

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Meeting
April 20, 2023 – 3:45 pm, Lowrimore Auditorium

I. Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Blackwell at 3:45 PM

Senators present: Blackwell, Boatwright, Brogdon, Bryngelson, Couch, DeVincenzo, Diop, Fries, Jones, Kershner, Kirby, Lawrimore-Belanger, Marley, O’Kelley, Panza, Rajagopalan, Renu, Shannon, Sims, Titanski-Hooper, Varazo, Wada, Woosley-Goodman, Zahnd

Senators absent: Bullock, McLeod, Johnson-Edwards (excused), Krohn, Law, Simmons

Others present: Steadman, Carswell, Setzler, Smolen-Morton (parliamentarian)

Newly elected Senators present: LoPresto, Eargle, Chinnes, Aguila, Goff, Iglesias, Eskridge-Kosmach

II. Minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting were approved as posted

III. Elections

a. Vice-Chair of the Faculty – Dr. J. Mark Blackwell

b. Faculty Secretary – Dr. Karen Fries

IV. Reports from standing committees (The reports will be placed in the minutes after the proposal from the AAC for informational purposes only).

V. Report from the Executive Committee – There was no new information to present to the Senate.

VI. Report from the Academic Affairs Committee (*See the attachment for complete proposals. See the appendix for supporting materials.*)

1. Proposal from the Department of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy – *All items passed as written.*

A. Add MOLA 250

B. Modify Modern Languages Mission Statement

VII. Report from the Graduate Council (*See the attachment for complete proposals. See the appendix for supporting materials.*)

There were no proposals sent forth from the GC for this meeting.

VIII. Old Business - None

IX. New Business - None

X. Announcements - None

XI. Meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Blackwell at 3:53 PM

Attachment to the Faculty Senate Agenda – April 20, 2023

VI. Report from the Academic Affairs Committee

1. Proposal from the Department of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy

- A. **ADD** on page 92 of the current catalog under the new MOLA banner and after MOLA 100:

250 Introduction to French and Hispanic Literature in Translation (3) Introduces a variety of literature and allied narrative art from Hispanic and Francophone cultures. Familiarizes students with cultural concepts, traditions, and products. Practices literary analysis and appreciation, covering key phrases and vocabulary from the original language.

Rationale for A:

A literature course in translation allows students without language skills to enter, engage, and start to understand other Francophone and Hispanic Cultures. Taught by Modern Languages professors, students can appreciate how a different culture and language changes the ways people think and feel. Literature in translation courses are a standard part of college curricula, but have not yet been used at Francis Marion University.

- B. **MODIFY** on pg. 85 under Mission Statements in the left column:

FROM:

MODERN LANGUAGES—The Department of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy offers a major in Modern Languages with

tracks in French and Spanish. Minors and collaterals are also offered in these languages. The department provides the resources for students to acquire proficiency in the four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in French and Spanish and to gain knowledge of the culture, the literature, and the civilization of countries where these languages are spoken. Career opportunities for foreign language majors include 1) teaching, 2) international business, 3) translation/interpretation, and 4) professions requiring a University degree with a background in the liberal arts. Modern language majors also frequently seek graduate degrees in foreign languages or related fields.

TO:

MODERN LANGUAGES – The Department of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy offers a major, minor, and collateral in Modern Language studies with courses in French and Spanish literatures and cultures for various professions. The program prepares students to comprehend and analyze texts and to compose professional documents in the target language. By applying cultural principles to a variety of contexts, students learn how to navigate through and operate in French and Spanish cultures. A degree in Modern Languages enhances career opportunities in a variety of fields such as teaching, business, communications, government, healthcare, and interpretation/translation.

Rationale for B: The revised mission statement reflects the program’s updated curriculum and trims unnecessary wording. The foundation of the curriculum continues to be language learning and literary study. The revision incorporates more diverse cultural products and practical application of language skills.

IV. Reports from 2022 – 2023: Francis Marion University Committees (for informational purposes only)

Academic Affairs Committee

The activities of the Academic Affairs Committee can be found in the minutes of the Faculty Senate for 2022-2023.

Academic Freedom and Tenure Grievance Committee – Wendy Caldwell

Whereas no pertinent business was brought to the attention of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Grievance Committee during the 2022-2023 academic year, meetings were not deemed necessary.

Admission, Advising, and Retention Committee - Alissa Warters

The Admission, Advising, and Retention Committee met five times to consider appeals from the Registrar's Office or the Office of Admissions.

May 26, 2022:

The Registrar's Office presented the committee with thirty two appeals from students who were dismissed for academic reasons in the prior semester. Twenty eight students were allowed to continue, three were denied, and one was deferred with a request for additional information.

June 7, 2022:

The Registrar presented the Committee with one appeal for a student whose dismissal decision was deferred in the previous meeting. The student was allowed to continue.

