



## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, January 26, 2012 Taylor 306

In Attendance: Art & Art History: Welter, Biology: Kastendiek, Chemistry: DeVore, Comm Sci and Disorders: DePaolis, Comm. Studies: Herron, Comp Info Sci and Mgt Sci: Simmons, Computer Science: Grove, Early ELED & Reading: Baker, Economics: Jerome, Engineering: Harper (alternate), English: Rankin, Finance and Business Law: Hamilton Foreign Languages: Regalado López, Health Sciences: Burnett, History: McCleary, IDLS: Walker, ISAT: McGraw, Justice Studies: Robinson, Kinesiology: Nye, Learning, Tech & Leadership Ed.: Wasta, Lib & Ed Tech: Giles (alternate), Management: Stark, Marketing: Larsen, Mathematics and Statistics: Garren, Music: Gibson, Nursing: Knopp, Philosophy and Religion: Piper, Political Science: Lubert, Psychology: DuVall, Social Work: Poe, Sociology/Anthropology: Spear (alternate), Theater & Dance: Sherrill, Writing Rhetoric & Tech Comm: Moghtader, guests: Theresa Gonzalez, Susan Wheeler, Bill O'Meara

3:31 PM: Call to Order

- Approval of the Minutes
- Speaker's Report, Dr. Robert Jerome, Speaker
  - The Speaker reported from the Board of Visitors meeting in January.
  - The Speaker recognized Senate Secretary David McGraw to introduce the proposed new Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws. The reason for the proposed change is because of the extreme difficulty in getting the Constitution amended to make relatively trivial changes. The concept is to create a very short Constitution, which hopefully will not need to be changed again, and put most of the substance of the former Constitution into Bylaws, which can be changed by the Faculty Senate without holding a vote of all JMU faculty. McGraw suggested that:
    - If you have relatively non-controversial suggestions for improvement (fixing typos or better conforming these documents to the way we actually run the Senate), please make these suggestions by email to [mcgrawdk@jmu.edu](mailto:mcgrawdk@jmu.edu) in the next two weeks (by Thursday, February 9).
    - If you think of elements so vital to the functioning of the Senate and so enduring in nature that they should not be easily changeable, then we probably want to include these back into the Constitution. Please send such suggestions by email to [mcgrawdk@jmu.edu](mailto:mcgrawdk@jmu.edu) in the next two weeks (by Thursday, February 9).
    - If you think of ways to improve the functioning of the Senate, please hold off on these until after we get the new Constitution adopted. It should be much easier to make those kinds of changes on an ongoing basis.
    - If you disagree with the concept of what we are trying to do, please show up at the next Faculty Senate meeting on Thursday, February 23 and be prepared to debate and vote on whether the concept of the changes are advisable, or whether we should keep the Constitution as it is.
  - The Speaker reported from his conversation with the President about the Provost Search. Nominations for Search Committee members are due by January 27. The President indicated that there will be some faculty representation on the Search Committee, perhaps about one third of its composition.

- Treasurer’s Report, Dr. Val Larsen (Chair)
  - The Treasurer reported a list of departments that have not yet contributed Faculty Senate dues.
  
- Report of the Faculty Concerns Committee, Dr. Mary Slade (Chair)
  - The following report of the Faculty Concerns Committee was read on behalf of Dr. Slade: “Faculty Concerns recently reviewed a proposed change to the existing university policy that requires employees (including faculty) to report convictions within 5 days to a supervisor that includes arrests. The committee recommended that the policy remain convictions only as required by state statute. Our next meeting will be in the Faculty Senate room on Thursday, February 9th at 3:30. All proposed agenda items should be sent to Mary Slade no later than February 2nd for consideration.”
  
- Report of the Academic Policies Committee, Dr. Howard Lubert (Chair)
  - The Academic Policies Committee met to discuss a couple of issues referred to them by the Academic Affairs division of the University, but there is no business to be introduced for Senate action.
  
- Report of the Student Relations Committee, Dr. Kevin “Wolf” Sherrill (Chair)
  - No Report
  
- Report of the Faculty Appeals Committee, Dr. Jon Gibson (Chair)
  - One issue has been referred to the Faculty Appeals Committee.
  
