

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
June 7, 2017

1. Call to Order.

CHAIR AUGIE GRANT (Journalism) called the meeting to order. There is a provision in the Bylaws that states for the June meeting, a quorum is all the number of all voting members present.

2. Corrections to and Approval of Minutes.

CHAIR GRANT asked for changes to the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting. There were none and the minutes were approved.

3. Invited Guests

GUEST PROFESSOR SARAH MILLER (USC SALKEHATCHIE) – is an associate professor of history at USC Salkehatchie, which just recently celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2015. She wrote the history of Salkehatchie.

Salkehatchie was only made up of Allendale and Bamberg and Barnwell counties. Salkehatchie is the name of a river that runs throughout all three counties. Later Hampton County and Colleton County were joined with that and the Salkehatchie runs through both of those.

The campus has buildings 45 miles apart. There is a campus in Walterboro and in Allendale. Their vision, “USC Salkehatchie will be recognized as a model rural community university” plays a major role in enriching the cultural, educational, and economic opportunities of the citizens served. The idea of community is very important to Salkehatchie. It was founded in 1965, with 18 graduates the first year. By 1970 there were only 92 people enrolled in the school. The university decided to close the campus and sent Dr. Carl Clayton, who had worked on the transfer from USC Florence to Francis Marion. He fell in love with Allendale and he decided he was not going to close it. He brought a USC sign with him that was originally at USC Florence and it put up, adding the Salkehatchie part later.

Part of the Walterboro campus is called Marvin Park. World-renowned architect Robert Marvin built this for the school. It was used as a location in the movie *Radio*.

Student demographics are 48% white, 42% black/ African American, 3% Hispanic/Latino, 1% Asian and other identified 6%. The campus atrium displays flags from the countries that students or faculty are from or have been. Some fun student events include Pack the Stands Day, tricycle races and water days.

They participate in University 101 and USC Connect and in community service. The basketball players have a unique relationship with the kindergarten down the street so it is always nice and fun to see the 2-foot tall kids playing with the 6-foot basketball players.

There are five sports at Salkehatchie: baseball, softball, men's soccer, women's soccer and basketball. Twenty percent of the student body are athletes.

Salkehatchie grants associates degrees, and bachelor's degrees through the other universities, including a nursing degree through USC Columbia, elementary education through USC Aiken and Palmetto College degrees. In 1978, they started offering interdisciplinary 4-year degrees through Columbia and that was through television. There was a phone in the classroom and students could call in to ask questions.

There is a High Fidelity Simulation Lab for nursing students with interactive dummies.

One faculty member, Dr. Li Cai, does research in breast cancer and was one of the 2017 breakthrough stars.

Rod Steward recently published a book on the Civil War, but also teaches the history of the Middle East. He has also published several chapters on the history of the Middle East so he has two major fields that he is publishing.

More than 50% of a faculty member's job is teaching. In the last 15 years that the Governor's professor of the year award was offered, the University of Salkehatchie had 6 people who were finalists, and they had 3 of the 9 John J. Duffy Excellence in Teaching Winners from Palmetto College.

Eran Kilpatrick has had five Magellan scholars, several more Step to Stem interns and he does individual studies in research in biology. He literally works in his own backyard because he studies the low country as a biologist so it is a great opportunity for him and to be able to show that to his students.

The mascot is the Indians.

GUEST PROFESSOR STEPHEN CRISWELL (USC LANCASTER) - showed images of the campus. The new Founders Hall is named after the credit union founders.

The campus started in 1959 through community organization. Most students are first-generation college students from the Lancaster area. They are sometimes referred to as USC Charlotte because of their proximity to Charlotte and they do draw some students from North Carolina. They have their own educational foundation that awards over 130 scholarships per year. Many of the students are coming to school through the generosity of scholarship donors. There are 40 part-time faculty members, 65 full time faculty members and 37 faculty members who are on the tenure track or already tenured.

Lancaster awards five Associate degrees and two degrees through the Palmetto College, the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, and the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and are just now taking on an initiative to add a track in Cultural Studies under Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies. Lancaster also works with other USC campuses to offer additional bachelor degrees through USC Aiken, through Columbia, Upstate and Beaufort. Their students are able to stay in Lancaster but through Palmetto College get their 4-year degree in these different areas.

These last 5 years enrollment has been around 1700 students. The dual enrollment program has recently expanded so there are many local high school students who are coming to class. A lactation room recently opened on campus, which got Lancaster, named a mother-friendly employer in South Carolina.

