I. CALL TO ORDER – Steve Madden, Chair

II. ROLL CALL – Deborah Breede, Secretary

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2014

IV. CONSENT AGENDA – none

V. PRESIDENT, PROVOST, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Madden, Chair, to present the Executive Committee Report.

A. Administrative Actions 25 through 28 were generated and approved without stipulations from the July 9, 2014 meeting. Refer to the July 9, 2014 Order of Business and Consent Agenda for complete details.

AA 25: Approval of all items on the July 9, 2014 Consent Agenda.
AA 26: Approval of a new minor in Middle Grades Education Mathematics.

B. Statement of Correction (for senate information only)

1. University-Wide Distance Learning Committee:
At the November 2, 2011 meeting, the Faculty Senate voted to make the University-Wide Distance Learning Committee into a regular (standing) faculty committee. The title of the committee in the motion contained the term “University-Wide”. Regular (standing) faculty committees are not “university-wide” committees. The retention of the term university-wide was an oversight; therefore, an editorial change to remove it will be made to the Faculty Manual, as well as an amendment to the Administrative Action (AA-08 2011-2012). The editorial revision to the Faculty Manual and the Administrative Action will be as follows: University-Wide Distance Learning Committee.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS
XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Intercollegiate Athletic Committee

1. **Motion to approve revisions to the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee’s membership and purpose** (moved and seconded out of committee):

2014-2015 Faculty Senate Manual, page 21:

9. **Intercollegiate Athletics**

   Membership: Six to seven faculty (one elected from each College and one elected from the library); the faculty representative to the NCAA; two current student-athletes students; and Ex Officio: Athletics Director, Financial Aid Office representative, Admissions Office representative, Senior Woman Administrator, Associate Athletic Director for Academics, and a representative of the University’s executive staff other than the Athletics Director, and executive vice President.

   Purpose: The committee considers all phases of the intercollegiate athletic program at the University and submits reports and recommendations to the faculty and the administration. The duties of the committee include but are not limited to serving on athletics appeals board, reviewing the faculty associates program, serving as liaisons between faculty senate and athletics and reviewing student athletics academic policies and procedures. The Athletics Director and all coaches are excluded from any elected or appointed position on the committee. (Revised February, 2014)

B. Academic Affairs Committee

1. **Motion to temporarily adjust the start time of the Academic Affairs Committee meetings for the 2014-2015 academic year** (moved and seconded out of committee):

   Dr. Teresa Burns has agreed to serve as the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. However, there is a small conflict with the meeting’s start time and her teaching schedule. The committee is asking for the start time to begin thirty minutes later to accommodate the Chair’s teaching schedule. This would change the meeting times from the current 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., to a slightly new time of 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting dates will remain the same as stated in the Faculty Senate calendar.

C. Aneilya Barnes, Associate Professor, Department of History

1. **Motion to approve the following Academic Freedom Resolution** (moved by Aneilya Barnes and will need a second):
Title: Academic Freedom Resolution  
Date: September 3, 2014  
Sponsor(s): Aneilya Barnes, Associate Professor, Department of History

WHEREAS, academic freedom, and the occasional controversies it generates, is fundamental to the pursuit of truth and knowledge in all disciplines, and universal education and free expression necessary conditions for liberty; and

WHEREAS, academic freedom is such a fundamental right that the United States Supreme Court recognized it as a First Amendment right in Keyishian v. Board of Regents, 385 U.S. 489 (1967), stating that “academic freedom…is of transcendent value to all of us,” and that “[academic] freedom is therefore a special concern of the First Amendment, which does not tolerate laws that cast a pall of orthodoxy over the classroom;” and

WHEREAS, the nature of academic freedom in higher education in South Carolina and other U.S. states has garnered national attention and spurred important dialogue in recent months; and

WHEREAS, our faculty colleagues from institutions across the state of South Carolina have rightly reaffirmed their commitment to the principles of academic freedom;

BE IT RESOLVED,

The Coastal Carolina University Faculty Senate affirms its support for the principles of academic freedom outlined by the AAUP Statement on Academic Freedom, which reads in part, “Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good…The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition,” and has been endorsed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities and more than 200 scholarly professional groups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That we assert the right of the faculty, being professionally and personally committed to fostering intellectual curiosity and growth in our students, to determine, direct, and monitor curricula, and that we stand with our colleagues across the State to protect academic freedom at all institutions of higher education.

D. Michael Ruse, Associate Dean and Director of the University Honors Program, will report on the honors curriculum.

E. Debbie Conner, Vice President of Student Affairs, will discuss the House Calls Program, an initiative aimed at helping first-year students adapt to university life.
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XI. OTHER

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT