

# Faculty Senate James Madison University

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## ***Meeting Agenda***

November 6, 2003, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Taylor 306

1. Call to order: Larry Ham, Faculty Marshal.
2. Provost Report: Douglas Brown.
4. Approval of Minutes: David Zimmerman, Secretary of the Senate.
5. Treasurer's Report: Geoff Egekwu.
6. Speaker's Report: Michael Smilowitz.
  - A. Status of Emeriti/Retired Faculty and High School Partnering Proposals.
  - B. Changes in format of University Council.
  - C. Faculty moral survey.
7. Committee Reports.
  - A. Academic Policies – Beth Eck.
    - (1) Report of meeting with Honor Council.
    - (2) Update on grading policies recommendations.
  - B. Faculty Concerns – Cynthia Gilliatt.
    - (1) Recommendations from the RTA survey.
    - (2) Recommendations regarding adjunct faculty.
    - (3) Faculty Handbook revisions.
  - C. Student Relations – Reba Leiding

Report regarding scheduling of class times.
  - D. Institutional Budget Priorities – Val Larsen.

8. Old Business.

- A. Second reading: Constitutional amendment regarding Article II, Membership – William O'Meara. (Please see attached.)
- B. Second reading: Constitutional amendment regarding Article IV, Committees – William O'Meara. (Please see attached.)

9. New Business.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Smilowitz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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# Proposed Amendments to Faculty Senate Constitution

## Amendment A:

### Article II: Membership

#### Old Version

**Section 2.** Each academic unit that has more than one full-time teaching and research faculty member, as defined in the *Faculty Handbook*, shall elect one member of the Senate and an alternate. . . . For purposes of representation, the professional staff of the library shall be regarded as an academic unit.

#### Proposed Version

**Section 2.** Each academic unit that has more than one full-time teaching and research faculty member, as defined in the *Faculty Handbook*, **and the Professional Staff of the JMU Libraries**, shall elect one member of the Senate and an alternate. **Omit the last line:** "For purposes of representation, the professional staff of the library shall be regarded as an academic unit."

## Amendment B:

### Article IV: Committees

#### Old Version

**Section 7. The Faculty Appeals Committee** The Faculty Appeals Committee shall consist of one tenured senator elected by the senate from each college. If the college requirement cannot be met from among members of the senate, the senate may elect as a member of the committee a tenured faculty member who is not a senator. Academic Unit heads are ineligible for membership. The committee shall elect its own chair and secretary.

#### Proposed Version

**Section 7. The Faculty Appeals Committee** The Faculty Appeals Committee shall consist of one tenured senator **or any senator who has served at least six years full time teaching at JMU** elected by the senate from each college. If the college requirement cannot be met from among members of the senate, the senate may elect as a member of the committee a tenured faculty member who is not a senator. Academic Unit heads are ineligible for membership. The committee shall elect its own chair and secretary.