There are two issues that they have had in working with the Columbia campus. Lancaster faculty sometimes runs into difficulty with course approvals. Even though their faculty are experts in their fields and great teachers it is often difficult for some of them to get approval for courses, even courses that they have taught in other places. The other issue is access to Columbia databases. If Lancaster faculty members are teaching a Palmetto College course they can access all of the same research databases and so forth that Columbia faculty can, but if not, they cannot access them. This has been an obstacle for some Lancaster faculty, as they are required to do scholarship as part of the tenure and promotion process.

USC-Lancaster is home to the Native American Studies Center, on Main Street in downtown Lancaster, the only center devoted to the study of Native Americans in South Carolina. In 2012, the city of Lancaster came to Dean Catalano and asked if he would be interested in moving the campus's pottery collection downtown. USC-Lancaster has the world's largest collection of Catawba Indian pottery. This is a pottery tradition that goes back 4 or 5,000 years uninterrupted. They have at least somewhere around 1,500 pieces from prehistoric era all the way up to some pieces made earlier this year.

The Center opened in 2012; the city put a million dollars into renovating an old furniture store and created this beautiful facility. There is a permanent exhibit of Catawba Indian pottery. A long-term exhibit that is up now is on the prehistory of South Carolina. The first exhibit on South Carolina prehistory in quite some time. There is an exhibit that was put together by one of the small state recognized tribes. A group of Cherokees up in the corner of the state put together an exhibit in one of the smaller galleries. In addition, there is an exhibit by one of their artist residents, Keith Brown, who is a Catawba potter from a long lineage. There is an oral history lab, an archeology lab, and they are working on a Catawba language lab. The archive and art collection are in a climate-controlled room. Over 30,000 people have visited since 2012; considering the size of Lancaster that is pretty impressive. They have had 42 out of 46 of South Carolina counties represented through visitors, and 44 states and 25 countries. The Center hosts nationally recognized speakers as a part of its annual Native American Studies Week that is usually in March or June. The Center's archaeologist organizes a monthly Lunch and Learn lecture series. It is the only archive devoted to South Carolina's native people. The faculty has

backgrounds in anthropology, archaeology, art, history, folklore, English, library science, linguistics, and women's studies. The Center has received support from a number of granting agencies; the National Endowment for the Arts, the SC Arts Commission, the Humanities Council SC, the Duke Energy Foundation, MetLife, Comporium Communications, the City of Lancaster, the USC Provost's Social Sciences grant programs, the USC VP for Research's ASPIRE and PIRA grant programs, the USC RISE grant program, and generous donors.

In the fall, they are hoping to launch the Native American South Carolina Digital Achieves that Brent Burgeon has been working on with faculty in Columbia in Southern studies. This was a project founded through an ASPIRE grant. It will provide access to digital materials in South Carolina's native people, photos, documents, oral histories, videos, so forth. The Center welcomes its new Catawba historian Brooke Bauer. Brooke Bauer is both a historian of the Catawba nation and herself a Catawba Indian and a potter as well.

The Center is still "Share a Little of that Human Touch: The Pre-History of South Carolina" in 2018 and in October they will be celebrating their fifth anniversary.

The USC Lancaster mascot is the Lancers.

SECRETARY ELIZABETH WEST (South Carolina Libraries) - commented that she has been to the Native American center and she encourages faculty to visit it. It is a jewel in Lancaster and in the USC system. They have beautiful exhibits and it is a great example of how to reuse a commercial building for an academic and community purpose.

GUEST PROFESSOR JULIA ELLIOT (EXTENDED UNIVERSITY) - is an associate professor at the Extended University. They are a very small unit. She teaches women and gender studies and English and is a fiction writer.

The Extended University is a unit within the USC Palmetto College system, which also includes Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union. Offices are located on the Columbia Campus in the James F. Byrnes building. Their faculty manual is the Palmetto College manual and they are members of the Palmetto College Faculty Senate.

The mission statement: "the Extended University provides educational opportunities and support services through our Fort Jackson location and through Palmetto College to students who need greater flexibility to obtain their educational goals: military, returning adults, or working students."

The Extended University faculty include professors from an array of disciplines who teach courses at Fort Jackson and for Palmetto College, both in traditional classrooms as well as online. Their faculty serve on Palmetto College as well as Columbia campus faculty committees, work with both Palmetto College and Columbia campus students, and have won awards and grants at the university, regional, and national levels.

