Coffee ..............................................................................................................9:00 - 9:30 AM
Arts and Letters Building Lecture Hall, Room 116

Morning Session ...............................................................................................9:30 - 10:15 AM
Arts and Letters Building Lecture Hall, Room 116

   Welcome, Dr. Christine Sixta Rinehart

   Report from the Chancellor, Dr. Susan Elkins

   Report from the Associate Provost and Dean of Extended University, Dr. Chris Nesmith

   Reports from Palmetto College Campus Deans
   Dean Walt Collins, USC Lancaster
   Acting Dean Chris Nesmith, USC Salkehatchie
   Dean Michael Sonntag, USC Sumter
   Acting Dean John Catalano, USC Union

Standing Committees .................................................................................................10:15 - 12:00 PM

I. Rights and Responsibilities
   Arts and Letters Building, Room 122

II. Welfare
    Arts and Letters Building, Room 148

III. System Affairs
    Schwartz Building, Room 120

Executive Committee ...............................................................................................10:15 - 12:00 PM
Administration Building, Reynolds Gallery, Room 211

Deans Meeting ...............................................................................................10:15 - 12:00 PM
Administration Building, Bultman Conference Room 201

Luncheon ..............................................................................................................12:00 - 1:00 PM
Arts and Letters Building Banquet Hall, Room 142

Afternoon Session .................................................................................................1:00 - 2:45 PM
Arts and Letters Building Lecture Hall, Room 116
AGENDA

I. Call to Order at 1:05

II. Afternoon Attendance to Ensure Quorum

II. Correction/Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2018 (Columbia) and November 9, 2018 (Salkehatchie)

III. Reports from Standing Committees
   A. Rights and Responsibilities – Professor Sarah Miller
   B. Welfare – Professor Bianca Rowlett
   C. System Affairs – Professor Dana Lawrence

IV. Executive Committee
   A. Chair – Professor Christine Sixta Rinehart
      1. Presidential Search Update
   B. Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual Liaison Officer – Professor Andy Yingst

V. Reports from Special Committees
   A. Committee on Libraries – Professor Rebecca Freeman
   B. Committee on Curricula and Courses – Professor Christine Sixta Rinehart
   C. Committee on Faculty Welfare – Professor Shelley Jones
   D. Faculty-Board of Trustees Liaison Committee – Professor Christine Sixta Rinehart
   E. Palmetto College Campuses Research and Productive Scholarship Committee – TBD
   F. Palmetto College Campuses Academic Advisory Council – Professor Eric Reisenauer
   G. Provost’s PCC Advisory Council – Professor Avery Fouts
   H. Other Committees
      Conflict of Interest Committee – Professor Noni Bohonak

VI. Unfinished Business
   A. Rights and Responsibilities – Professor Sarah Miller
      Motion to Include Summaries of Teaching Evaluation form in Third-Year Review Procedure (Motion #1 18/19)

VII. New Business
   A. Executive Committee
      1. INDEV Committee – Professor Sher Downing
      2. Executive Committee Nomination Slate
   B. Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual Liaison Officer – Professor Andy Yingst

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment
Morning Session

Welcome
Chair, Dr. Christine Rinehart called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Reports
Palmetto College Chancellor, Dr. Susan Elkins-see report in appendices.

• Thanked the Fire Ants for hosting Senate, presented six items.

• System-wide
  o The presidential search continues.
  o Provost Gable is leaving for a position in the Univ of Minnesota system.
  o CFO Brunelli is also leaving, for the Univ of Denver.
  o This year’s state budget has had more positive news for higher ed., with elected officials saying that this is the year of education. The Higher Ed Opportunity Act, a bill before the legislature, would provide new funding for higher ed.
  o CHE has had a change in leadership, promising a better partnership in the future.

• Palmetto College Enrollment – Good news overall
  o Update on enrollment: overall is up by 35, FTE down slightly by 17,
  o Online continues to grow, at 1043, 3.6% increase.
  o Encouraged for Spring II.

• Salary Study Committee continues towards the distribution of existing funds and planning for future measures.

