



FACULTY SENATE

Minutes

Thursday, December 4, 2008
Taylor 306

3:31PM: Called to order

- Approval of the Minutes by acclamation
- Provost's Report, Dr. Douglas Brown
 - i. Deadline for feedback on faculty handbook changes extended to January 15th; chart of proposed changes will be posted on the handbook website soon.
 - ii. Budget issues – The state budgetary situation is still cloudy; governor announced that we appear to be \$100 million more in deficit than predicted. There is money in reserve, and he hasn't spoken of coming back to universities for an additional revision. The state sales tax revenue may be better than expected. Tuition is not expected to increase at JMU this year.
 - iii. Tenure and promotion review process is now ongoing in the provost's office and salary increases associated with this are still in place.
- Old Business
- New Business
 - A parking motion was introduced by the Faculty Concerns Committee.
- Speaker's Report, Dr. Steve Garren
 - i. Class time schedules – A document was circulated to senate representatives concerning clarification for class scheduling procedures. Send opinions to Steve.
 - ii. Next year's faculty senate survey of the faculty – As the Coache Survey is ongoing this year, the faculty senate survey (previously called the morale survey) will be conducted next academic year. There will be some additional focus on faculty priorities and possible changes.
 - iii. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week – Flyers related to planned activities have been made available to senate representatives (at this meeting). Please share the information with your colleagues.
- Treasurer's Report, Dr. Val Larsen
 - i. The names of programs that have not yet given dues were announced.
 - ii. Computer lottery guidelines – now that faculty virtually all have computers, we might want to incorporate other options. There is no strict policy on this lottery, so additions can be considered. One addition that seems appropriate is video equipment; software will also now be considered when appropriate to academic uses. New guidelines need to be set and enforced. (Other possibilities were discussed, such as ipods and service contracts.)
- Report of the Faculty Concerns Committee, Dr. Kenneth Wright (Chair)
 - i. new parking motion
- Report of the Student Relations Committee, Dr. Kevin Borg (Chair)

(no report)

- Report of the Academic Policies Committee, Dr. David McGraw (Chair)
(no report)
- Budget Committee Report, Dr. Nancy Poe (Chair)
(no report)
- Report of the Faculty Appeals Committee, Dr. Mary Slade (Chair)
(no report)
- Report of the Nominations and Elections Committee, Dr. Bob Jerome
(no report)- but another reminder about doing elections in time for March deadline.

Adjourned at 4:01pm.