There is also the Fort Jackson program, which awards Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees to active-duty military personnel (all branches), their family members, Department of Defense civilian employees, National Guard members, reservists, and veterans. USC Fort Jackson has served the military community at the base since 1972. The USC Fort Jackson office serves military students at Fort Jackson, as well as online, providing academic advising, student support services, and assisting military students across the USC- Columbia campus by processing tuition assistance and other services.

In addition to teaching live and online classes at Fort Jackson, EU faculty teach for two of the degree-completion programs within the Palmetto College: the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BLS) and the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership (BOL). Since launching in 2007, over 300 students have earned college degrees through these programs, students who might otherwise not have access to a traditional campus.

4. Reports of Faculty Committees

a. Senate Steering Committee, Elizabeth West, Secretary:

SECRETARY ELIZABETH WEST (South Carolina Libraries) - announced three committee vacancies: an incomplete term on the Committee of Professional Conduct, the final year, which expires in August 2018. The nominee for that is Jodi Spillane with Libraries. There are two slots on Faculty Grievance; these are both 3-year terms expiring in 2020. The nominees for those are Camilla Knapp, Earth and Ocean Sciences, and Beth Bilderback in Libraries.

b. Committee on Admissions, Professor Nikki Wooten, Chair:

PROFESSOR NIKKI WOOTEN (Social Work) - provided numbers for the Freshman Fall 2017 incoming class. The target enrollment for this year was between 5,300 and 5,400; the projected enrollment is about 400 greater than what was targeted and this is encouraging given that the incoming class for fall 2016 was about 164 students shy of the targeted goal of 5,200. In terms of transfers, over 1,100 applications have been accepted and those applications will continue to be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the summer.

There was about a 2.8% increase in the applications received and the acceptances were just well over 18,000. The enrollment deposits were just under 6,200. They still expect some flux in those numbers over the next few months but they are expecting a target date or actually enrollment between the projected numbers. The Honors College acceptances are just over 1,600 and their deposits about just under 600 and the Capstone College deposits are about 1,179.

c. Committee on Curricula and Courses, Professor Kathleen Kirasic, Chair:

PROFESSOR KATHLEEN KIRASIC (Psychology) - brought forward 24 proposals: from the College of Arts and Sciences 12, from the College of Engineering and Computing 3, from the College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management 5, from the College of Information and Communication 2, and from the School of Social Work 2, totaling 24.

There was no discussion and the proposals were approved as submitted.

d. Committee on Instructional Development , Professor Don Jordan, Chair

PROFESSOR DON JORDAN (Center for Science) - brought forward four courses: three from the College of Arts and Sciences, 1 from Hospitality and Retail. From the College of Arts and Sciences: HIST 108 Science and Technology in World History, JSTU 230 Introduction to Judaism, STAT 518 Nonparametric Statistical Methods, and RETL 551 Advanced Retail Business Planning.

There was no discussion and the proposals were approved as submitted.

e. Faculty Advisory Committee, Chair Grant

CHAIR GRANT - The issues that arose after the storms in April forced the Senate to extend the April meeting by one week. There was no procedure in the bylaws to address what happens when a meeting has to be postpone or canceled. Because of that, the Faculty Advisory Committee created a proposal for an addition to the Faculty Manual. This will actually be a part of Senate bylaws and as a bylaw's change; this requires approval of the Faculty Senate. The bylaws also require that the committee presents it today and it cannot be voted on until the next meeting. So it is being presented for information and discussion purposes. The proposal is to add the words "in the event a meeting cannot be held, the meeting may be rescheduled or postponed by the Faculty Senate Chairperson in consultation with the Faculty Senate Steering committee."

PROFESSOR KATHY SNEDIKER (University Libraries) - agreed with the idea to make this flexible in doing this but she asked that the committee rethink the wording and add a few more details. Perhaps is there a timeframe within which the meeting must be rescheduled or postponed, whether that's before the next scheduled meeting something like that and also perhaps rather than in consultation with the Faculty Senate committee being a little more specific and saying maybe approval of a majority of the members of the steering committee, something along those lines.

