

## **FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

Thursday, April 26, 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, Computer Science: Grove, Early ELED & Reading: Baker, Economics: Jerome, Engineering: Pierrakos, English: Rankin, Exceptional Education: Slade, 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: Haworth, Management: Stark, Marketing: Larsen, Mathematics and Statistics: Garren, Music: Gibson, Nursing: Knopp, Philosophy and Religion: O'Meara (alternate), Psychology: DuVall, Sociology/Anthropology: Brewer, Theater & Dance: Sherrill, Writing Rhetoric & Tech Comm: Moghtader, guests: Steve Harper, Scott Lunsford, P. Sullivan, Michelle Estes, Michael Mungin.

4:00 PM: Call to Order

- Approval of the Minutes
- Speaker's Report, Dr. Robert Jerome, Speaker
  - No Report
- 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)
  - o 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 have received enough votes to approve the new Constitution and Bylaws. We received 404 in favor, 46 opposed, and 32 abstaining. The new Constitution will now move on to the President and Board of Visitors for approval.

- Report from the of Gen Ed Council (Dr. Johnathan Walker)
  - Dr. Walker reported that we are about 40 faculty short of what is needed for Preface in the fall. He also noted that Cathy Clarke requested to address the Senate about Preface, and was turned down.

## OLD Business

- The resolution on Budget Priorities and Salaries (originally introduced by Senate alternate Joe Spear) was brought for a second reading. Two minor amendments were proposed and unanimously adopted.
- o The full text is available in a separate document. 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 resolution passed (unanimous).

## Provost's Report

o Dr. Benson reported that a total of 247 faculty members will be receiving a salary increase as a result of the Salary Inversion Study. About \$900,000 has been spent on this project.

## NEW Business

- Speaker Dr. Robert Jerome presented Dr. Linwood Rose with the Senate's resolution honoring Rose for his years of service to the University, and presented him with a chair as a gift.
- Dr. Rose addressed the Senate, reminiscing about his career at JMU. He stated that the thing of which he is most proud us that "we have not gone off course. We have remained true to our vision."
- Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.