

AGENDA
Faculty Senate Meeting
November 14, 2006—UC 218—3:45

I. Chair Autrey called the meeting to order at 3:47 p.m. Senators present included the following: Best, Broughton, Coker, Cowles, Dittman, Eargle, Flannagan, Fulmer, Gourley, Jokisch, Kennedy, McWayne, Meetze, Myers, Ramey, Renneker, Rooks, Sacash, Shannon, Slone, White, and Whitmire. Senators Clabo, Price, Varazo, and Zahnd were absent.

II. The minutes of the October 24, 2006 meeting were approved.

III. Reports from Committees

A. Executive Committee

1. Autrey informed the group that John Dixon has verbally accepted the job as the new Communications Information Officer and will arrive in early January from Cornell College.
2. Autrey indicated that Bob Barrett has accepted the position as Dean of Business and Applied Science at South Carolina State University and will leave FMU at the end of the fall term.
3. Autrey pointed out that there would be a series of meetings between the new Performing Arts Center architects and members of the faculty and community.
4. Autrey described the recent success of the first annual Fiction Festival at FMU. Thanked English department members for their hard work.
5. Autrey spoke briefly about the United Arab Emirates students who had been on campus and thanked Liz Zahnd for helping plan the visit.

B. Academic Committee

1. Item I from the School of Business concerning changes to the prerequisites for MGT 454 was approved.

IV. There was no old business.

V. There was no new business.

VI. Announcements

1. Glen Gourley announced the deadlines for sabbaticals (November 13, 2006); summer research stipends (November 15, 2006); and the next professional development funding meeting (November 16, 2006).

2. Bill Whitmire announced that the Instructional Technology committee had met and budget number for technology grants will be issued shortly.

VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Flannagan,
Faculty Senate Secretary

I. Proposal from the School of Business:

CHANGE, on pg. 149 of the 2006-07 Catalog, the prerequisites for MGT 454 Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management (3)

FROM:

(Prerequisite: MGT 351 or permission of School)

TO:

(Prerequisite: FIN 341; MKT 331; MGT 351 or permission of School)

Rationale for the Proposal from Management

The primary deliverable for MGT 454 is a comprehensive and professional Business Plan for actual clients in the Pee Dee region. The components of a good Business Plan include very specific Financial, Marketing and Management information and techniques that are studied in the proposed prerequisite courses mentioned above. It seems unfair to students to require aspects of the Business Planning process before they have been learned in prior courses. Likewise, it seems unwise to provide clients with anything less than optimal data and recommendations contained within the Business Plan product.