Memorandum

TO: VSoE Colleagues
FROM: Yannis C. Yortsos, Dean
DATE: January 9, 2012
SUBJECT: Appointment of Lucio Soibelman as Chair of the Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Lucio Soibelman as chair of the Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The appointment has a starting date of January 1, 2012, with an expected term of three and a half years.

Lucio joins USC after over seven years at Carnegie Mellon University, where he was Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. His academic career began six years prior at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign where he became Associate Professor. He earned his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering Systems from MIT after gaining 10 years of experience in private industry in his native Brazil. His research focuses on developing information technologies and knowledge discovery techniques for construction engineering management and sustainable infrastructure design, with emphasis on smart energy-efficient buildings, intelligent water grids, and structural-health monitored systems. He received the NSF CAREER Award in 2001 and is the 2010 recipient of the ASCE Computing in Civil Engineering Award and the American Council on Education Award. He serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Advanced Engineering Informatics and as co-chief editor for the ASCE Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering.

Lucio succeeds Erik Johnson, who served as interim department chair since October 15, 2011. I am grateful to Erik for his leadership during the interim time period he chaired the department and for his leadership. I am looking forward to working closely with Lucio to advance the department to yet another level of excellence.

Please join me in thanking Erik for his dedication and service and in welcoming Lucio as the next chair of the Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

cc: Elizabeth Garrett
    Martin Levine