I. Call to order and Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes from the September 24, 2015 meeting

III. Report from Executive Committee

IV. Report from the Academic Affairs Committee
   1. Department of Nursing
      Item A. Changes NURS 311 course description to include a prerequisite.
      Item B. Changes NURS 314 course description to include a prerequisite.
   2. Department of Psychology
      Item A. Adds a new course, PSY 350.
   3. School of Education
      Item A. Changes the description of Requirements for Admission to the Professional Education Program (Checkpoint I).
   4. Bachelor of General Studies Committee
      Item A. Changes the description of the PGS Program.
      Item B. Changes the listing of BGS concentration area options.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment
IV. Academic Affairs

1. Proposal from the Department of Nursing:

   A. Modify, on page 138 of the current catalog, the course description to include a prerequisite for Nurs 311

      From:
      NURS 311 Human Nutrition Elective (3) This is an introductory course for students on the principles of human nutrition. This course includes the study of nutrients, including carbohydrates, protein, lipids, vitamins, minerals, and water and their role in health maintenance. Nutrient requirements of the body throughout the lifespan will be studied. Nutrition for patients with chronic diseases, including gastrointestinal disorders, cardiovascular disorders, diabetes mellitus, renal disorders, cancer, and HIV/AIDS will be studied.

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      Rationale: Students must have some prerequisite nursing knowledge to be successful in this course. Even though it is stated on page 133, column 1, paragraph 2 that students must be accepted into the nursing program to enroll in nursing courses, pre-nursing students have been mistakenly enrolling in the course since it is an elective. This has resulted in some students having to drop the course post drop/add.

   B. Modify, on page 138 of the current catalog, the course description to include a prerequisite for Nurs 314

      From:
      NURS 314 Clinical Decision-Making for Nurses (1) This is a course designed to develop and improve nursing learners’ clinical decision-making skills. This course will use unfolding case studies to promote knowledge development through classroom discussion and critical thinking activities. Topics will be medical-surgical nursing content-derived including, but not limited to, cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal, neurological, musculoskeletal, endocrine, immunological, and hematological health issues. Leadership principles of prioritization and delegation will be emphasized.
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NURS 314 Clinical Decision-Making for Nurses (1) (Prerequisite: Successful completion of required 300-level courses) This is a course designed to develop and improve nursing learners’ clinical decision-making skills. This course will use unfolding case studies to promote knowledge development through classroom discussion and critical thinking activities. Topics will be medical-surgical nursing content-derived including, but not limited to, cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal, neurological, musculoskeletal, endocrine, immunological, and hematological health issues. Leadership principles of prioritization and delegation will be emphasized.

Rationale: This course was designed for senior level nursing students, but increasingly junior level students, who are off-track, are enrolling in the course. Since this is a review course, junior students do not have the pre-requisite knowledge to be successful.

2. Proposal from the Department of Psychology:

A. Add, on page 154, of the current catalog

350 Forensic Psychology (3) (Prerequisite: 206 or permission of department)
This course provides an introduction to forensic psychology. Students will understand how the fields of psychology and law intersect in individual and public policy domains. Topics covered include roles of forensic psychologists, criminal responsibility and competence to stand trial, malingering, and trial consulting.

3. Proposal from the School of Education:

A. CHANGE, on pages 173-174, of the current catalog

From:

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAM (CHECKPOINT I)
A special note concerning licensure in South Carolina: South Carolina law states that students with prior criminal records may be prevented from receiving a teaching license. Students who feel that this may be a problem are encouraged to make appropriate inquiries in the School of Education as early as possible. For more information on the School of Education’s requirements and procedures, please refer to the “News and Announcements” webpage located at http://www.fmarion.edu/academics/article 324714.htm. Please note that a potential for field experience exists for any education course. A SLED check will be required prior to field placement in a public school setting.
Admission to the professional education program is a prerequisite for enrollment in any education course (Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle Level Education, Education) beyond Education 305.