• Planning for 5 years, reports available, celebrating and looking forward. USC – Columbia and Focus Carolina – our PC campuses have a draft plan. Will be on website next week. Two week open comment plan. What do we want in 5 years?

• Middle of the SACS process.

• Good news – Palmetto Pathways – piloting with Palmetto College.
Associate Provost and Dean of Extended University, Dr. Nesmith
  • Academic Programming
    o Course evaluations continue.
  • Assessment
    o Artifacts are being collecting artifacts for review in ARP, GHS, GSS
      • Speech, English, and the Sciences will be collected in the fall.
    o There is a need for reviewers. Video tutorials will be provided to explain the process.

Deans Reports

Dean Walt Collins- report available in appendices
Dean Chris Nesmith (Salk and EU) –
  Extended University
    • Lexington site is up and running, classes scheduled.
    • Hybrid classes are going well at Ft. Jackson
Salkehatchie
    • Tony Jackson was recently hired
    • Men’s and Women’s Basketball is doing well.
    • Three new roofs are up in Walterboro
    • 4 Faculty are recipients of RISE grants

Dean Michael Sonntag - report available in appendices
Dean John Catalano - report available in appendices
Afternoon Session

I. Call to Order
Chair Christine Rinehart called the session to order at 1:05 P.M.

II. Correction/Approval of Minutes
Minutes approved.

III. Reports from Standing Committees

A. Rights and Responsibilities-Professor Sarah Miller
1. The motion to eliminate the summary from the 3rd-year Review will appear under Old Business.
2. The Committee has been charged with collecting local T&P procedures from the campuses. Salkehatchie and Extended University are still working on theirs, but they are expected before the next Senate meeting. This is being done for an appendix to the manual, which will be referenced on page 17 (this will come up under New Business).
3. Still working on a peer review observation form for online classes, in conjunction with CTE.

B. Welfare-Professor Bianca Rowlett
1. The Committee voted on the award winners.
2. The survey is open for the ext 2-3 weeks.
3. Data from the survey will be collected for the April meeting, but it will be deleted after.
C. System Affairs-Professor Dana Lawrence

1. Proposed changes to the AA degrees discussed further, with the decision made that the wholesale changes will not work. So, the committee will be breaking the proposal into parts that can be presented and voted on separately.

IV. Executive Committee –

1. Presidential search continues. The representative for the System, from Upstate, and the Chair of the Columbia Senate spoke at length with EC about the search. EC provided feedback, emphasizing the uniqueness of Palmetto College.

Faculty Manual Liaison- Professor Andy Yingst

1. The only significant proposal is coming from R&R.

V. Reports from Special Committees

A. Committee on Libraries -no report

B. Committee on Curricula and Courses – no report

C. Committee on Faculty Welfare – report in appendices

VI. Faculty-Board of Trustees Liaison Committee – the BOT approved both the Lexington site and the USC-Lancaster site at Indian Land High School.

VII. PCC Research and Productive Scholarship Committee – no report (committee needs chair)

VIII. Palmetto College Campuses Academic Advisory Council – no report

IX. Other Committees

1. Provost’s Palmetto College Campuses Advisory Council - no report
2. Conflict of Interest Committee – no report

X. Unfinished Business
   1. Motion to require inclusion of summary in Third-Year Review, as requested by the Provost’s office – passed.
   2. Sher Downing will take over as INDEV representative.

XI. New Business
   1. EC puts forward a nomination slate.
   2. Vote on manual changes – motion from the floor to change, needs no second, no debate - passed

VIII. Adjournment - 1:52 pm
Faculty
Last Year:
- Virtually every tenured or tenure-track faculty member published and/or presented his or her research and/or served as a peer-reviewer this past year.
  - Several of our Instructors did likewise.
- Faculty and staff members submitted travel requests for more than 50 research, scholarship, and professional development opportunities during 2017-18.
- All of these received some level of funding, many were funded fully.
- USC Sumter and the Sumter Partnership of the USC Educational Foundation together provided almost $40,000 to offset costs associated with these opportunities.