There were no further comments and the proposal was referred back to the committee for action, and will come back before the Senate in September.

f. Faculty Senate IT Committee, Professor John Grego

PROFESSOR JOHN GREGO (STATISTICS) - provided a report on the committee's activities. In addition to faculty members, it has representatives on the committee from UTS, from University Libraries, from the registrar's office, Research Cyber Infrastructure, the Provost and the Vice President for Research's Office. They meet biweekly. That is a schedule that was established by the original co-chair of the Ad Hoc committee, Professor Subra Bulusu. At these biweekly meetings, they typically have a guest; guests over this past year have included the Chief Information Security Officer, the Chair of the Dean's Research Computing Committee, the Chief Information Officer, the Chief Data Officer, the Office of Economic Engagement to discuss our relationship with IBM, the Registrar's office to talk about Banner. They had several representatives from University Technology Services to talk about PeopleSoft, Blackboard, Adobe Acrobat and Mat Lab licenses, Wi-Fi, Faculty email and email for retired faculty, classroom IT, and the academic media portal for course delivery.

Besides these regular meetings, the other big initiative that they have had in the Faculty IT committee has been a series of research symposiums. The first one was in the spring of 2016 that focused on high performance computing. About 60 faculty members and students registered for that. The most recent one focused on data and had 120 registrants. Those are co-sponsored with the Vice President of Research, the Chief Information Office, with IMB and a big assist from the Office for Research Cyber Infrastructure and from the Department of Integrated Information Technology. These symposiums feature external speakers, faculty and student talks and posters.

5. Reports of Officers.

PRESIDENT HARRIS PASTIDES- thanked Chair Grant for his service, stating he has lead the Faculty Senate in making the university an even better place to work and live. He has brought a comradery and esprit de corps to this body so that if we do our jobs here well and with appropriate esprit de corps, it really does boil over and USC becomes a better university from the faculty perspective. The Senate has addressed particularly sensitive issues this year and they have resulted in key changes to faculty governance. Augie has lead the Senate through intense discussions but he did it with patience, tact, and steadiness and that is the mark of strong leadership. Pastides asked the senators to recognize Augie Grant.

[Applause]

The president began with a summary of the end of the legislative season. An important proviso passed yesterday that gives the university the autonomy to bring its projects that are not funded with state dollars directly to state government without going through the Commission of Higher Education (CHE). Debate on it became quite agitated on both sides between the University in particular and others to some degree and the CHE. The commission brought an unnecessary degree of ideology to their role of oversight. The

administration has been managing the university well over particularly difficult times and the thing that CHE tended to focus on this year is that USC offers discounts to out-of-state students occasionally. It costs the University of South Carolina, and in fact just about every university in the nation, about \$25,000 a year to educate a student. It does not matter whether they come from South Carolina, out of state or abroad. Factoring in the average South Carolinian bringing a lottery scholarship and all the state appropriation, and attribute it only to in-state students, all of the lottery funding and all of the money provided by families of South Carolinians brings the figure to roughly \$11,000 per student per year. It cost 25; they provide 11, where does the other money come from? It comes from the largest source of revenue at the University of South Carolina, which is not state funding; it is out of state tuition. The out of state tuition as posted is roughly \$31,000 a year, tuition and fees, not including room and board. It is expensive to send your student out of state but there are many thousands that wish to come here from out of state. Some of them, often extremely high achieving students, request or require a discount. Those who for example might qualify for the Honors College or Capstone or who are National Merit finalists or semifinalists and so they may not be able or willing to pay \$31,000 a year but they might pay \$25,000 a year or whatever that amount might be. Therefore, the Commission on Higher Education decided to tally up all of the money, the data between full out of state tuition and discounted out of state tuition, and that comes to a big number because USC has thousands of out of state students. The headline then read that USC is sending its money out of state, which is not true. They just accept less than what would be called the rack rate. Someone going to a hotel for the same room may find 20 different rates. The hotel would like to have that full rack rate but if the guest is willing to pay 10% less, they will accept that because they still earn the income that they are looking for. Airline tickets may have radically different prices for the very same seat. The university never obviates the attendance of an in state student in order to have a place for a higher paying out of state student. An in state qualified student will be admitted to USC Columbia; on the other hand, many qualified out of state students are turned away.

The proviso that passed got the university out from under the yoke of this ideologically lead CHE. The president would have preferred to have a windfall in state appropriations, but USC did not get that. USC did get a minor bump in recurring funding relative to the excellence initiative.

Admissions had an unusually high yield; not only were applications up by 2.8% but the yield, but the acceptances were unusually and dramatically high. This may be a result of the Basketball Bounce because they were watching the Final Four. Where the university was targeting 5,300 they are now closer to 5,700 or 5,800 freshmen. There will be a room for everyone. Some will be at Park Place, the big development at the corner of Huger and Blossom Street. Some will be at Aspyre on Assembly Street, between the university and Williams Brice Stadium. Under Provost Gabel's leadership, USC is hiring instructors and expanding services to take care of this larger class. The academic qualifications of the class will be the best in USC history. There was an increase in African American yield as well.

