

JMU FACULTY SENATE MOTION

EXPANSION OF THE DUTIES OF THE FACULTY APPEALS COMMITTEE

Whereas:

- Equitable work policy suggests that all Faculty Senate Committees should have, as far as possible, roughly equal amounts of work.
- The Faculty Appeals Committee typically must respond to one or two appeals every four semesters – almost always in the spring – while all of the other Faculty Senate Committees are more likely to have ongoing business of various kinds throughout the year.
- One way to redress this imbalance is to assign an appropriate and continuing task to the Faculty Appeals Committee.
- Receiving university policy updates from the University Policy Committee and examining them (within the allotted two week window of opportunity) to see if any of them merit further investigation, feedback, or comment is an important continuing task that is appropriate to the Faculty Appeals Committee.

Be it now therefore resolved that:

Article IV, section 10 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws shall henceforth include the following new section:

The Chair of this committee will receive updates about University policies when they are published for review and will delegate review of policies amongst the Faculty Appeals committee to determine if any of them merit further faculty investigation, feedback, or comment. In cases where further response or information is desirable, the Chair of the committee will, in accordance with University Policy 1000, inform the Speaker of the Faculty Senate, who will judge how best to move forward.

[NOTE: Resolutions that involve modifying our Bylaws must pass by a 2/3 majority (of those present and voting), not counting abstentions]