Since last Senate meeting, eleven faculty produced 15 publications, presentations, or other scholarly works:

Robert Costello
- “Positive and Negative Impacts on Archaeological Research Resulting from Erosion along the Upper Lake Marion Shoreline” presented at the Annual Conference of the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, February 16, 2019
- “Analysis of an Allendale/Brier Creek Chert Blade Tool from Lake Marion, Clarendon County, South Carolina” (in press), 50th anniversary edition of South Carolina Antiquities.

Mike Evans
- Recently graduated from the 5th class of The Advanced Force Science® Specialist Course, making him one of fewer than 100 people in the world certified to analyze how officers respond during high-stress, use of force situations.

Kristina Grob
- “Teaching the Students We Have So They Become the Learners They Need to Be: Metacognition in Philosophy at Two-Year Colleges” (in press), APA Newsletter on Philosophy in Two Year Colleges.

Dan Kiernan

**Daniel Kiernan and Pearl Fernandes**

• Poster presented at the Southeastern Association for Science Teacher Education Regional Conference in Birmingham AL: *Plankton Exploration at Swan Lake Iris Gardens: A Mentoring Summer Research Project for Teachers and Students*. The project was created to give college students and local school teachers the opportunity to do research with college professors over the summer.

**Andy Kunka**

• Received RISE Palmetto College Campuses grant for his project entitled *Howard Cruse: Critical Graphics Series*.

**Sal Macias**

• Appointed member of an APA committee (CABE: Committee for Associate and Baccalaureate Education) from January, 2016 through December, 2018. He is also continuing his appointment to the ETS (Educational Testing Service) Item Development Committee, writing and reviewing items for the Psychology Advanced Placement, GRE, and the Praxis exams.

**Santosh Nandi**

• *Intellectual Structures of Circular Economy Within the Conversation of Supply Chain Management: A Bibliometric Review*, paper presented at Annual Meeting of Decision Sciences Institute (DSI), November 18, 2018, Chicago. DSI Annual Conference is one of the topmost international academic conferences that covers decision science related areas of business, such as supply chain management, operations research, information systems, data security, etc. This year they had over 1,500 participants from across the globe.

• Santosh also completed his Ph.D. in Business Administration last December at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

**Damien Picariello**


• Received RISE Palmetto College Campuses grant for his project entitled *The Politics of Horror*.

**Michele Reese**


**Campus**

• Campus exterior lighting and parking lots being converted to LED; interior to follow
• Received $125,000 donation for a new scholarship for nursing students from Mr. Robert Graham in honor of his mother and father.
• Science Building Renovation Phase 1 to begin mid-March
• Phase 2 of parking lot renovations was approved by BOT and is with engineering and design
• Survey contracted as next stage in campus housing
• New chiller installed for Nettles/Schwartz
• Kitchen upgrades across campus

Student Affairs
• Successful MLK Dream Walk, 500+ in attendance, joint effort between USC Sumter, CCTC, and Morris College.
• eSports League of Legends team finished undefeated in the regular season 7-0, start playoffs this Saturday
• Very active club turnout for Club Day, students are staying involved, more than half a dozen active clubs
• Christian Collegiate Ministry (CCM) applied for a $1,000 grant that would help cover travel and accommodations to a weekend prayer conference at Camp Bob Cooper. They were awarded the grant and five students attended and represented USC Sumter.
• Members from the eSports program will be assisting with the Kiwanis Club Pancake Day on March 2nd

Athletics
• 119 student athletes--approximately 20% of our full time students.
• Four 4.0 GPA baseball student athletes.
• 47 student athletes with a 3.0 GPA or higher.
• Athletics teams have fundraised over $44,000 since July 2018.
• Community service includes volunteering with the Salvation Army, Evening Optimist Club, Sumter Sunrise Rotary Club, Federation for the Blind, Alice Drive Middle School, Crosswell Drive Middle School, YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, Pop Warner Football, Sumter Soccer Club, Pilots International Club, Pocalla Springs Elementary School, and last but not least, our very own Fire Ant Food Harvest. The Harvest helped fill more than 11 shopping carts of food and money for families in need over the holiday season.
• Countries represented by student athletes: Canada, New Zealand, France, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica, and Ecuador.
• The men’s tennis team will be playing on the US Open Tennis Courts in New York in April.
• The men’s soccer team finished the fall 2018 season ranked first among all USC 2 year regional campuses.
• Plans to add Women’s Soccer and Men’s Golf in Fall 2019.

