

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY OF FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY**

### PREAMBLE

In order to promote faculty participation in the governance of Francis Marion University, foster communication among the faculty, the administration, and the Board of Trustees, and further relations among academic units, the faculty of Francis Marion University do institute and ordain this constitution.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the University and delegates the powers of the President and the faculty in accord with its bylaws and policies. An act passed by the faculty is subject to approval by the President, and by the Board of Trustees when necessary.

### ARTICLE I. THE FACULTY

#### Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities

- A. The faculty shall be responsible for University policy related to admission standards; curriculum; degree and certificate requirements; class attendance; conduct of the classroom; academic freedom; faculty tenure, promotion, and grievance procedures; and all matters pertaining to the conduct of faculty affairs.
- B. The faculty may make recommendations on all matters pertaining to the use of financial and physical resources of the University, student life, athletic programs, and the general welfare of the University.
- C. The faculty shall have the authority to establish such standing committees and *ad hoc* committees as it shall deem necessary to carry out its responsibilities.
- D. The faculty shall have the following prerogatives:
  1. to request reports from committees;
  2. to receive reports from the Faculty Senate;
  3. to ratify, return or reject proposals from the Faculty Senate;
  4. by a two-thirds vote of the voting faculty present and voting, to resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider modifications to a specific proposal from the Faculty Senate;
  5. to approve candidates for graduation.

#### Section 2. Membership

- A. The faculty of Francis Marion University shall consist of all Francis Marion University employees who hold the rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor.