UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina

McCausland College
of Arts and Sciences

McCausland College Faculty Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 29, 2025, at 4:00 PM

Russell House Theater

1. Call to Order

2. Report from the Dean

- Hiring – plans for this year remain on track
- Research – 49% indirect costs remain in place until further notice
- Post-award support – The College is creating two new positions to support faculty in post-award
- Undergraduate recruitment – up 5% in CAS, 7800 freshmen across the university
- Center for American Civic Leadership and Public Discourse – has held 2 events on campus.
    - Search for Executive Director is underway
    - Center is University led; director will be tenure-track faculty in the college
- McCausland College Dean search – listening sessions for faculty and staff will be held with search firm

3. Reports from the Standing Committees

- Budget – Dr. Wayne Outten, Chair
    - Met 8/29: Dean's orientation; member terms set; first Chair selected; 2025-2026 agenda set
- Faculty Advisory – Dr. Michael Stoeltzner
    - Met 9/24: Dean's orientation, previously arranged election of all committees

- Graduate – Dr. David Hitchcock, Chair
    - Committee met 9/10: Identified areas to address:
        - Issues related to stipends and summer assistantships
        - Improving recruitment of graduate students
        - Efficient travel reimbursement for graduate students
        - Study time-to-degree data
        - Issues related to parking, housing, and information for entering graduate students (especially international)
        - Opportunities for social connections among graduate students and faculty
        - System for finding external dissertation committee members
- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity – Dr. Charles Mactutus
    - No report
- Strategic Engagement – Dr. Ed Madden
    - No report
- Undergraduate – Dr. Dawn Campbell
    - Committee met 8/29; identified areas to address:
        - Career Readiness and Internships
        - Carolina Core – ensuring a (solid) liberal arts education for UG students
        - Artificial Intelligence (AI)
        - Mentoring Opportunities
        - Four-year Advising Model (feedback)

4. New Business

- Nina Levine – the College has created an online information hub related to faculty committees; meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the website and available for one year.
- McCausland College of Arts and Sciences Meetings

5. Good of the Order

- Next McCausland College Faculty Meeting: November 18th, 4:00-5:00 PM, Russell House Theater
- Faculty and Standing Committee Meetings announced here

6. Adjournment

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Angela	Acosta	Faculty	Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Millie	Bates	Faculty	Biological Sciences
Emily	Beaulieu	Faculty	Political Science
Matthew	Boylan	Faculty	Mathematics
Alysia	Bridgman	Staff	Grants Operations
Sonya	Brown	Other	Office of the Dean
Lana	Burgess	Faculty	McKissick Museum
Dawn	Campbell	Faculty	Women's and Gender Studies
Matt	Childs	Faculty	History
Mylene	Culbreath	Faculty	OSE
Carl	Dahlman	Faculty	Geography
Aaron	Dicker	Faculty	English Language & Literature
Mike	Doty	Staff	Office of the Dean
William "Trey"	Franklin	Faculty	Biological Sciences
Christy	Friend	Faculty	Office of the Dean
Noah	Gardiner	Faculty	Religious Studies
David	Hitchcock	Faculty	Statistics
Thomas	Hodges	Faculty	Office of the Dean
Eric	Holt	Faculty	English Language & Literature
Emma	Iskhakov	Staff	CSPE
Jesse	Jou	Faculty	Theatre and Dance
Judith	Kalb	Faculty	Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Kaho	Leung	Faculty	Chemistry and Biochemistry
Nina	Levine	Faculty	English Language and Literature
Kathryn	Luchok	Faculty	Women's and Gender Studies
Emily	Manetta	Faculty	Linguistics, Religious Studies
Nina	Moreno	Faculty	LLC and Linguistics
Amanda	Murphy	Faculty	Statistics
Wayne	Outten	Faculty	Chemistry and Biochemistry
Maria Marjorette	Pena	Faculty	Biological Sciences
Edsel	Pena	Faculty	Statistics
Alexey	Petrov	Faculty	Physics and Astronomy
Christine	Pettus	Faculty	Languages, Literatures and Cultures
Jennifer	Reynolds	Faculty	Anthropology
Ronda	Sanders	Faculty	Mathematics
Megan	Sanghani	Staff	External Relations
Catherine	Studemeyer	Faculty	Walker Institute
Jeffery	Twiss	Faculty	Biological Sciences
Adela	Vraciu	Faculty	Mathematics
Qian	Wang	Faculty	Chemistry and Biochemistry
Tracey	Weldon	Faculty	English Language and Literature
Kristy	Welshhans	Faculty	Biological Sciences