This newsletter provides a short summary of business conducted in the Faculty Senate during the fall semester and points ahead to some key dates to keep in mind for the spring.

### Curriculum Changes Approved by the Senate

**New major programs** were approved by the Senate in Psychology (BA), Dance (BA), Exercise Science (BS), and Public Health (BA, BS). In addition, numerous changes were made to existing courses and programs, a number of new courses were approved, and a selection of old courses were deleted.

Several changes were approved to the General Education curriculum. The Math Requirement was modified to allow students to combine coursework in math and logic to fulfill the requirement, and a new course (PHIL 120) was approved as a course in this area. The Foreign Language Requirement was changed to reflect the newly approved four-credit course structure in Hebrew and Asian languages. For these languages the General Education requirement will be 0-16 hours.

Finally, a change was made to the Humanities Requirement, recognizing all humanities-approved FYSM courses as general humanities courses rather than assigning them to individual areas within Humanities.

Full details about all of the curricular items considered by the Senate can be found in the meeting minutes on the Faculty Senate website.

### Other Items Considered by the Senate

New policies concerning non-credit programs were introduced by the Graduate Education Committee. The policies establish campus-wide guidelines for non-credit bearing courses and a support structure to assist with the administration of non-credit programs.

At our November meeting, the Senate voted to approve a resolution concerning the Building Moratorium imposed by the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. A copy of the resolution was sent to all members of the Budget and Control Board.
Changes to the By-Laws of the Faculty and to the Faculty/Administration Manual occupied a great deal of our time. The Faculty Compensation Committee introduced a motion to include the Provost (or the Provost’s designee) as an ex-officio member of the committee. The Budget Committee and Curriculum Committee introduced motions to include in their charge the new duty of reviewing proposals to terminate programs. These changes were approved by the Senate and formally ratified by vote of the Faculty.

Proposals were introduced in December to change the bylaws of the Academic Planning, Educational Technology, and Graduate Education committees. These motions have been referred to the Bylaws Committee for review, and will be taken up by the Senate in the spring.

The Senate also approved a change to the Faculty/Administration Manual clarifying statements related to faculty responsibilities to students. The changes to the FAM have been formally referred to the Provost, and are awaiting final review by the President.

February 1 is the deadline for nominations for at-large school senators, Faculty Secretary and Speaker of the Faculty. Nominations should be sent to the Committee on Nominations and Elections (RoxAnn Stalvey, Chair).

Work continues on establishing an on-line archive of Faculty Senate and Faculty Committee items. The Senate Archives now include minutes of the Faculty Senate dating back to 2003-2004. Committee Reports from 2007-2008 to the present have also been posted.