I. CALL TO ORDER – Michael Ruse, Chair

II. ROLL CALL – Elizabeth Howie, Acting Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2, 2010

IV. CONSENT AGENDA – none

V. PRESIDENT, PROVOST AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Michael Ruse, Chair to present Executive Committee Report.

AA 17: New Minor in Creative Writing
AA 18: Addition of courses to the Middle Eastern Studies Minor
AA 19: Removal and additions to the Music Minor
AA 20: Removal and additions to the Bachelor of Arts in Music program
AA 21: New Bachelor of Science in Health Administration Completion program with amended change that BSHA 380 became CBAD 374
AA 22: All items on the Consent Agenda from the February meeting

Quality Enhancement Plan
Senate Procedures

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Academic Affairs Committee:

Motion to accept a new minor in Environmental Studies (moved and seconded from committee)

a. Environmental Studies Minor

Catalog description: Minor in Environmental Studies utilizes a multidisciplinary approach to help students develop their understanding of important environmental issues and potential
solutions to these challenges. Students will develop a basic scientific understanding of how ecosystems function and how people interact with the natural environment. Students will also examine environmental issues from a variety of perspectives by taking courses about the natural environment in a variety of disciplines such as Economics, Philosophy, Politics & Geography, Recreation and Sports Management, and Sociology.

Objectives & Student Learning Outcomes

The Environmental Studies Minor is designed to provide students with a better understanding of the natural environment and help them make environmentally sustainable decisions and developed environmentally oriented programs. The program is designed to complement other programs at Coastal Carolina University. For instance, a business major may complete an Environmental Studies Minor in order to understand how firms can develop environmentally sustainable program that will help its long-term profitability. Similarly, a politics major may wish to complete an Environmental Studies Minor in order to better understand environmental issues that affect regional or national politics. The program has the following objectives:

1. Teach students about environmental issues such as global warming, desertification, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, etc. and encourage them to examine these complex issues from different perspectives including scientific, economic, philosophical and political.

2. Encourage students to examine their moral obligation and society’s obligations towards the natural environment.

3. Help students develop environmentally oriented solutions in their field of study (business, politics, sociology, etc.) that would lead to long-term sustainability

Students who complete an Environmental Studies Minor will be able to:

1. Explain how ecosystems function, how people depend on the natural environment, and how people affect the natural environment.

2. Identify and discuss various regional and global environmental challenges from a multidisciplinary perspective.

3. Create a synthesis amongst the different perspectives on the environment and provide a balanced opinion about environmental issues.

4. Explore solutions to environmental challenges by utilizing a multidisciplinary approach.

Justification: Public awareness about environmental issues such pollution and global warming is growing. For instance, President Obama recently announced his plans to significantly raise the use of renewable energy in the United States. Consequently, education programs about the environment are rising in popularity. Many students at Coastal Carolina University are interested
in studying about the environment, but are not necessarily interested in taking many science classes, which they would have to take if they opted to complete an Environmental Science Minor. The Environmental Science Minor is designed for science majors and requires a total of 49-50 credits, which makes it extremely difficult to take it in conjunction with a non-science major. Many non-science majors may wish to complete an Environmental Studies Minor in order to improve their credentials. For example, a business major may wish to complete an Environmental Studies Minor in order to work for an eco-friendly company.

In a recent survey (n = 51) conducted in FYE classes, 29.4% of participants noted that there would either definitely (11.8%) or probably (17.6%) take a multidisciplinary environmental studies minor if it was offered at Coastal Carolina University. This minor will complement other initiatives at Coastal Carolina University such as our sustainability initiative and could provide an educational background for student eco-representatives. Moreover, since all of the courses that are proposed as part of the minor are already offered at Coastal Carolina University, there is no need for additional funds in order to start this minor.

**Program Cost:** Since all the courses that are included as a part of the minor (with the possible exception of SOC 480: Environmental Sociology) are already scheduled to be offered at Coastal Carolina University on a regular basis and usually have the capacity to admit more students there is no initial cost to starting this minor. However, in the future there may be a need to dedicate additional resources to this minor if demand for the minor grows and new courses are created to accommodate students in the program or in order to compensate the future coordinator of this minor.

**Logistics:** If approved, the Environmental Studies Minor will be housed in the Provost Office. The coordinator will advise students in the program and will report directly to the Provost Office. The Provost Office is the best place to house this minor since it is multi-disciplinary in nature and cannot be categorized as a business minor, an applied sciences minor or a humanities minor. Currently, the University College does not have the resources necessary to support this minor and the Dean of the University College has declined to house this minor in the University College. The Provost Office has both the resources and the experience to support a multi-disciplinary program as it housed both the Honors Program and Interdisciplinary Studies in the past. The Provost Office has selected Dr. Daniel C. Abel, Associate Professor of Marine Science, to serve as the first coordinator for the program. Dr. Abel is the Director of Sustainability at Coastal Carolina University and has been instrumental in developing this minor. The proposed program was designed in consultation with over a dozen faculty members and approved by the Curriculum Committees of the Colleges of Applied Sciences, Business, and Humanities & Fine Arts.

**Relationship to other institutions:** Several universities in South Carolina offer environmental programs, but only the University of South Carolina offers an Environmental Studies Minor that is similar to the program proposed here. Much like the program proposed here, students who take
an Environmental Studies Minor at USC must take a basic Introduction to the Environment Class and then take a variety of courses in subjects such as politics, geology, economics and philosophy. For more information about this program please go to http://www.environ.sc.edu/EnvironmentalStudiesMinor.htm. USC also offers a B.S. and a M.S. in Earth & Environmental Resource, which are designed for science students. Clemson University offers a B.S. in Environmental and Natural Resource Management as well as a M.S. and a Ph.D. degree in Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences. All of these are science degrees that are designed for environmental engineers and scientists. The College of Charleston offers a B.S. in Geology and Environmental Science, which is a science degree. Francis Marion University offers a concentration in Environmental Science exclusively for students who seek a degree in physics, biology or chemistry.