The President turned to strategic reallocation of resources. This university must find money to advance the scholarly ambitions and achievements of its faculty. The next step in the natural progress and evolution of USC as an excellent university rests less on the SAT score of the freshman or of the size of the student body than it does on the faculty accomplishments and faculty achievement. Year after year, USC asks the legislature for more money to support the faculty in their scholarly ambitions and government says no. The only other option is to come up with the funding internally. Therefore, every unit at the university, both at academic and non-academic will provide 3% of its core budget to go into a strategic excellence fund. All of the monies will be reallocated back to academic units, not necessarily to the degree at which they provided it. However, none of the monies captured by the service units will go back to the service units. For service units like transportation services or energy or food or any of those, that is a 3% cut. Those directors will have to deal with it. Academic units will have the opportunity to appeal or apply for programming and ultimately the Provost will be assembling a committee. Pastides will be working with her as well to see how she can strategically deploy those resources. Nobody likes a cut because nobody is that well funded. On the other hand, how can this university continue with whatever little increments it gets here or there in the VPR's office that is also non-funded fully enough or in the Faculty Office? The Board of Trustees is supportive of his.

Tom Reichert is succeeding Dean Charles Bierbauer as Dean of the College of Information and Communications.

Pastides signed the "Grand Coalition," a document supported by about 180 universities who support sustainability and would continue to support the Paris Accord. Many governmental organizations are doing this and it was appropriate for the university to continue its commitment.

The new Law School is being readied for opening. There will be a grand opening in August.

PROVOST JOAN GABEL – The budget was approved by the Board of Trustees on June 23rd and the Provost will provide an update at the next meeting. She called attention to two budget items.

The first item is the State Budget did not have a mandated raise this year. The Provost Office has asked the Board for approval of the third round of the compression raise project. The Provost Office has also been working with the Faculty Budget Committee, who has been a very strong advocate for making sure third round came through.

The second round was underway when Gabel arrived and she has been talking continuously with Faculty Senate, particularly with the Budget Committee, Legal, HR, and the Vice Provosts.

The second item is how the State Budget is affecting the pension issue and the pension obligation that has been discussed in the media. This is not her area of subject matter

expertise. She has bullet points provided to her by others who know more, so she is very willing to share these bullet points. The employer retirement contribution will increase by 2%. The Budget covers the first 1% by funds directly allocated to PEBA. The second 1% is covered the same way that all state-mandated raises are. What that means is that the state will provide a pro-rated share of that 1% equivalent to the percentage they pay of USC's budget, which is approximately 10 ½ % so they would provide 10 ½% of that 1% increase and USC makes up the rest out of its general revenue and "A" funds. Auxiliary has to cover it himself or herself. The Health contribution will increase by 3.3% on January 1st and again the state will provide that pro-rated portion of that increase.

The Provost Office has been updating the policy management system to ensure there is a thorough review, especially when one policy impacts another. They will also be establishing a formal Policy Advisory Committee on which Faculty Senate will have full representation.

The Human Resources Department has been transitioning across campus to a new system upgrade that they are calling USC Jobs and it is finally the faculty's turn to have active participation in the upgrade. This year faculty searches will go through this new system.

USC had its first Discover USC Day. This was a new effort out of the VPR's office in partnership with the Provost Office. Many faculty participated and the event was a success, receiving positive feedback from Board members and constituents, legislature, etc.

By virtue of USC's membership in the Southeastern Conference, many faculty have been able to participate in the ALDP Program and this year they added a layer to that program where they are awarding an ALDP Alumni Fellowship Award. The first winner was USC's Irma Van Scoy, former director of USC Connect, who won for part of her project on experiential learning.

On the undergrad side, summer session is going very well. The On Your Time Summer Program has seen an increase in undergrad summer enrollment of 8.8% over last year. An increase of 12.1% of undergrads who are enrolled in a full load (12 hours or more) and an increase of 14.5% of on-line summer courses with a concomitant increase in 19% of the number of enrollments in these courses compared to last summer, which is also very interesting.

A pilot will be held for the winter session. The primary purpose of the pilot is to see if the program can open up bottlenecks, manage the various enrollment challenges that are likely to be exacerbated by the high-yield freshmen enrollment. This is more for upper level classes so getting the pilot going now will mean that by the time they are up through the pipeline the process is going effectively.

