



FO Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2019

Next FO Meetings: 4/5 at 11am

- Dean's Report:
 - House Ways & Means (funding for USCU renovations) under Senate consideration.
 - FTE enrollment remains steady
- Academic Dean's Report: See below
- Prof Ivey: USCU Teacher of the Year Award Winner, Dr. Lowell
 - Please attend and encourage students to attend the 2019 USCU Literary Festival, March 21-22
- Dr. Maire-Afeli: CHEM News
 - If students successfully complete CHEM 11, please encourage students to take 112 in Maymester
 - Looking for students (not previously enrolled in international trips) for potential trips to London or Paris. Contact Dr. Maire-Afeli for details/suggestions
- Prof. Torres: Foreign Languages News
 - See faculty email from Prof. Torres (forthcoming)
- Dr. Hudson: VR Tech Update
 - Waiting for a funding approval from Columbia for furniture and VR lab improvements

- Recently found a high powered, high quality microscope. Dr. Hudson is overseeing its repair and cleaning. Will be a tremendous asset to classes
- Dr. Morris: Garden Club
 - Requests any individuals who can share practical gardening skills or wisdom
 - Garden Club “ground breaking” on 4/12 around 12:30pm

In Attendance:

Dean Catalano

Dr. Lowell

Dr. Hudson

Dr. Anderson

Dr. Fouts

Kevin Torres

Debbie Hudson

Dr. Morris

Prof. Ivey

Prof. Emswiler

Dr. Pisano

Dr. Maire-Afeli

Lynn Edwards

Academic Dean's Report - 3/8/2019

Syllabi, Office Hours, CVs, and Faculty Accomplishments

- If you haven't already, remember to submit a copy of the syllabus for each class that you are teaching this Spring as soon as possible.

- Thanks to those of you who have already sent in updated CVs. If you haven't done that yet, keep those coming in, along with updates on your scholarly faculty accomplishments over the past year.

Summer/Fall Schedules

- Summer schedule is mostly done, so keep an eye out for further confirmation on those class days/times early next week once the spreadsheets are finished being typed up.
- Also keep an eye out for confirmations on Fall classes next week via email, as I work through that ahead of the start of Summer/Fall academic advising (starts on March 18).
- If you have a student/advisee who indicates that they would like to pursue a Nursing degree, please have them speak with our new Nursing Coordinator, Lynn Edwards, right away so that she can add them to her list of pre-nursing students. Lynn will take on the advising for all pre-nursing students as well, to ensure that they are on track for that degree.

TAO Self-Help/Self-Enroll Update

- Our USC Union TAO is now active. I'll be sending out some promotional/informational materials related to these online resources next week, so definitely let me know if you want to learn more about how this works beyond that. Our TAO rep, Susan Powers, is also happy to set up a time to speak with anyone who wants to pick her brain about these online mental health resources as well.

Awards

- Will be finalizing academic discipline awards for students next week, so be sure to get those nominations to me if you haven't already.
- Need to identify winners of All-Around Bantam Award and All-Around Palmetto Award, to be presented at Awards Night.

Assessment Help

- Palmetto College is in need of faculty from Union to serve on ARP and GSS Assessment Committees. In particular, they need STAT and CRJU represented. These committees will be reviewing the results of the data collection and discussing recommendations for how to use the results to help improve student learning of the Carolina Core outcomes.

Alpha Sigma Lambda

- Palmetto College is seeking the nomination of a Union faculty member to be inducted into the Alpha Sigma Lambda organization. This is an organization that is focused on non-traditional adult students, so the faculty that are inducted into it are intended to be those who work extensively with this population of students.

Important Dates:

- PC Faculty Senate: 4/12 (Union)
- Advising for Summer/Fall: Starts after Spring Break, beginning Monday, March 18.
- Upcountry Literary Festival: March 22 and 23.
- Awards Night: Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30pm
- Graduation: Saturday, May 4, at 6:00pm

Research Club

- The Research Club Spring events (both at the Carnegie):
 - o March Madness Trivia Bowl, March 28, from 4:30-6:00. This event will serve as a fundraiser for the Research Club by having teams of students (up to 4 members per team) pay a \$10 registration fee (up to 8 teams total), as they compete across 3 rounds of trivia questions (15-20 minutes per round) to determine a Trivia Champion Team. There will be a number of prizes that they can win during the competition and as a grand prize; there will be a raffle that the audience can buy \$1 tickets for to win a raffle prize; and there will

be a stuff-the-box donation competition leading up to the competition as well. Also, this is the faculty's turn to submit questions for the students to answer who compete in this event...remember that the students had supplied the questions that the faculty had to answer during the last trivia event. So send me any questions from your discipline, or even just general trivia types of questions, and I'll include those in the mix at this student trivia event.

Research Club Colloquium, April 17, from 11:00-2:00. This end-of-semester event will feature two speakers, separated by an intermission that features a student poster session and refreshments. I will be presenting some newly analyzed data on native-Arabic speakers learning new words from context while reading English. The other presentation will be from USC Lancaster's Assistant Professor of Sociology, Susan Cruise, on factors in student retention. We will have at least 5 of our own students who will have posters up during the poster session of this event, which will include both research activity and civic engagement experiences. Additionally, we will likely have at least one student from the Lancaster campus who will join us to put up a research poster as well.