- Report of the Budget Committee, Dr. Nancy Poe (Chair)
  - Poe distributed a sheet explaining the breakdown of how JMU uses the tuition and fees it receives, and comparing the tuition and fees of JMU as compared to other state colleges and universities in Virginia.
  
- Report of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Dr. Steve Garren (Chair)
  - A resolution honoring President Rose was introduced (see full text attached). As this constitutes a first reading of the resolution, discussion and a vote are expected at the February Senate meeting.
  - An information sheet was distributed to collect information about next year’s incoming senators and their committee preferences.
  
- Report of the General Education Committee, Dr. Johnathan Walker, Faculty Senate Representative to the GenEd Committee
  - The GenEd Committee has been collecting data on how General Education courses at JMU compare to other courses. The evidence suggests that GenEd courses are harder than most non- GenEd counterparts, at least as measured by average grades.
  - Walker has proposed changing the structure of the distinguished faculty award. Under Walker’s proposal, there would be one award per cluster, to spread around the recognition of teaching excellence, with on “grand prize” overall award.

- OLD Business
  - Senator Rankin noted that faculty have yet to receive a report on the faculty salary inversion study.
- NEW Business
  - Guest of the Senate Bill O’Meara introduced the following motion:

“Whereas a full discussion of the Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force by the Faculty Senate would be a most useful guide in the deliberations of the Task Force, I move that the Faculty Senate have a full discussion of the Student Evaluation of Teaching Task Force as soon as possible.”

    - A vote to suspend the ruled to discuss and vote on the matter immediately passed unanimously.
    - The motion passed unanimously.
  - Senate Alternate Steven Harper introduced the following motion:

“Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate make its opinion known to the administration that the search and selection committee for the hiring of a new Provost be represented by a majority of instructional faculty.”

    - A vote to suspend the ruled to discuss and vote on the matter immediately passed unanimously.
    - The motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

**To: James E. Hartman, Rector, Board of Visitors**  
**From: Charles M. Harris, Professor, Department of Psychology**  
**Subject: Honoring President Linwood H. Rose**  
**Date: January 20, 2012**

**Whereas** President Linwood H. Rose has, for 36 years, served James Madison University with distinction, and

**Whereas** President Linwood H. Rose's philosophies, exemplified by the mottos All Together ONE and BE the CHANGE, have permeated and elevated the University community (administration, faculty, staff, current students and alumni), and

**Whereas** President Linwood H. Rose has facilitated the formulation of a student-centered University mission statement for preparing educated and enlightened citizens, and

**Whereas** President Linwood H. Rose has effectively overseen the complex process of continuous review of departmental and college alignment, and

**Whereas** President Linwood H. Rose has enabled an infrastructure that facilitates the pursuit of excellence individually and collectively within the University community,

**Therefore, be it resolved** that President Linwood H. Rose's 36-years of distinctive service be honored by the establishment of the Linwood H. Rose Professorship for Distinguished Service to James Madison University, and

**Be it further resolved** that a selection committee including representatives of the administration, faculty, and students be established, and

**Be it further resolved** that a nomination process be established, and

**Be it further resolved** that nominees for the honorary appointment must be in, at least, their 26<sup>th</sup> year of service at James Madison University, and

**Be it further resolved** that the honorary appointment as the Linwood H. Rose Professor for Distinguished Service to James Madison University be for a five year period, and

**Be it further resolved** that a plaque with the inscription, Linwood H. Rose Professor for Distinguished Service to James Madison University, be mounted on the appointee's office door, and

**Be it further resolved** that a personal plaque with the inscription, Linwood H. Rose Professor for Distinguished Service to James Madison University (Beginning Year – Ending Year), be presented to the appointee, and

**Be it further resolved** that the official announcement of the appointee and presentation of the personal plaque be during the opening University faculty meeting of the Fall semester of the first year of each 5-year appointment cycle, and

**Be it further resolved** that the appointee receive an annual monetary professional development stipend, and

**Be it further resolved** that additional resources, such as a student assistant or technology, be assigned to support the appointee's professional development, and

**Be it further resolved** that, in the fourth year of each appointment cycle, a selection committee be established to review nominations for the next appointee.