I. CALL TO ORDER – Michael Ruse, Chair

II. ROLL CALL – Susan Slavik, Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 5, February 19, 2010

IV. CONSENT AGENDA – attached for approval

V. PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dan Lawless, University Registrar, to present:

Change in course credit information found in the university catalog (for Senate information only).

Changes in language are being made to the course credits language in the University Catalog due to SACS regulations. This information can currently be found on page 42 of the University catalog. The following language will be placed in the 2010-2011 catalog. This is not a change in policy but an elaboration of current policy. Please note that the new information is underlined.

The credit hour of each course is usually determined by the number of class meetings per week during one semester. Two or three laboratory hours (one period) are equivalent to one class meeting. The credits for each course are included in each course description.

The instructional hour is identified as 50 minutes. One semester credit hour will be identified as 700 minutes of classroom instruction or equivalent laboratory time, plus an exam period. The University has the flexibility to use alternative schedules within the semester as long as each semester credit granted allows for a minimum of 700 minutes of classroom instruction or an equivalent amount of laboratory time, plus an exam period.

When the University offers courses in a concentrated or abbreviated time period, or non-traditional/hybrid formats, the outcome of the instruction must demonstrate that students in such courses have acquired competencies and levels of knowledge comparable to those that would be required of students taking similar courses in the traditional formats.

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Ruse, Chair
VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Quality Enhancement Plan Presentation

X. NEW BUSINESS

Ken Small, Co-Chair, Academic Affair Committee to present:

College of Humanities and Fine Arts – Humanities Proposals

1. Middle Eastern Studies Minor

Proposal for a new undergraduate program

Title of proposed program and degree: Middle Eastern Studies Minor

Proposed starting date: Fall 2011

Catalog description: The main purpose of this minor is to enable undergraduate students at Coastal Carolina University to establish a deeper understanding of the range of complex issues in the Middle East – an important and rapidly changing part of the world. Moreover, it will provide students with a solid foundation for understanding the region’s politics, including both Arab countries and other non-Arab states in the region. This minor will enhance student understanding of the different cultures and politics in the Middle East as well as the involvement of the United States in the Middle East and the Islamic World. The objective of this minor is to assist student learning about the region’s history, politics, culture, and relationship with other parts of the world. Justification: After 9/11, many academic institutions around the U.S. started to pay more attention to the Middle East. The direct involvement of the U.S. military in Iraq and Afghanistan makes it extremely important for students in the U.S. and at Coastal Carolina University to have the opportunity to become familiar with that region, its politics, culture, religions and languages. It is worth noting that creating this minor will benefit the students in three ways: gaining knowledge, becoming more aware of events concerning their lives directly, and creating better job opportunities since governmental institutions are seeking individuals who have an understanding of this important region. Moreover, the minor in Middle East Studies will help to fulfill the University’s mission to develop a global perspective of students. Documentation of need: There is a growing interest among students at Coastal Carolina University for courses involving the study of the Middle East and Islam. The Department of Politics and Geography already has added four courses relevant to the Middle East Studies Minor: POLI 330 (Introduction to Middle East Politics), POLI 331 (The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict), POLI 332 (Conflict in the Persian Gulf), and POLI 333 (Islam and World Politics). Student interest has been sufficient enough to offer at least one course each semester.

Middle Eastern Studies Minor
Students pursuing the Middle East Studies Minor must consult the advisor of the minor in the Department of Politics and Geography. The Middle East Studies Minor at Coastal Carolina University requires 18 credits: 9 credits from required courses and 9 credits from electives.

REQUIRED COURSES (9 Credits)
POLI 330 Introduction to the Middle East ..................................................3
POLI 331 The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict ..........................................................3
POLI 328 Political Islam or POLI 333 Islam and World Politics .......................3

ELECTIVES (9 Credits)
RELG 360 Women and World Religions, HIST 331 Early Medieval Islamic World, HIST 352 The Middle East in Modern Times, HIST 446 Age of Crusades, POLI 332 Conflict in the Persian Gulf, Arabic Language, relevant special topics courses, or relevant study abroad courses ......9

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED ........................................................................18

NOTE: All courses in the minor require minimum grade of C or above. Courses in the minor cannot be used to satisfy major requirement.

XI. OTHER

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

XIV. ADJOURNMENT