

**Minutes
Faculty Meeting
November 24, 2009**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:46 p.m. by Chair Best.
- II. The minutes from the October 15, 2009 Faculty Meeting were approved as posted.
- III. Election - Information Technology (one position) – David Szurley from the Department of Mathematics was elected.

IV. Reports from Committees

A. Executive Committee

The Budget and Control Board will likely reduce agency budgets by 3% when it meets on December 14. For us, this 3% reduction will be a loss of \$422, 626 in additional state revenues for this year. Combined with the 4.04% (\$592,000) reduction from September, this means that we will have reduced our budget by a total of \$1,114, 626 during the course of fall semester.

The Stimulus money has arrived and the committee has met once. Proposals go above and beyond the amount available. The committee will be meeting again tomorrow and making final decisions.

The Chair and Vice-chair met with the Nominations Committee concerning the number of nominees and the election process.

At the request of the President, the University is looking to implement an honor code to come from the “students.”

The Chair met with the Faculty Life Committee to discuss revisions in the Faculty Handbook.

B. Report from the Faculty Senate (*See attachment for proposals. See the appendix for supporting materials*)

Item 1 – From the School of Nursing concerning the addition of NRN 320 Geriatric Nursing - passed

Item 2 – From the School of Business concerning a proposal to eliminate the MBA Provisional Enrollment Policy - passed

Item 3 - 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 - passed

- V. The Candidates for Graduation were approved as distributed as an email attachment from H. Elizabeth McClain, Registrar on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, providing the candidates fulfill the final requirements for graduation.
- VI. There was no old business.
- VII. There was no new business.
- VIII. Announcements
- Congratulations to the successful McNair Symposium and The Pee Dee Fiction and Poetry Festival
- University String Ensemble Concert, Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall
- Concert Choir/CutTime concert, Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall
- Friday, Dec. 11, the Faculty Staff Christmas Party
Wednesday, Dec. 15, the Santa Party at 4 p.m.
- Graduation, Dec. 19 – Mary Bergan – Speaker and Honorary Doctorate Recipient
Jim Battle – Honorary Doctorate Recipient
Weston Patterson – Honorary Doctorate Recipient
- Derek Jokisch is now a National Certified Health Physicist
- IX. The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

B. Faculty Senate**Item 1 - Proposal from the Department of Nursing:**

- A. **ADD**, on page 131 of the current catalog the following course as an elective to the RN - BSN Program

NRN 320 Geriatric Nursing

Course Description:

NRN 320 Geriatric Nursing (3). Designed to develop the RN's knowledge and skills in applying concepts of aging which include physical, psychological, socio-cultural and spiritual variables. The impact of the aging population on the health care system will be applied to nursing practice with the older adult client.

Rational: A large proportion of our population is comprised of those over 65. It is important that nurses have the specialized knowledge, skills and abilities to care for them.

Item 2 – proposal from the School of Business - to eliminate the Provisional Enrollment policy in the Catalogue. See the Provisional Enrollment Proposal below.

PROVISIONAL ENROLLMENT

A student who has completed nine of the 11 foundation courses under the undergraduate foundation option or six of the eight courses under the graduate foundation option listed in the previous section and satisfies all the other admission requirements may enroll in 700 level business courses while completing the remaining foundation courses. These remaining foundation courses must be completed during the first year the student is enrolled in the MBA program.

Item 3 - 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.