The Provost spoke on the size of the freshman class. They have been hearing presentations about this for a couple of cycles now and had indicia of this as early as six

months ago. There were many things that contributed to this, of course it spiked because of what happened in March. But as soon as they knew there would be a larger than expected freshmen class, they started working on housing, on transportation, on safety, on making sure there was enough instructional support, advising support and the student services support that go with and they are allocating resources accordingly. More freshmen means revenue available to do those things. That is not a redirect of resources that will be used to hire tenure-track faculty. Separately, we launched the Excellence Initiative so that we could invest in Academic Affairs. Funds come from the non-academic side and the academic side.

As the President mentioned, there will be a governance committee, an advisory governance committee that will advise the Provost and the President on how to deploy back into Academic Affairs. The Board of Trustees is very interested in ensuring that they take very good care of these resources. There will be student representation on this advisory committee. It has not happened yet and the 3% redirect is a bucket that has to fill up over the course of the year. The redirect does not mean that there is suddenly a tree in the back yard with money on it but over time, it will make a significant difference in what USC can do in academic affairs and allow USC to be more nimble, more proactive instead of reactive.

PROFESSOR MARK COOPER (English) – asked if there are other types of projects that are envisioned for the initiative, and if the only way new hires would be coming would be through this pool of funds or would there still be for example, a separate stream of funds for replacement hires, etc.

PROVOST GABEL –Every year USC will be hiring. They have a small increase from the state and some tuition revenue, that enables the university to do the replacement, net new hires at what would be considered the more normal level, and in particular, with Arts and Sciences which has been in a pretty tight belt situation. The Excellence Initiative allows USC to do more targeted hiring. We also want to support and incentivize the faculty who are here.

She has a running list and a file in her office of the sorts of things that move the needle. What could she do as Provost if money fell out of the sky, to fundamentally change in discernible ways the impact of the scholarship of this campus? An email comes in multiple times a day, a grab in the hallway of ideas and so she has many ideas, but this needs to be a shared governance process to come up with a few key things and then figure out how to do calls and distribute accordingly. Some will include funds going back to deans to do the same thing at the unit level, but they have not been able to do things that cross above that at the university level.

6. Report of Chair.

CHAIR GRANT – stated that this was his last meeting. He thanked all of the Senate members. When he was elected three years ago, he realized that there was a lot he did not know about the university. However, what he did not know was he would spend 3 years

meeting one of the greatest groups of people, who each had different ways of creating opportunity. In addition, what he is leaving this position with is the idea that there is probably more opportunity on this campus coming up over the next five years than on any campus in the country. And the one thing he'd like to encourage faculty to do is reach out as much as possible, whether it's to Palmetto College Fellows, to peers in their own department or across departments and find those opportunities and think about what higher education is going to be like in 30 or 40 years and say, we can do that here, we can do that now.

The one thing he has seen is that there is an infrastructure here that supports that and it is a privilege to be in a position to see all of that opportunity and he is looking forward to taking advantage of that, but he wants to encourage other faculty to do the same thing.

The Senate voted two months ago at this meeting to approve a change in the Faculty Manual to extend voting rights to non-tenure track faculty. That has been approved by the general faculty, by the Provost, Legal and the President that goes this Friday to the Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison Committee of the Board of Trustees for a vote and the final vote will be at the Board of Trustees meeting on the 23rd when the budget is voted on. Therefore, he hopes they will be welcoming the entire faculty to this body when the first meeting comes up in September.

Grant reminded everyone that the meetings will have a new location. Starting at the September meeting. The General Faculty meeting is September 6th at 3pm in Gambrell – Room 153. First Faculty Senate Meeting of the year is going to be the 13th of September, again at 3 pm.

7. Unfinished Business.

There were no nominations from the floor, and the nominations presented earlier were approved.

8 New Business.

There was no new business.

9. Good of the Order.

PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN ANDERSON (Education) – stated that he worked very closely with Augie and has been able to witness the kind of work what he has done as Faculty Senate Chair over the last two years because every month the Faculty Senate Steering Committee meets, and he attends every meeting of the Board of Trustees, not to mention all kinds of other committees. Augie has been a very dedicated Faculty Senate Chair. Anderson presented Grant with a gavel as a token of thanks on behalf of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee and on behalf of the Faculty Senate. It says, “Augie Grant USC Faculty Chair 2015-2017.”

CHAIR GRANT – thanked Anderson. It has been the greatest privilege, the best two years of his life.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was seconded and passed. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be September 13, 2017 at 3pm, Gambrell 153.