



FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, January 31, 2019 – Taylor/Madison Union 405

In attendance: Piper (Speaker); Accounting: Briggs; Art, Design & Art History: Tollefson-Hall; Biology: Cocking; Chemistry: Hughey; Comm. Sci. & Disorders: Clinard; Comm. Studies: Richards; Comp. Info. Systems: Wang; Computer Science: Kirkpatrick; Economics: Cavusoglu; Educ. Found. & Exc.: Brown; Engineering: Harper; English: Rebhorn; Finance & Bus. Law: Parker; Geology: Baedke; Graduate Psych.: Critchfield; Hart School of HSRM: Anaza; Health Professions: Walsh; Health Sciences: Blackstone (proxy); History: Westkaemper; IDLS: Wright; Integrated Sciences: McGraw; Justice Studies: Parsons; Kinesiology: McKay; Learning, Tech. & L.E.: Beverly; Lib & Ed Tech: Flota; Management: Gallagher; Marketing: Larsen; Math & Stats: Garren; Media Arts & Design: Mitchell; Mid, Second, & Math: Wallace; Military Science: Waller; Music: Peterson; Nursing: Graham; Philosophy & Religion: van Leeuwen; Physics: Butner; Political Science: Lee; Psychology: Melchiori; Social Work: Yeom; Theater & Dance: Finkelstein; Writing Rhetoric & Tech Comm: McDonnell; Part-time Faculty Reps: Harlacker, PeeksMease, Padgett; Student/SGA: Deger; Guests—Provost Coltman; Vice Provost Johnson

I. Call to Order—3:30 p.m.

II. Provost's Report—Provost Coltman

- The search for the dean of the libraries is in the final stages. Expect an announcement soon.
- The COE dean search is extended and expanding (decision expected late March/early April).
- The Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Rick Larson and Robert Aguirre, launched. Faculty are encouraged to check in with the committee members and to be open to offering input via surveys, etc. The committee member that is also on the Senate is Smita Mathur.
- The AAC&U conference in Atlanta last week was really rich. A contingent of ten people from JMU attended. The Provost plans to summarize the takeaways in an upcoming message.

III. Speaker's Report—Mark Piper

- This semester's lunch with the President and the Provost will be held on Thursday, April 18, from 12:15 to 1:30 (location TBA). To reserve one of the twelve spots, RSVP to Yvonne Miller (millerys).
- The photograph of the Senate will hang in Taylor 405.
- Work is underway to develop the mini-grant tab on the Senate website. Promote the Senate website as a resource for colleagues to understand how the Senate works, to help dispel misconceptions, to see what resolutions we've passed, to review the COACHE recommendation updates.
- Policy 1121 feedback ("Public Expression on Campus") is being reviewed. Results will then be shared with and disseminated via the Speaker.
- Expect to see a motion to rewrite bylaws to introduce a new standing committee: Adjunct Affairs.

IV. Treasurer's Report—Treasurer McGraw reported that the current total in the Senate account is \$8741.19. An email about the computer lottery (for \$500 in technology funds) will go out soon.

V. Adjunct Faculty Report—Senator Leslie Harlacker noted that the spring professional development grants for adjuncts will be sent out through CFI. Let department part-time colleagues know that there is movement by the Adjunct Compensation Task Force. Jason McClain recently gave an update and a meeting is scheduled with some task force members on 2/1.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Faculty Concerns—Chair Val Larsen announced that the committee will meet on February 14 at 3:30 in Cleveland 101.
- B. Academic Policies—The committee will meet on February 7 in Taylor 311 at 3:30 to discuss the role of faculty in articulating a definition of engaged learning. Chair Emily Westkaemper has solicited input from faculty about this issue.
- C. Student Relations—Chair Hakseon Lee announced that the Madison Vision Teaching Award process, run by the SGA, will take place in February and March. The ceremony for award winners will be held in April. Also coming up: A meeting between representatives from Student Affairs and Academic Affairs is scheduled for March 20 at 10:00 a.m.
- D. Faculty Appeals—Chair Karin Tollefson-Hall reported that there are currently no cases. The committee continues to review policies as they arise. All faculty can access the [website](#) and offer feedback (authentication required).
- E. Budget and Compensation—Chair Steve Garren revisited the question from the last meeting about the gender/ethnicity breakdown of salary increases. Jason McClain cannot share this information. However, salaries are publicly available, so the information could be distilled from the data. Some senators requested that this issue be pursued further. The chair also reported that McClain and Keith Holland are beginning to compile records about how much funding the various centers on campus receive.
- F. Nominations and Elections—Chair Steve Harper is planning a committee meeting to follow up on the mini-grant process. CFI is transferring the responsibility for the election of adjunct representatives to the Senate.

VII. New Business

Two new motions (attached) have been submitted for a first reading:

- A motion to set up more lactation rooms (also available to students, visitors, etc.) on campus. The current four rooms available on campus are all clustered in the same area.
- A motion to donate \$2,000 to the Valley Scholars Program for students who matriculate at JMU.

A third motion, which requests that the libraries remain open during university breaks, has been referred by a vote to the Faculty Concerns Committee. The libraries are invited to send a rep to the committee meeting on 2/14 in Cleveland 101 at 3:30. Note that this action means that this motion is currently on hold (not undergoing a first reading and not for wider dissemination).

VIII. Unfinished Business

- Discussion of the motion on diversity and inclusivity language for the syllabus website continued. The SGA offered a statement: The original intent was to foster a more inclusive environment in classrooms (not to censor nor control the teaching environment). Though the SGA is pushing for a requirement, not just an option, SGA representative Deger noted that a small step is better than no step at all.

An amendment to the motion, adding a recommendation that the statement be added to the [syllabus examples template](#), passed. Language on the website notes that the examples contain “information that is not required for all courses” but that may contain helpful ideas.

Two other amendments did not pass.

The question was called, and subsequently the amended motion passed (25 in favor, 8 opposed, 8 abstaining).

IX. Adjournment 5:03 p.m.