

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Meeting
April 18, 2006—UC 218—3:45

- I. Chair Autrey called the meeting to order at 3:47. Senators present included the following: Anderson, Best, Broughton, Clabo, Coker, Cowles, Dittman, Eargle, Flannagan, Gourley, Jokisch, Kennedy, Myers, Price, Ramey, Renneker, Rooks, Sacash, Shannon, Slone, Smith, White, Whitmire, and Zahnd. Senators Pawloski and McCuaig were absent. These newly elected Senators for the 2006-07 school year were also in attendance: Fulmer, McWayne, Meetze, and Varazo.
- II. Rusty Ward, Chair of the Nominating Committee, conducted elections for Senate Vice Chair and Secretary positions. Keith Best was elected Vice Chair by acclamation. Beckie Flannagan was elected Secretary by acclamation.
- III. The minutes from the March 28, 2006 meeting were approved.
- IV. Reports from Committees
 - A. Executive Committee
 1. Chair Autrey congratulated Glen Gourley for his recent directorial success: *An Actor's Nightmare*.
 2. Autrey discussed a possible new curriculum initiative with the group—an African/American Studies minor and collateral. He indicated that the President and the Provost will convene a work group to discuss the possibilities. The program's structure will be modeled on the Genders Studies curriculum.
 3. Autrey reiterated Lynn Hanson's comments from the April 11 faculty meeting: our SACS efforts are well underway. Autrey advised the group to work with the facilitation team as they process compliance reports from across campus.
 - B. Academic Affairs Committee (see attachment)
 1. Item 1 from the Admission, Advising, and Retention Committee concerning changes in the admission grid for students enrolling in fall, 2008 as well as catalog changes relative to adult student admissions was approved.
- V. There was no old business.
- VI. Under new business, the Senate discussed the SGA proposal concerning smoke-free environments on campus. No action was taken concerning this student proposal.
- VII. Announcements
 1. Bill Whitmire indicated that the Information Technology committee and Vice President for Administration's Office had worked together to purchase a Blackboard back-up system.
 2. Whitmire also announced that all faculty applying for an IT Grant were

funded. He also indicated that a new version of Smartboard software is now available.

3. Autrey announced that the baseball team had free hot dogs for those attending the April 18, 2006 game.
 4. Autrey also announced the Annual Distinguished Professor dinner would be held on Thursday, April 20, beginning at 6:00.
 5. Bill Whitmire announced that the Mathematics Department has a new Chair, Dr. Tom Fitzkee.
 6. Larry Anderson announced that the Wind Symphony would perform on Tuesday, April 18, beginning at 8:00 p.m. He also indicated that Cut Time would perform following the Distinguished Professor Dinner at 8:00.
 7. Lynn Kennedy thanked all the faculty and staff who had made the first year for the Nursing program so positive, particularly those who worked to assist the Nursing staff in accreditation efforts.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:15.

Justification:

Existing Admissions Grid

Fall 2007 Admission Chart														
	below	790	800	810	820	830	840	850	860	870	880	890	900	above
Above	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
3	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.9	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.8	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.7	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.6	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.5	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.4	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.3	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.2	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full	Full
2.1	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full	Full
2	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	Full	Full	Full
Below	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D

The existing admissions grid was voted on and approved by faculty during the Fall semester of 2005. By changing this grid, we will increase admission standards without negatively impacting enrollment. Moving the minimum GPA from a 2.0 to a 2.4 we will essentially lose 34 admitted students and 11 enrolled based on this year’s admission data. Students who have been denied will still have the right to appeal the admission decision to the AARC.

A. **DELETE** (current catalog page 24):

ADULT STUDENTS (DEGREE SEEKING) – Delete this entire section.

B. **ADD** (current catalog page 24):

ADULT STUDENTS WITH NO PRIOR COLLEGE COURSEWORK (Degree Seeking)

Students who are at least 25 years old and who have not attempted any prior college coursework, regardless of the length of time they have been out of school, are eligible for consideration under the Adult Student Admission Policy.

Students applying to Francis Marion University under this policy must have a high school diploma or equivalent. If an adult student has prior college coursework, then the transfer student admission requirements must be met. (See Transfer Student in this

Adult students with no prior college coursework must submit the following:

1. Completed application.
2. Proof of high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. Official transcripts from high school(s) attended.
4. \$30 application fee.

Prior to enrollment, students admitted as adult students will take placement tests in English and Mathematics for accurate placement in these areas. Adult students may receive academic credit for life experience by CLEP or foreign language examinations.

RATIONALE: This more accurately describes how we determine the admission status of an adult student who has no previous college work. Those that have taken college courses will be considered as transfer students only. In the current catalog, placement tests are part of the admission process but have no bearing on the admission decision. The paragraphs describing how to demonstrate preparedness in math and English are being deleted because they are no longer accurate. We require all students 25 and over to take the placement tests. This policy puts us in line with commonly accepted practices for adult students at other universities.