Enrollment
Fall 2018:
• Fall 18 HDCT = 1,110 vs. Fall 17 HDCT = 1,002 (11% increase)
• Fall 18 FTE = 783 vs. Fall 1 FTE = 733 (7% increase)
• Largest fall enrollment since 2011—7 years

Spring 2019:
• Spring 19 HDCT = 903 vs. Spring 18 HDCT = 806 (12% increase)
• Spring 19 FTE = 630 vs. Spring 18 FTE = 620 (2% increase)
USC Union, Dean’s Report to the PCFS, 02/22/19

*** New USDA grant has been awarded that will allow USCU to upgrade all four PC Classrooms in Union and Laurens. Each campus will now have three newly equipped PC classrooms. We are also in the process of upgrading the wireless system for the campus this year.

Students
Fall enrollments were up by over 20%. Spring enrollment looks strong as well (1060 headcount/ 628 FTE). The third privately owned and operated student housing site right across the street will be opened for spring 2019. The 4th will be in the 1927 Building on West Main Street and will open for fall semester with six additional beds.

Faculty & Staff
Three tenure track faculty searches are underway in Speech, Foreign Language, and Psychology. Ms. Lyn Edwards, the new Nursing Coordinator, is now on the job. Our new women’s soccer coach is Cory Junker, and our new admissions counselor/recruiter is Amy Queen. The Upcountry Literary Festival is scheduled for March 22&23. Drs. Lowell and Aziz are taking 6 students to SEPA in Jacksonville in March.

Facilities
Main Building plaster repair and interior painting is ongoing. MB exterior work is complete. Central Building roof replacement, stucco repair, and exterior painting is complete. Patron’s Park construction is complete except for some additional landscaping and seating. We have just replaced two HVAC compressors in Truluck and finished roof and gutter repair. Nearly 1000’ of enamel coated steel fencing in a crescent pattern has been installed around campus with more to come. Fiber has finally been pulled to the S&N Building and several offices are now occupied. We have met with architects to develop initial plans for the conversion of the old library space to classrooms and faculty offices, using the space primarily for language arts and humanities instruction. We have begun work to convert the old Post Office Building to a fine arts building, including classrooms and faculty offices, a print room, kiln, and gallery space. We have added a third PC classroom to Union and Laurens sites. This year we will renovate all restrooms in the CB & MB, including handicapped accessibility upgrades. The UC/LC CHE purchased the large white house on the corner of Faith and Pine as well as the corner building next to the Bookstore at 317 East Main St. They have also agreed to receive the old cleaners building at 307 East Main St. and Mrs. Rippey’s building at 125 East Main St. as gifts.

Budget
The USCU budget is in good shape, due mainly to recent enrollment increases, and both revenues and expenditures are very close to budgeted figures. SC continuing appropriations remain a concern, although there is some one time relief in the 2018-2019 budget.
Report to the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate  
meeting at USC Sumter  
February 22, 2019

People

Enrollment

As of February 20, 2019, 1345 students (headcount) are registered for Spring 2019. Pre-registration for Summer and Fall 2019 will begin on March 18.

Athletics

Upcoming baseball games: On February 22-24 the Lancers are at home against Community College of Baltimore County Dundalk and on February 27 we are home against Catawba Valley Community College. Check our online schedule for game times and other dates: http://www.usclathletics.com/schedule.asp?sportID=1

Ongoing faculty searches

- BIOL/CHEM – Instructor
- CSCE – Instructor or Assistant Professor
- PHYS – Assistant Professor
- PSYC – Instructor

New hire for Fall 2019

Dr. Jarred Yarosh has accepted our offer and will join our faculty as assistant professor of sociology in August.

