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.