1. Completion of Education 190/191 and Education 305 with a grade of C or better.
2. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5* in all undergraduate courses taken at FMU.
   * Freshmen and transfer students entering the institution in the Fall of 2014 or the Spring of 2015 must achieve a cumulative 2.6 grade point average for admission into the teacher education program. Freshmen and transfer students entering the institution in the Fall of 2015 and beyond must achieve a cumulative 2.75 grade point average for admission into the teacher education program.
3. A passing score, as determined by South Carolina, on the selected state-approved tests in mathematics, writing, and reading. A passing score on these examinations is a requirement for admission to any courses above Education 305 and the Professional Education Program.
4. Positive recommendations from the field (public school personnel).
5. Completion of at least 45 semester hours.
6. Appropriate dispositions ratings.
7. Submission and approval of the FMU School of Education Statement of Disclosure form and a current SLED (State Law Enforcement Division) Background Check.
8. Approval by the appropriate program committee.

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Students seeking an Education degree enter as Pre-Education students in one of the six majors (Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, PreK-12Art, Secondary Math, or Secondary English). After meeting the requirements specified below, students are accepted and must complete the graduation requirements for the selected program.
Admission to the professional education program is a prerequisite for enrollment in any education course beyond EDUC 305: Early Childhood Education (ECE), Elementary Education (ELE), Middle Level Education (MLE), and Education (EDUC).

**Students advance from Pre-Education to Education in the School upon meeting the following requirements:**

1. Completion of Education 190/191 and Education 305 with a grade of C or better.
2. A cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 in all undergraduate courses taken at FMU.
3. A passing score, as determined by South Carolina, on the selected state-approved tests in mathematics, writing, and reading. A passing score on these examinations is a requirement for admission to any courses above Education 305 and the Professional Education Program.
4. Positive recommendations from the field (public school personnel).
5. Completion of at least 45 semester hours.
6. Appropriate dispositions ratings.
7. Submission and approval of the FMU School of Education Statement of Disclosure form and a current SLED (State Law Enforcement Division) Background Check.
8. Completion and submission of application for admission with accompanying documents to the School of Education office.
9. Approval by the appropriate program committee.

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**Students will be informed via their university email account upon completion of these requirements.**

**Rationale:** Students entering the university are listed as Education majors (ECE, ELE, etc.), but have not been accepted in the School of Education. Students must meet the above criteria and receive notification of acceptance before they are permitted to register for junior/senior level courses. The faculty recommendation would have the student classified as a "Pre-Education" (ECE, ELE, etc.) major until these conditions [see above] have been met.
4. Proposal from the Bachelor of General Studies Committee:

A. **Change**, on page 187 of current catalog,

**From:**
The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) Program is offered for the benefit of certain students who, for specific reasons, are unable to complete a regular program in the academic disciplines within normal time limits. These students will normally have earned many college credits at other institutions and in various disciplines over a long period of time but have not met the specific requirements for a major. Students accepted into the B.G.S. program at FMU choose from one of the following areas of concentration: Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Natural Science and Mathematics, Management Technology, or Health Studies. Students earn a Bachelor of General Studies degree (rather than a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree).

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B. **Change**, on page 187 of current catalog,

**From:**
2. Have a minimum 30 credit hours above the 299 level with designation in one of the following areas of concentration:
   a. Arts and Humanities:
      Art, English, History, Modern Languages, Music, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Theatre
   b. Social and Behavioral Sciences:
      Anthropology, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
   c. Natural Science and Mathematics:
      Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physical Science, Physics
   d. Management Technology:
Accounting, Business, Computer Science, Economics, Finance, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Mass Communication, Psychology

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**Rationale for A and B:** The Bachelor of General Studies (BGS) Coordinator/Committee has noted that an increasing number of BGS applicants are coming from the School of Education (SOE). In many cases, these students were unsuccessful in passing Praxis II or student teaching, and they are thus unable to progress in the SOE program. These students then seek to change their major to a Bachelor of General Studies. Many of these students have well over 100 credits, but since no current BGS concentration area relates to education, they often have to spend an additional 2-3 semesters to meet the requirements of the BGS degree. By offering an educational concentration area, it is anticipated that students will be able to continue their education focus, graduate in 1-2 semesters, and avoid having to take numerous additional credit hours to meet the BGS requirements.