Although there are other academic programs about the environment offered throughout South Carolina most of them are designed for science majors. USC offers an Environmental Studies Program, but it is a major research institution. Furthermore, the Environmental Studies Program is designed to complement other majors at Coastal Carolina University, not to compete with other environmental programs throughout the state and does not require CHE approval. Giving the rising popularity of environmental studies and the strong demand for a program on the environment at CCU (see the Justification Section), an Environmental Studies Minor will make Coastal Carolina University more competitive with its peer institutions in the area.

**Environmental Studies Minor**

**Curriculum**

**Required Foundation Courses (not counted as part of the minor):**

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TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 7

**Other Recommended Courses**

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**Required Course**

**Science Foundation**

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<td>ENVI 201/201L Introduction to Environmental Science</td>
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TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 4

**Multidisciplinary Perspectives (At Least 14 Additional Credit Hours)**
ECON 320 Environmental & Natural Resource Economics .............................................3  
(Prerequisite: ECON 101 or ECON 201 or Instructor’s Permission)

ECON 333 Economics of Energy ..................................................................................3  
(Prerequisite: ECON 101 or ECON 201)

SOC 480 Environmental Sociology ..............................................................................3  
(Prerequisite: SOC 101)

POLI 420 Global Environmental Politics ....................................................................3  
(Prerequisite: POLI 101 or Instructor’s permission)

POLI 453 Regulatory Politics .......................................................................................3  
(Prerequisite: POLI 201 or Instructor’s Permission)

PHIL 319 Environmental Ethics ..................................................................................3  
(Prerequisites: None)

HPRO 333 Environmental Health ................................................................................3  
(Prerequisite: HPRO 121)

RSM 379 Ecotourism ..................................................................................................3  
(Prerequisites: None)

ENVI 399 Independent Study/Internship*....................................................................1-4  
(Prerequisite: Approval of Instructor and Department Chair)

Other courses will be added in the future such as ENVI 202: Methods in Sustainability based on demand and availability of resources.

Other courses as approved by the Environmental Studies Minor Coordinator.

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED (outside the university core) ...........................................18*

+ Pre-requisite will be changed so students with CHEM 111 could take the course. ENVI 201/201L may be replaced by a less rigorous class in the future if there is sufficient demand

* Students must complete a total of at least 18 credits outside the university core. Students can complete the minor by taking ECON 320, POLI 420, PHIL 319, RSM 379 and ENVI 399 with no additional prerequisites.

General motions for changes to Senate bylaws and the Faculty Manual

Motion 1: Reduce Senate Representation to 15% of Each College (moved: Yoav Wachsman—requires 2/3 majority)

Beginning August of 2011 each college/library at Coastal Carolina University will reduce the portion of the faculty representatives to the Faculty Senate from 20% to 15% of its faculty, but no fewer than 2 faculty members. If 15% of the faculty does not equal a whole number, the portion will be rounded to the nearest integer.

Motion 2: Add the following language about committee representation to the Faculty Manual page 16 (moved: Michael Ruse—requires 2/3 majority):

If a college/library does not have sufficient numbers of faculty for full representation on Regular (Standing) Faculty Committees, the Dean in consultation with the Executive Committee of the
Faculty Senate will determine which committees will have representation and at what level that representation will be.

**Motion 3:** Add the following language concerning evaluation of part-time faculty to the Faculty Manual page 30—new wording is highlighted (moved: Michael Ruse):

All faculty members will be evaluated by their Department Chair/Supervisor and/or Dean as determined by College/Library policy. Department Chairs/Supervisors, Deans, and other administrators will each be evaluated by their immediate supervisor. Part-time Faculty will be evaluated based on their assigned duties as per College/Library policies and procedures. The frequency of these evaluations will be no less than once per year.

**Motion 4:** Amend the section concerning the contents of tenure and promotion files concerning the Chair/Supervisor evaluation letter page 44—new wording is highlighted (moved: Michael Ruse--requires approval of the Faculty, President, and Board of Trustees):

e. All annual reports, evaluations (including the Chair’s/Supervisor’s evaluation of the candidacy/file which will be placed in the file at least five calendar days prior to submission to the Dean so that the candidate has the opportunity to include a reply to the evaluation letter as part of the file), and supporting documents as per College/Library policies;

**Page 45 Delete underlined wording:**

The Dean of the College/Library will confirm that the file is complete and confirm any credit towards tenure by signing the completed Coastal Carolina University cover sheet for Promotion and/or Tenure.

**Justification of additional wording:** There was some confusion as to whether it was required that the Chair/Supervisor includes an evaluation of the candidacy/file. It was the intent of the ad hoc Faculty Manual Rewrite committee that such an evaluation is required.

**Justification of deletion:** Some Colleges had the Chair’s letter placed in the file after the candidate submitted the file so it was necessary for the Dean to confirm that the file was complete (included the Chair’s letter). Passage of the inclusion above places sole responsibility to ensure that the file is complete upon the candidate.

**Family Friendly ad hoc Committee**

**Motion:** The Faculty Senate Family Friendly Ad Hoc Committee moves that the Faculty Senate endorse the Proposal accompanying the agenda and thereby recommend that Coastal Carolina University establish an on-campus, child development center providing slots for 58 full time and 24 after school children by the fall of 2013 (moved and seconded out of committee).

**X. QUASI COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Senate elections, administrative evaluations, and standing committee days and times
XI. OTHER

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

XIV. ADJOURNMENT