Congratulations to the following faculty members for their respective accomplishments:

Dr. Susan Cruise (sociology) for her award of a Horizon Grant from the J. Marion Sims Foundation and for her award of a grant from the Springs Close Foundation both to support the USC Lancaster Student Food Pantry.

Dr. Li Cai (chemistry) had three manuscripts published in Sept./Aug. and one accepted 3 weeks ago. Notably, results from one of the papers were done by two USCL students (now sophomores Layla McManus and Khalisha Emmanuel). Bryson Chavis who already transferred to Clemson also had his first publication for his summer contribution. The links for these papers are below
Prof. Fran Gardner (art) will be exhibiting her artwork at Satellite Gallery in Asheville in June and July 2019. She is exhibiting along with 3 other artists -- Eli Corbin, Beau Wild, and Lisa Stroud. Their exhibit is titled “Voice Lessons.” “Voice Lessons” will also be on exhibit at the Burroughs Chapin Museum in Myrtle Beach in 2020. Finally, Prof. Gardner has had work accepted for ArtFields 2019—April 26 to May 4 in Lake City, SC.

Dr. Lisa Hammond (English) has had 2 poems published in *Waccamaw: A Journal of Contemporary Literature*: “Second” and “Green Hand.”

Prof. Kaetrena D. Kendrick (Librarian) on receiving the prestigious Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award for 2019. This honor is presented each year by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Dr. Liz Easley (exercise science), Dr. Sarah Sellhorst (exercise science), Dr. Patrick Lawrence (English), Dr. Steve Campbell (political science), and Dr. Li Cai (chemistry) for their respective 2019 RISE awards funded by USC’s Office of Research. RISE awards fund faculty summer research projects.

**Budget**

The Upper Palmetto YMCA will have completed 15 months of management of fitness operations at the Gregory Center as of the end of this month. Membership at the Gregory Family YMCA is now just over 2500 and finances continue to be stable. More improvements/renovations will be under way soon for expanded exercise space and child watch space.

**Facilities**

Expenditure of current fiscal year deferred maintenance funding will begin in a few weeks. The renovations will affect Bradley, Hubbard, and Gregory as well as the parking lot that extends from Starr in front of Hubbard and over to the maintenance building.

Conversion of rest rooms in Starr Hall has just been completed. The faculty/staff restrooms have been converted to unisex, single use facilities with the larger one (formerly the women’s restroom) now also designated as a handicap accessible restroom.

**Other items...**

- The **Soul Food Cook Off** is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 26, 2019. Proceeds from the event will support the Thelathia Barnes Bailey Textbook Scholarship Fund.

- The **Lancer Boutique** is now open on campus in Starr Hall 125. This is a free clothing closet for students especially those looking for business attire for interviews or other professional meetings. Donations are being accepted.

- USC Lancaster’s student **Food Pantry** continues to grow. Donations have recently come in from grants, individual donors, Kohl’s Department Store, and Founders Federal Credit Union. A refrigerator was added this week to grow the cold storage space of the pantry.
• The Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster was awarded an Eat Smart Move More mini-grant of $3,000 to promote the free/publicly accessible recreation areas around campus and pass an Open Community Use agreement. Prof. Lauren Thomas authored the grant. Funds will be dispersed in early April. The grant will allow us to create way-finding signage around campus to promote the amenities in the agreement.

• Several USC Lancaster students, Karlee Christian, Laura Carnes, Shana Dry, and I attended Carolina Day at the Statehouse on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. We met with the legislative delegation from USC Lancaster’s service area to thank them for their support and to ask for their continued support of USC Lancaster and higher education in South Carolina.

• Our 2019 commencement speaker will be Dr. Harris Pastides, president of the University of South Carolina. Dr. Pastides is excited to speak to our graduates and their families in his last year as USC president. Commencement is scheduled for May 4 at 2:30.

