

## **Provost Check-In Meeting Minutes**

Monday, March 25, 2024

Microsoft Teams

8:15 am – 8:30 am

### **I. Provost Donna Arnett**

#### **II. Lisa Jerald**

- Dealing with angry students and parents

### **III. Shout-out for academic excellence**

Today's shout-out highlights some more of our outstanding faculty members, who have been recognized recently in our state as well as nationally for their incredible work.

- Dr. Claire Jiménez, McCausland Faculty Fellow and assistant professor in the English Language and Literature department in the College of Arts and Sciences has been announced as one of five finalists for the PEN/Faulkner Award, the nation's highest award for fiction.
- Three faculty members received Governor's Awards:
  - Dr. Austin Downey, mechanical engineering assistant professor in the College of Engineering and Computing
    - Governor's Young Scientist Award for Excellence in Scientific Research
  - Dr. Minuette Floyd, professor in the School of Visual Art and Design in the College of Arts and Sciences
    - Governor's Award for Art in Education
  - Dr. Ramy Harik, mechanical engineering professor in the College of Engineering and Computing
    - Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Awareness
- Dr. Lisa Hammond, director of faculty affairs in the Office of the Provost and professor of English at USC Lancaster, was awarded a prestigious two-week competitive creative residency in poetry in March by the Hambidge Center for Creative Arts and Sciences.

- Congratulations, and know that the depth of talent of our faculty is recognized by me and our administration as well as by South Carolina and the country at large.

### **Spring Meeting Topics**

**April 22nd**– Shannon Means – USC Data Update