

## **Faculty Senate Resolution 2008-09-02**

**Whereas** Dr. French is a young scholar rapidly building a national reputation in communication studies and has established a strong record of scholarship with the presentation of numerous papers at some of his field's leading conferences, and

**Whereas** Dr. French's work has addressed important social issues involving African-American men, the lives of college students, and the meaning of citizenship, and

**Whereas** Dr. French expertly integrates his scholarship into his teaching, and

**Whereas** Dr. French has distinguished himself as a highly regarded and much sought after teacher who is described by his students as "exciting," "inspirational," "exceptional," and "stimulating," and has mentored and guided students into highly rated MA and MFA programs, and

**Whereas** Dr. French is considered by his departmental colleagues to be a professor who "sets the standard to which we all strive," and

**Whereas** Dr. French has made important contributions to university life by serving as the Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs, the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions, and Admissions Counselor at Wake Forest University and as a Faculty Senator and Undergraduate Advisor at Christopher Newport University,

**Therefore let it be resolved that** the Faculty Senate of Christopher Newport University recognizes and commends Dr. Nathaniel French's contributions as a teacher, scholar, and colleague and deems him a highly meritorious and inspirational member of our academic community.