• Thanks to Prof. Adam Biggs for coordinating the campus entry and presence in the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade in Lancaster.

• The Town-Gown Advisory Group met yesterday afternoon at City Hall with guest speaker Mr. Jim Hunt, founder of the organization Amazing Cities, presenting to members.

• The Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster has set the date for a 5K and 10K — Laps for Lancers—as a fundraising activity on Saturday, March 23, 2019 on campus. Events planned that morning include the races, a pancake breakfast, and activities for families with children to enjoy. Please come out and join us for this event.

• Next Lunch & Learn at the NASC, Mar. 15th at noon with a talk entitled “Powwow: The Spark of Haliwa-Saponi Cultural Revitalization by Dr. Marvin Richardson, (Haliwa-Saponi).

This is also the kick-off event for the 2019 Native American Studies Week. The schedule for the week can be found here: https://sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/lancaster/documents/native_american_studies/nas_week/nas_week_2019.pdf

The 2019 Native American Studies Week and select 2019 Lunch and Learn Series’ speakers are generously sponsored by OceanaGold—Haile Gold Mine.

• The USCL Indian Land Location has received site approval from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Thanks to Dr. Cox for his contributions including authoring the request document and attending the meeting as the USCL representative where the vote was taken. Our SACS-COC request to operate the Indian Land Location was forwarded to their Atlanta office on Dec. 21, 2018. We should have a response this Spring.
Dear Provost Gabel:

Congratulations on your new post as president of the University of Minnesota. We wish you every success in your new endeavor. Thank you for meeting with us these past two years. Your willingness to spend time with Palmetto College in the midst of a full schedule is greatly appreciated. Your candid and direct approach made our meetings productive, and your down-to-earth manner made them quite refreshing. All the best to you and your family.

Respectfully,

The Provost’s Palmetto College Campuses Advisory Council
Campus news

- New director of Enrollment Management—Tony Jackson. Recently hired new recruiter as well.
- Women’s basketball—first season off to a strong start.
- First ever full-time student activities director this year.
- Three new roofs in Walterboro completed or in progress.
- Received $25,000 grant from Savannah River Nuclear Solutions for new microscopes for the biology labs.

Faculty Accomplishments

Four recipients of 2019 RISE grants:

- Francis Burns
  Factors affecting Student Retention and Success in USC Rural Nursing Initiative

- Eran Kilpatrick
  Plant Specimen Processing at the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Herbarium and Continued Documentation of Rare and Uncommon Flora in the Salkehatchie Region

- Sarah Miller
  Pon Pon Chapel of Ease: Preservation and Interpretation

- Justin Mogilski
  Perceiving physiology and psychology from faces: Expanding analytical options for data-driven face perception research
Other Faculty Accomplishments
Sarah Miller
Student Chelsea Kuehler received a Magellan grant for “What’s In The Basement?” an examination of the artifacts in the Bedon-Lucas House, Walterboro, SC. Presenting The Burnt Church: An Exploration of Pon Pon Chapel of Ease at the South Carolina Historical Association Conference and the South Carolina Preservation Conference. The film has also been accepted into the Ogeechee International Film Festival and the Myrtle Beach International Film Festival.

Justin Mogilski
Three recent publications: one published, one online but not yet assigned to an issue, and one just recently accepted. These are listed in this order below:


And a forthcoming book chapter:


Melissa Rack

2019 Articles Forthcoming


2019 Presentations (March)


Fall 2018 Book Reviews

“Alex Wong’s The Poetry of Kissing in Early Modern Europe: From the Catullan Revival to Secundus, Shakespeare, and the English Cavaliers,” *The Sidney Journal*, vol. 36, no. 2 (Fall, 2018), pp. 116-120.

**Fall 2018 Presentations**


**Bryan Lai**

With student John Risher, scheduled for two conference presentations in early March. Forthcoming presentation on “A Special Nim Game Using Fibonacci Numbers” at Mathematical Association of America Southeastern meeting (3/8-9).

