

AGENDA
Faculty Senate Meeting
April 18, 2006—UC 218—3:45

- I. Roll Call
- II. Election of Vice Chair and Secretary
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Reports from Committees
 - A. Executive Committee
 - B. Academic Affairs Committee (see attachment)
 - 1. Item 1 from the Admission, Advising, and Retention Committee concerns changes in the admission grid for students enrolling in fall, 2008 as well as catalog changes relative to adult student admissions.
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

Justification:

Existing Admissions Grid

Fall 2007 Admission Chart														
	below	790	800	810	820	830	840	850	860	870	880	890	900	above
Above	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
3	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.9	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.8	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.7	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.6	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.5	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.4	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.3	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.2	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.1	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full
2	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full
Below	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

The existing admissions grid was voted on and approved by faculty during the Fall semester of 2005. By changing this grid, we will increase admission standards without negatively impacting enrollment. Moving the minimum GPA from a 2.0 to a 2.4 we will essentially lose 34 admitted students and 11 enrolled based on this year’s admission data. Students who have been denied will still have the right to appeal the admission decision to the AARC.

A. **DELETE** (current catalog page 24):

ADULT STUDENTS (DEGREE SEEKING) – Delete this entire section.

B. **ADD** (current catalog page 24):

ADULT STUDENTS WITH NO PRIOR COLLEGE COURSEWORK (Degree Seeking)

Students who are at least 25 years old and who have not attempted any prior college coursework, regardless of the length of time they have been out of school, are eligible for consideration under the Adult Student Admission Policy.

Students applying to Francis Marion University under this policy must have a high

school diploma or equivalent. If an adult student has prior college coursework, then the transfer student admission requirements must be met. (See Transfer Student in this section.)

Adult students with no prior college coursework must submit the following:

1. Completed application.
2. Proof of high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Official transcripts from high school(s) attended.
4. \$30 application fee.

Prior to enrollment, students admitted as adult students will take placement tests in English and Mathematics for accurate placement in these areas. Adult students may receive academic credit for life experience by CLEP or foreign language examinations.

RATIONALE: This more accurately describes how we determine the admission status of an adult student who has no previous college work. Those that have taken college courses will be considered as transfer students only. In the current catalog, placement tests are part of the admission process but have no bearing on the admission decision. The paragraphs describing how to demonstrate preparedness in math and English are being deleted because they are no longer accurate. We require all students 25 and over to take the placement tests. This policy puts us in line with commonly accepted practices for adult students at other universities.