

## Provost Check-In Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024

Microsoft Teams

8:15 am – 8:30 am

### I. Provost Donna Arnett

### II. Lara Lomicka Anderson

- CircleIn

### III. Shout-out for academic excellence

Today's shout out goes to the Provost's Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary Studies, the Graduation and Retention Network, and the colleges and units who have partnered with us to implement the four undergraduate interdisciplinary certificates.

- These certificates offer students the opportunity to gain additional skills and earning potential beyond their major and minor.
  - The four current offerings are Data Analytics and Visualization, Digital Studies, Project Leadership and Management, and Strategic Thinking and Communications.
- They are designed to be completed by students in their standard undergraduate tracks without extending time to degree.
- The certificates are an important part of the university's commitment to developing South Carolina's workforce.
- They were implemented beginning in Spring 2023 and, to date, have enrolled **400 undergraduates**, speaking to the appeal and utility of these options.
- Twenty-two students have graduated with an interdisciplinary certificate under their belt.
- Thank you to committee co-chairs Shelley Dempsey and Alicia Ribar, the sixteen other members of the advisory committee, and the faculty who teach a course in the certificates, for helping graduate qualified and career-ready students.

## **Spring Meeting Topics**

**April 8th** – Toby Jenkins- Faculty advancement

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