


- A. Guests VP and Associate VP of Access and Opportunity present to hear Departmental Gap Analysis and strategic hiring goals associated with moving forward with a cultural line through the B2F Program**
- B. Review Minutes from August Meeting**
- C. Announcements/Informational items**
- 1) Welcome, **Jennifer Davis**, our new Business Manager in charge of Department level Budget and HR transactions. The search for our UG/Grad Coordinator and Office Manager stalled, CAS HR is currently understaffed and they have prioritized the CAS search before they can get to assisting us with reclassifying and posting our search.
 - 2) **Bylaws posted in Departmental Blackboard Organization Site.**
 - 3) **Our People<Faculty Page and Faculty Profile Webpages Updated.** The group photo, updated headshots, and two new faculty profiles are now posted on the Departmental, Our People Faculty webpages and Directory. Faculty should review their individual profile pages and note any updates or formatting inconsistencies to address. I had CAS communications staff make some updates (adding in faculty publications from activity reports, for example), but some of the citations are formatted in ways that do not match how past publications were posted. Contact **Melissa Ellis** [email: PALMERM1@mailbox.sc.edu] in CAS Communications directly if you want to request any changes.
 - 4) **Provost Announcement.**
Blackboard Original View being replaced by Blackboard Ultra View. Starting Fall 2024, all new courses will have to be set up in this system as the Original View is no longer being supported by the parent company that bought Blackboard Original View out.
 - 5) **CAS Deans Announcements.**
 - 5.a. Dean suggests faculty invite a rep. from Audit & Advisory Services (Frank DiSilvestro) to explain the importance of correctly identifying conflicts of interest and of commitment when it comes to filling out the Annual **Outside Professional Activity Report** due in January 2024.
https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/faculty/outside-professional-activities.php
 - 5.b. Updates to CAS policies on reviewing Chair appointments & approved uses for startup funds. See attachments.
 - 5.c. CAS will help actively promoting Maymester and Short Study Abroad courses/fieldschools so that these are successful. Comes at a good time as Magda's ethnographic fieldschool in Kazakhstan was just re-approved to run as a Global Carolina course offering.
 - 5.d. Vice Dean **Mylene Culbreath** and the Office of Strategic Engagement (within CAS), Excellence and Collaborative (Pilot Grants), and the Impact Conference (used to be called the Equity Summit) on Nov. 1st.
 - 5.e. New McCausland funded initiative – focus on societal impact of AI. **Oct 16th** deadline.
 - 5.c.1. Special interest group (informal) AI – [CAS goals for new TT lines] Link below if you are interested and want to be part of those conversations.
https://universityofsouthcarolinayrckc.formstack.com/forms/interest_in_artificial_intelligence_list
 - 5.f. Suggests that Academic units request a Response to an Active Shooter Presentation [focus on the buildings that we inhabit – 2 hour training - to educate you on what to expect in the event of an

active shooter: what to do, how to protect yourself and how police will respond. [Do Faculty think we request this for the Dept?]

D. Reports and discussion:

1. AGORAE – Gladis

2. UG Director – de la Cova

- 2.1 Check out email with link to onedrive folder that has all information on the undergraduate program, cheat sheets for advising, and all the courses in the major, including what they count for in regard to CORE and department requirements. This should assist in terms of advising. I will be reaching out to new faculty directly regard advising, but I would like everyone to look over these sheets first.  [Undergraduate advising and major information](#)
- 2.2 gentle reminder that advising will start after fall break.
- 2.3 Seeks volunteers to assist in judging papers for the undergraduate paper prize.

3. Graduate Director – Weik

- 3.1 Grad School Announcements
- 3.2 the Grad Handbook
- 3.3 Deadlines

4. Faculty Senate – Simmons

Both President Amiridis and Provost Arnett began their reports with reviews of highpoints in the previous year, including increasing rates of fundraising and research, hiring (finally) of new deans and the restructuring of the Provost's office (with the addition of a new faculty ombudsperson as well as a faculty affairs post).

Of particular interest: Amiridis is working on getting USC listed as an innovation hub (which would allow us to apply for a great amount of federal \$); all SC graduating seniors in the top 10% of their class (with certain exceptions) will be granted automatic acceptance to USC; the university has taken interest in targeting low-income SC counties for outreach (U Tennessee is doing the same); effort to reduce curriculum complexity (making it easier/more transparent for students to navigate degree requirements/completion) and part of this effort is also targeting curricular bottlenecks (those courses that have a high proportion of Ds and Fs, (e.g. certain STEM classes); effort to build a robust 1st year faculty onboarding process; Christian Anderson shared that the university will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of Reconstruction on October 7 at 2 pm with a ceremony on the horseshoe – if interested in contributing/participating, contact him.

5. Four Field Curriculum and Course Scheduling Committee- Reynolds (& Moskowitz)

- 5.1 Medical Anthropology Minor Revisions submitted to APPs
- 5.2 Jennifer shares list of Course Numbers and timeline to when those on the moratorium can be put back into circulation.
- 5.3 Any curricular needs for the MA Prof Program – TFAC hiring to cover them [See CV attached]?

6. Colloquium – Barra

- 6.1 Graduate Student Presentations – Sept. 28th

7. Old Business

E. New Business –

1. Research Software needs.
2. Launch Teams – Network approach to faculty mentoring
3. Discussion item for next faculty meeting when Adam can present. Consider changing the CRM/Historical Archaeology Certificate to public archaeology.

F. Good of the Order