



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, March 29, 2012 Taylor 306

In Attendance: Accounting: Fordham, Art & Art History: Welter, Chemistry: DeVore, Comm Sci and Disorders: DePaolis, Comm. Studies: Herron, Comp Info Sci and Mgt Sci: Simmons, Early ELED & Reading: Baker, Economics: Jerome, Engineering: Pierrakos, English: Rankin, Finance and Business Law: Hamilton, Foreign Languages: Regalado López, Health Sciences: Burnett, History: McCleary, ISAT: McGraw, Justice Studies: Robinson, Kinesiology: Nye, Learning, Tech & Leadership Ed.: Wasta, Lib & Ed Tech: Haworth, Management: Stark, Marketing: Larsen, Mathematics and Statistics: Garren, Mid, Second, and Math: Carbaugh, Music: Gibson, Nursing: Knopp, Philosophy and Religion: Piper, Physics: Niculescu, Political Science: Lubert, Psychology: DuVall, Social Work: Poe, Sociology/Anthropology: Spear (alternate), Theater & Dance: Sherrill, Writing Rhetoric & Tech Comm: Moghtader, guests: Scott Lunsford (WRTC), P. Sullivan (EERE)

3:31 PM: Call to Order

- Approval of the Minutes
- Speaker's Report, Dr. Robert Jerome, Speaker
 - The Speaker met with President Rose to discuss faculty salaries. The Senate's resolution was well-received, and President Rose indicated that he is working on the issue.
 - The Speaker will be making his presentation to the Board of Visitors on April 13. He will present a summary of the academic culture initiative. He will also be making the case for faculty salary increases, so he encouraged faculty to send him examples of how faculty are being affected by the lack of raises.
 - The next meeting will be on April 26. From 3:30 – 4:00 will be the organizational meeting for the new, incoming 2012-2013 Senate. The final meeting of the returning 2011-2012 Senate will begin at around 4:00.
- Report of the Faculty Concerns Committee, Dr. Mary Slade (Chair)
 - No Report
- Report of the Academic Policies Committee, Dr. Howard Lubert (Chair)
 - No Report
- Report of the Student Relations Committee, Dr. Kevin "Wolf" Sherrill (Chair)
 - No Report
- Report of the Faculty Appeals Committee, Dr. Jon Gibson (Chair)
 - No Report
- Report of the Budget Committee, Dr. Nancy Poe (Chair)
 - No Report
- Report of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Dr. Steve Garren (Chair)
 - Dr. Garren reported that we need about 160 more votes for the new Constitution to be approved. He will re-send the link.

- Report of the Student Evaluation of Teaching Committee
 - On behalf of the Committee, Senator Jon Gibson gave a report. He said that it is not the Committee's role to answer whether to move to online evaluations. JMU has already purchased software, so apparently it will be happening. The system will be piloted this summer.
 - It looks like where we're headed is to have few, if any University-wide questions, but instead have most questions developed at the departmental level. It will also likely be possible to have some course-specific questions.
 - One senator asked whether we will be allowed to continue to use paper forms, and Gibson reported that no, it's his understanding that eventually everything will be done online.

- OLD Business
 - Senator Steve Garren brought back the resolution to honor President Rose. (See separate document for full text). The essence of the resolution is:
 - 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.
 - The resolution passed (unanimous except for nine abstentions).

- NEW Business
 - Senator Joe Spear introduced a new resolution related to the issue of faculty salaries. (See separate document for full text). The essence of the resolution is:
 - Therefore, the Faculty Senate extends its message regarding salaries and urges that, as President Alger enters JMU, a top administrative priority becomes:
 - The provision of a very specific plan to change the balance of monies paid by JMU students such that a much larger proportion of the actual cost of attending JMU is paid as Tuition and E&G funds.
 - The Senate voted by more than a 2/3 majority to suspend the rules to permit discussion of the proposal. Then the Senate voted by more than a 2/3 majority to table the resolution, in anticipation of a vote at the April 26 meeting.

- Adjourned at 4:49 p.m.