June 27, 2022:

The Registrar presented the Committee with one appeal from a student who was dismissed for academic reasons in the prior semester. The student was allowed to continue.

January 5, 2023:

The Registrar presented the Committee with twelve appeals from students who were dismissed for academic reasons in the prior semester. Six students were allowed to continue, three were denied, and three were deferred with a request for additional information.

January 6, 2023:

The Registrar presented the Committee with three appeals from students whose dismissal decision was deferred in the previous meeting. The decision of the committee was to allow all three students to continue.

Faculty Grievance Committee – Tammy Pawloski

The 2022-2023 Faculty Grievance Committee elected a chair via email at the beginning of the semester. The Committee did not meet again during the academic year because no cases were brought before the committee for action.

Faculty Life Committee – Johnathan Munn

The Faculty Life committee convened twice in the 2022-2023 academic year. In the fall, the committee selected the Moran Address nominee and finalized the nomination and selection timeline for the 2023 faculty awards. In the spring, the committee selected the three award winners for teaching, research, and service after considering 21 candidates across the three categories.

Grade Appeals – Kevin LoPresto

The grade appeals committee heard no appeals from Summer 2023 through end of the semester 2023.

Graduate Council – Cindi Nixon

The activities of the Graduate Council can be found in the minutes of the Faculty Senate for 2022-2023.

Honors – Jon Tuttle

FMU Honors currently has 211 members. Eight will graduate With University Honors after this (Spring '23) semester; two graduated WUH in December, 2022. This does not include the number of Honors students who will or did graduate without University Honors.

In 2022-23, Honors offered the following Special Topics courses in addition to the standard general education courses like English 101/102, Econ 203/204, etc.:

Fall 2022

H200/Science Symposium	H201/Humanities & Social Science Symposium
H397 Colloquium: Brain and Mind	H254/Do You Speak American
H259/Adulting	H220/Video Games and Literature
H268/International Horror/Unbelieved Woman	
H269/Skilled Hands and Thinking Minds	H280/Biology of Cancer (+ lab)

Spring 2023

H202/Leadership Symposium	H397 Colloquium/Banned Books
H255/The Personal Presidency	H261/The Art of the Letter
H262/Clergy and Corsairs in Colonial Caribbean	
H281/High Altitude Ballooning (+ lab)	H282/Plants That Changed the World (+ lab)
H283/Nature Photography (+ lab)	H350/Model UN

The Honors Student Advisory Council was more active this year, as COVID has abated. We took our fall trip to New York City in November 2022, and our Spring Honors Ambassadors Abroad trip—this time to France. We played a good bit of kickball, went to the Defy Trampoline Room and the beach, and in October, Kreepy Hollow, which is always a big hit. We also attended two FMU plays (*Rocky Horror Show* and *Small Box with a Revolver*). In November, we held our Toys for Tots drive. At the end of each semester, we held (or will hold) our traditional cookout and party.

Sarah Driggers, Angelina Jayapuram and Ada Smolen-Morton received the Duane P. Myers Honors Award, and Devan Campbell received the HSAC Award.

Many of our students will present at the RED day in April. Two students attended/presented at the Southern Regional Honors Council conference in Charlotte in March. They were fabulous. An innumerable multitude of other students presented at other discipline-specific conferences.

All has been well. And so we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past. But also the future. Where all shall be well.

Information Technology – Nathan Harness

The IT Committee discussed priorities for new grants, should funding become available in future years. We also aided the purchasing department with their auditing process for grants awarded last year. This included providing written justifications.

Mediation Committee – Jeanne Gunther

The Mediation Committee had no tasks this year.

Nominating Committee – Hubert Setzler

We conducted faculty elections in October 2022 (supplementary elections to replace leaving faculty members from the April 2022 election or before), February 2023, and April 2023. Discussion of voting device upgrades has been discussed and it is on the agenda for the next year for the Nominating Committee. The chair of the committee, Hubert Setzler, will be on sabbatical in Fall of 2023 and is making accommodations to handle the October makeup election.

PEAK Committee - Marie DeVincenzo

The PEAK Committee met 2 times during the 2022/2023 school year. The program funded 32 projects, totaling \$97,120.35. These projects impacted 372 students.

Professional Development Committee – Lorna Raquel Cintron-Gonzalez

The Professional Development Committee met seven times this year.

During this academic year the Committee has reviewed almost 200 proposals, and a total of approximately \$234,000 has been awarded:

A total of 8 Sabbaticals were awarded for the 2023-24 Academic year

A total of 18 Summer Research Stipends were funded at \$4,000 each for a total of \$72,000

A total of 24 Research Grant requests have been funded for a total of over \$45,000

About 215 Conference/Workshop/Course proposals have been funded for the current Academic year, for a total exceeding \$220,000.

*Chair O’Kelley was present at this meeting but had laryngitis and was unable to preside over the meeting. Therefore, Vice-Chair Blackwell was asked to chair the meeting.