

- b. hear complaints of faculty members whose tenure has been revoked, who may have been denied tenure due to an abridgement of academic freedom, or who satisfy any of the criteria for filing a grievance that are listed in the *Policies and Procedures concerning Academic Freedom and Tenure*;
- c. advise the administration and the President of the University on ways to correct whatever injustices the committee may discover or resolve conflict between the faculty member and the University.

C. Accreditation

1. *Membership and Chair.* The committee shall consist of four faculty members, one from each school or college, elected by the faculty; the Dean or Dean's representative from each school or college; the chair of Institutional Effectiveness; one member appointed by the President; one member appointed by the Chair of the Faculty. The SACS-COC liaison and the REAL Grant coordinator will serve as *ex-officio*. The President shall appoint the Chair of this committee from its membership.
2. *Responsibilities.* The committee shall:
 - a. make recommendations to the Provost concerning the distribution of REAL grant funds to the Faculty in a way that will provide students and Faculty with experiential learning opportunities, as well as policies governing those awards;
 - b. hear accreditation report updates from programs on campus undergoing department or school accreditation and make appropriate recommendations to those reports in order to assist in coordination of those efforts;
 - c. hear SACS-COC updates and make appropriate recommendations to the SACS-COC team;
 - d. Ensure that the University's Strategic Plan reflects relevant accreditation information and rating.

D. Admissions, Advising, and Retention

1. *Membership and Chair.* The committee shall consist of five faculty members elected from the faculty for three-year terms. In addition, a) the Associate Provost for Enrollment Management, (b) the Director of Admissions, (c) the Coordinator for Orientation and Provisional Programs, and d) the Registrar shall serve as members. A Representative from the Financial Assistance Office shall serve without vote.
2. *Responsibilities.* The committee shall:
 - a. review petitions filed by applicants who have failed to meet the established admissions criteria and grant waivers for good cause;

- b. review petitions for readmission from students who have been dismissed or for any reason are ineligible to continue at Francis Marion University and grant waivers for good cause;
- c. recommend policies to the Academic Affairs Committee concerning (1) admissions, (2) the Advanced Placement program, and (3) recruitment, advising, and retention of students.

E. Budget Review and Planning

1. *Membership and Chair.* The committee shall consist of three faculty members elected at large for three-year terms; the Chair of the Faculty; the President, who chairs; the Provost; The Vice President for Business Affairs; and the Vice President for Administration. Faculty members elected to this committee need to be available for meetings during May and August.
2. *Responsibilities.* The committee shall:
 - a. advise the President on issues related to the University's budget;
 - b. consult with the President and Senior Staff on the critical resource needs for the University.
 - c. ensure that the University's Strategic Plan reflects relevant and current budgeting information;
 - d. advise the President on legislative budget requests annually.
 - e. consult with and advise the President on the implementation of mid-year budgetary reductions as necessary.

F. Distinguished Professor Selection

1. *Membership and Chair.* The committee shall consist of four students, preferably one from each school and college, and all Distinguished Professors under contract with the University. Each year, after consultation with chairs and deans, the Provost shall appoint all student members. The Provost shall chair the committee without vote.
2. *Responsibilities.* The committee shall:
 - a. Select a group of finalists from those faculty nominated for Distinguished Professor. Both students and faculty determine this selection. Candidates shall be permitted to nominate themselves for consideration for the Distinguished Professor award or be nominated by any other faculty member, any Francis