Magellan student John Risher will be presenting "Analyzing Inequalities Using Power Series Approach", as part of his Magellan Mini-Grant project at American Mathematical Society Southeastern meeting (3/16-17).

**Fidele Ngwane**

Research paper, “Functionally fitted block method for solving the general oscillatory second-order initial value problems and hyperbolic partial differential equations,” accepted this month for publication in the *Mathematical Problems in Engineering* journal.

**Carmela Gottesman**

Presentation accepted for the international Vision Sciences conference in May.

Respectfully submitted--

Chris Nesmith
Interim Dean
Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate  
February 22, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting  
USC-Columbia

Report from USC-Columbia Faculty Welfare Committee

To: Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate

From: Shelley AJ Jones, Extended University  
PCC Representative to USC-Columbia Faculty Welfare Committee—2018-2020

Meeting Dates: December 3, 2018 and January 28, 2019

The committee continues to work on the following faculty concerns: transparency in the Excellence Initiative process, beginning the process to add tenure and promotion timelines to the Columbia faculty manual, coordinating with the Columbia Faculty Advisory Committee to work on faculty issues with Bright Horizons child care provider, the need for faculty communication (for Faculty Senate to be able to communicate with the faculty body, for example), and partnering with COMET for a reduction in public transportation fares for faculty. Specific updates include:

- The money for the Excellence Initiative is being held in a dedicated account that can only be accessed by the Board of Trustees. The committee can request balance information at any point.
- The committee will go over drafts of t & p timelines in its February meeting.
- The committee surveyed faculty and staff regarding their experiences with Bright Horizons and met with Kim Elliott, Steve Augustine, Angie Baum, and Stacey Bradley in its December meeting. Data is being compiled for sharing with Columbia Faculty Senate.
- The committee is working to develop a list-serv for faculty communication.
- The committee met with COMET representatives, who said that COMET would require a formal partnership, including a donation, for reduced fare for UofSC faculty and staff.

Two further concerns have been brought to the committee’s attention, which will be taken up at upcoming meetings: bike and pedestrian safety on the Columbia campus and payroll deductions for charitable contributions.
Courses and Curriculum Report (2-22-2019)

1. The Columbia Faculty Senate Committee on Courses and Curriculum met on November 19th, January 14th, and February 11th. Approximately 300 proposals were considered during these 3 meetings. The links to the courses that were passed etc. is included below.

   February 11th
   
   https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/faculty_senate/meetings/index.php

   January 20th
   
   https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/faculty_senate/documents/facsen_meetings/2019-02-06.cc.pdf

   November 19th
   
   https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/faculty_senate/documents/facsen_meetings/2018-12-05.cc.pdf

2. Dr. Nesmith attended the Academic Program Liaison meeting on the 21st. He has asked that it be on the agenda to bring up a reminder to all colleges and departments to check the “Yes” option in the approval system for the question regarding the proposal’s effect on other campuses, if it is a course we currently offer, or if it is a new 100- or 200-level course (in most cases).

3. Vice Provost Sandra Kelly attended the last meeting on February 11th to discuss experiential learning and the possible processes for who would approve experiential courses. It was decided that another committee should be created to assess the development of these courses other than Courses and Curriculum or INDEV.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Sixta Rinehart,

Chair of Palmetto College Faculty Senate and Associate Professor of Political Science
Executive Committee Proposed Nominate Slate 2019-2020

Immediate Past Chair Professor Ernest Jenkins

Chair Professor Christine Sixta Rinehart

Chair Elect Professor Mac Jones

Secretary Professor Ray McManus

Member at Large Professor David Dangerfield
The Executive Committee was proud to welcome Chair Marco Valtorta from the Columbia Faculty Senate and Faculty Representative Araceli Hernandez-Laroche to the Executive Committee meeting on January 25 to discuss the ongoing presidential search. The members of the Executive Committee and the representatives engaged in a productive dialogue about the goals of Palmetto College and the students that it serves. The Executive Committee also communicated it wishes for the next University of South Carolina president. The most current information on the search can be found on the following website.

https://sc.edu/about/presidential_search/index.php