. Yang, C. Young

14 **Absent:** S. Aguilar, M. Aranda, J. Armour, J. Bankard, C. M. Beckman, S. Bradforth, E. Brummel,
15 J. Condon, A. Das, J. Dopheide, S. Dughmi, A. Dukes, J. Ellenburg, E. Fife, J. Godges, D. S. Grimes,
16 A. Hollingshead, N. Houser, A. Imre, S. Iqbal, J. Israel, H. Jaddoud, J. Jones, R. Jubran, V. Kuhn, J.
17 Kutch, D. Lainer-Vos, J. Lantz, C. Lee, D. Lee, L. B. Lewis, J. Lin, T.J. McCarthy, C. Martinez, L.
18 Matchison, J. Matsusaka, M. Mather, M. Nadim, J. Nyquist, E. Ochi, R. Parke, G. Prieto Botana, B.
19 Salhia, G. Sanchez, C. Soto, D. Wadhwani, J. B. Walker, E. Warford, K. Wilber, J. Wild

20 **Guests (Senate Members alternates & invited guests):** M. Citron, E. Johnson, S. Armanini, N.
21 Esnaashari, C. Folt, A. Foster, A. Guzman, C. Kane, M. Levine, T. Tambascia, A. Chen, G. Condell,
22 J. Moore

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24 **AGENDA**

25 **Call to Order: Margo Apostolos, Senate President**

26 Academic Senate President Apostolos called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

27 **Discussion with President Carol Folt and Provost Andrew Guzman**

28 President Carol Folt gave an overview of the current status of the university. She began by
29 addressing an announcement about the CHIPS Act, passed by Congress in 2022, which provides
30 federal investments in chip research in order to strengthen domestic semiconductor
31 manufacturing, research and design. USC is one of the winners of a competition to receive
32 monies from this Act. These funds will go towards a USC Hub and faculty from Viterbi, ISI, and
33 ICT will be working with CalTech, UCLA, community colleges, and other UC's. She shared that
34 this is a major effort in technological development and has major implications for the regional
35 account economies. Big implication for regional economies, future workforce. \$190M over 5
36 years.

37 President Folt addressed Health Science 3.0 and that is moving forward.

38 President Folt shared updates about Frontiers of Computing. We are close to \$600M toward a
39 \$1Billion initiative.

40 Jennifer Cohen was named USC Director of Athletics.

41 Metrics: Institution is still doing very well. Biggest admissions. Greatest number of applications
42 and successful offers. Leader in community college and transfer students. Research continues
43 to increase, almost at \$1.4Billion.

44 Capital Campus - Many requests from faculty and others who are providing ideas about what
45 can be done there. How do we best construct it, find the funding for it.

46 **Provost Guzman Updates**

47 LMS - Introduce to the faculty in a way that is as smooth and painless as possible. Robust effort
48 to test in a way that is useful and identifying ways so that people have an opportunity to see
49 and use it. Ask the senate: Don't hesitate to learn it as it comes and encourage colleagues to
50 engage with it.

51 Supreme Court Decision on Affirmative Action: We've responded successfully. Gotten together
52 with the general council office to think through what that means. Engaged with admissions
53 office

54 DC building - 8 floors, many of which are not yet built out. Still a work in progress. Looking to
55 find the most productive ways to engage the University. Wifi analogy. Ability to be non-
56 partisan.

57 How can faculty, the Senate, and the students be involved and a part of the Capitol Campus?
58 Coming up with a set of rules of engagement.

59 Sustainability Hub, green medicine. It's not possible to come up with sustainability on a single
60 page but the University has more influence at the start.

61 Strategy for DEI recruitment and hiring. Our commitment to diversity has not been affected by
62 the decision. Fund for hiring dedicated to diversity that resides in the Provost office. Chris
63 Manning is working on inviting hiring committee members to workshops around hiring best
64 practices. Will generate web-based resources, training programs for committees in order to
65 increase success in hiring diverse faculty.

66 Updates on Faculty Handbook. Marty Levine shared that the Handbook chair is checking the
67 last round of edits and web links will need to be fixed.

68 BTAA - How and when can we be involved? President Folt will be attending the first meeting in
69 3 weeks. They are just starting to have these meetings. More information will be forthcoming.

70 What will be the clearinghouse for the Capitol Campus? It will be run through the Provost's
71 office but you would reach out to the school dean. These mechanisms will be set up and
72 solidified. Urban futures, Infrastructure and transportation? What are our urban strengths?
73 Identify strengths in service.

74 Retention and recruitment: What are other schools doing and is there a way to set up cross

learning about retention and recruitment?

Reflection on the life of Chuck Gomer

Martine Levine shared remarks regarding Professor of Pediatrics and Radiation Oncology, Dr. Charles Gomer. Marty shared various remarks including “His whole life was devoted to cure and treatment of children’s disease” and “We depend on our best faculty, best teachers, our best scholars, to take their turns in positions of leadership. Chuck served wonderfully for 3 years on the Senate Executive Board including a President of the Faculty.” After the remarks, there was a moment of silence in remembrance of our colleague.

Senate President Announcements

President Apostolos shared that Faculty Council Chairs will meet on Senate days in DML 121 from 1-1:50pm (directly before the Academic Senate meetings).

November and March Senate meetings will be held on Health Science Campus.

Presentation from Employment Benefits Advisory Committee (EBAC) - Open Enrollment

Tracy Tambascia introduced Greg Condell, Vice President of Finance, and Alice Chan, Assistant Vice President of Finance, who presented on 2024 Open Enrollment.

Approval of March and April meeting minutes: Christal Young, Secretary General

Secretary Young presented the May Academic Senate meeting minutes for approval.

Motion to approve April meeting minutes. Seconded and passed. 18 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstentions. (add Tanvi Patel to absent list)

Adjournment

President Apostolos adjourned the meeting at 3:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Young

Secretary General of the Academic Senate