



FACULTY SENATE Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2009
Taylor 306

In attendance: Andre, Baker, Barber, Borg, Castle, Cavey, Cote, Devore, Fordham, Gallagher, Garren, Greene, Fink, Fordham, Ham, Harris, Hoeltzel, Jerome, Klippert, Larsen, McGraw, Mitri, Niculescu, Parsons, Poe, Scherpereel, Slade, Sokoloff, Szmagaj, Tkac, Trice, Wasta, Wright (*Guests:* Teresa Gonzalez, Brian Keilson)

3:30PM: Called to Order

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.
- Provost's Report
(no report - Dr. Brown was unable to attend.)
- Speaker's Report, Dr. Steve Garren
 - i. The safety contact for faculty is Dr. Scott Gallagher. Please email Scott with ideas about safety or safety awareness or about any other safety-related information.
- Report of the Academic Policies Committee, Dr. David McGraw (Chair)
 - i. Two new motions were introduced for a first reading. There will be discussion of these minutes at the next meeting. The second motion will probably not be voted on at that meeting.
Motions:
 1. Resolved: With respect to the scheduling of undergraduate classes, the Faculty Senate supports the administrative memorandum, "James Madison University: Classroom Scheduling: Case for Change," with respect to Parts I - III.A.
 2. Resolved: All JMU undergraduate students with a class standing of "senior" should be permitted to take any undergraduate class offered at the university not required for the student's major, prerequisites notwithstanding, on a space-available basis.
- Report of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Dr. Bob Jerome (Chair)
 - i. Two new motions were introduced for a first reading. If approved by the senate, they will next go to the faculty for a full vote.
Motions:
 1. Resolved: Article II, Section 5 should be changed to read: "The term of office for the academic unit's senator and alternate shall be three years. No member shall serve more than six years in succession. Academic units may remove a duly..."
 2. Resolved: Article III, Section 1, part 1 should be changed to read: "Officers of the Senate shall be the speaker, speaker pro tempore, secretary, treasurer, and marshall. Officers are elected from the current senate membership. The speaker is elected to a two-year term; the other officers are elected to a one-year term. All officers may be reelected, but may not hold the same position for more that two consecutive terms."

- Guest Speaker on the JMU Campus Master Plan: Mr. David Harnage, VP, Mosby Architects introduced by Teresa Gonzalez

Mr. Harnage gave a slide show presentation with a long range look at the plan for the campus. (This was a reduced version of a five hour presentation given to the Board of Visitors.) One of the main campus issues is the feeling of disconnection (eg. Memorial Hall). The plan tries to build a foundation of transportation to facilitate people movement and limit vehicular movement. It includes mostly closing Bluestone drive with gating technologies, reconnecting Carrier to Grace Street -- "The Grace Street corridor," building a traffic circle behind Wilson Hall. The plan would result in a loss of 2300 parking spaces inside campus, but the RMH parking deck and new external parking adds 5400 (total gain of 3000) and the plan calls for moving all student residence parking off-campus down South Main Street.

The West Side of Campus –

The plan for this area calls for using a new building option such as one on the hillside by the University Blvd entrance, for UREC growth –both of these buildings will be important because they are/would be part of the university's visual identity. There is the possibility of a new convocation center if other space gets reallocated for other purposes. Some of the issues on this side of campus are "reducing things to human scale" and "adding green." The Port Republic Road site would become a major sports facility – the "sportsplex"

"Mid-Campus" (81 to Duke) –

This is mostly "The Village," which would be demolished and replaced with new residences a little more visually tied to the Bluestone area but also with brick ties to other buildings, possibly with some classrooms mixed in. Mmay turn quad green into an open amphitheatre

Bluestone campus –

The issue here is preserving and promoting. The Grace Street corridor is partly about incorporating the hospital, partly about people-moving. The plan is to build a student union by building around existing buildings (Taylor, Warren), to have a library expansion that would also connect to the corridor, and to build two new parking structures to replace all surface parking. The plan includes a grand building announcing campus on main street North of Grace, helping to make the hospital space become part of campus. The current archery area "Sibert Park" (named after the creek) and the nearby tennis courts would be removed. The hospital is planned as the student success center, the cancer center as admissions, financial aid, one stop services, etc. Some special rooms, however, are good for applied physics purposes. The hospital can be further integrate by taking space behind Burruss and putting in pavilions (coffee, etc.) there. The hospital's "Wine-Price Building" is good for human resources, purchasing, and other external interactions (which then makes Sonner Hall in mid-campus available for new uses.)

West Campus (Main Street west to Memorial Hall) –

Grace Street near Main Street, could have some connecting services – food, etc.

We'll replace the old medical center buildings between Main and 42 with new, more useful buildings and possibly put a new indoor/outdoor tennis facility behind the baseball stadium on Memorial Hall property.

Campus Signage –

We need to announce the entrances to campus -- the current signs are nice but need to be bigger. We also need to add modular signage systems around campus and inside buildings.

Q &A with Mr. Harnage –

Will there be Hotel/conference services? - possibly at Main and Cantrell or by the old Howard Johnson's. The creation of such in one of the possible locations IS in the master plan.

If Grace St. becomes a real artery, will there be any changes for pedestrian traffic? A tunnel now exists; the master plan has been coordinated with the city and we are continuing to meet with the city about how to allow for good pedestrian crossing as Main Street changes.

What is the role of bicycles in the master plan? -- The plan is designed to support buses, bicycle lanes, and pedestrian lanes, with medians and trees, etc. How about inside campus? – They haven't made any recommendations because they haven't seen a lot of bicycles or heard of a lot of demand.

Will there be service accesses for vehicles that now go on sidewalks, etc? This is a problem on all campuses, and it is not specifically addressed b/c the cost of separating this service from pedestrian access is impractical. Mr. Harnage does think this plan with gates on streets limits/controls who has access.

Was there no consideration of classroom space needs? State utilization guidelines suggest no need, but the space profile does say we need some and need instructional laboratory space. There is also a deficit in faculty offices, and the vision of the master plan goes beyond currently projected needs.

[Information on this plan is also available: <http://jamesmadisonuniversity.v1.myvirtualpaper.com>]

- OLD Business

- i. Revised Parking Motion - This revised motion was brought up for discussion:

- There were some negative reactions to a proposal to eliminate the graduated fee scale. Some arguments were given for inequities in a graduated fee scale, some for hardships from not having a graduated scale. There was a motion to amend the proposal by dropping item 3 -- “Eliminate the graduated fee scale based on salary,” which was seconded, opened for discussion, and then brought to a vote. That motion carried 19/3. There was not further discussion of the parking motion. The motion was brought to a vote and carried 22/0 with one abstention.

- NEW Business
(none)

Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm.
