

Minutes
Faculty Senate Meeting
November 10, 2009 – 3:45 p.m. – UC Room #218

- I. Chair Best called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. Senators present: Bausmith, Broughton, Carpenter, Clabo, Dittman, Engelhardt, Flannagan, Gourley, Grubbs, Kinka, Larsen, McWayne, Meetze, Miller, Ramey, Shannon, Stoeckmann, Ward, Warter, Whelan, White, Whitmire, Zahnd. Senators absent: Fry (sabbatical), Nagata, Sacash (excused)**

- II. The minutes from the October 20, 2009 meeting were approved as posted**

- III. Reports from Committees**
 - A. Executive Committee**
 - The stimulus money should arrive any day**
 - No news about future state budget cuts**
 - Met with the nominating committee concerning the number of nominees**
 - Met with the Faculty Life Committee concerning Handbook issues/possible revisions**

 - B. Academic Affairs**
 - A. Honors**
 - 1. Item I from the Honors Program concerning the addition of a new course, HNRS 350, The Model UN Experience, as well as modifications and catalog changes related to The Washington Semester Program.**

- IV. There was no old Business**

- V. There was no new Business**

- VI. Announcements**
 - Several announcements were made about upcoming campus events**
 - The new faculty governance schedule has been distributed; the next Faculty Senate meeting will be February 9**

- VII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.**

Attachment to the Faculty Senate Minutes – November 10, 2009

I. Proposal from the Honors Program:

A. **ADD**, on page 189 of the current catalog, the following:

350 The Model UN Experience (3) See page 190 of the catalog for more information.

B. **ADD**, on page 190 of the current catalog, before WASHINGTON SEMESTER PROGRAM, the following:

THE MODEL UN EXPERIENCE

This three-hour course provides a history of, and information on the workings of, the United Nations. Additionally, it prepares students for the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference, held each year in New York City. Students who take this course will learn about the League of Nations and the origins of the United Nations, the policies of the country to which Francis Marion University is assigned for that particular year, the development of position papers, the importance of caucusing and diplomacy to achieve one's goals, and the process of both writing a working paper and turning it into a resolution. Students will take quizzes, participate in in-class simulations, practice writing position and working papers, and demonstrate that they have prepared themselves for the NMUN conference.

Students who wish to participate in The Model UN Experience must first submit an application packet, which will include an essay and a letter of recommendation from an FMU faculty member. Students who apply need not be Honors eligible; if accepted, non-Honors students will receive Honors credit upon completion of the course.

Students should take note that this course is offered only in the spring semester of each year. Moreover, they must be prepared to take a week off from classes to participate in the NMUN conference. In past years, the conference has fallen on Easter weekend; in such an event, students should be willing to spend Easter away from home.

For more information about The Model UN Experience and the application process, contact the Model UN advisers.

- C. **MODIFY** the description of the Washington Semester Program (1st paragraph) on page 190 of the current catalog **FROM:**

A special arrangement with the University of South Carolina's Institute of Public Affairs and the South Carolina Honors College makes Francis Marion University Honors students eligible to apply for a fellowship in the Washington Semester Program.

TO:

Francis Marion University Honors students are eligible to apply for a Fellowship in the Washington Semester Program, which is administered by the University of South Carolina Honors College.

- D. **MODIFY** the description of the Washington Semester Program (3rd paragraph) on page 190 of the current catalog **FROM:**

Francis Marion University Honors students accepted into the Washington Semester Program will pay FMU tuition, be registered as FMU students, and earn academic credit for the following courses:

TO:

Francis Marion University Honors students accepted into the Washington Semester Program must register as transient students at the University of South Carolina and pay USC tuition for that semester. They will earn academic credit, with Honors, for the following courses:

Rationale:

- A.** Because of budget cuts within USC, the Institute of Public Affairs is no longer involved in the Washington Semester Program; it is now housed entirely within the Honors College.
- B.** Because of changes in the way USC pays student workers, it is no longer possible for FMU students to receive the \$2500 stipend that the Fellowship carries unless they are registered as transient USC students for that semester.