

JMU Faculty Senate  
Motion to Reduce Bereavement Reserve

Whereas expenditures on bereavement memorials are unlikely to exceed \$2,000 and

Whereas the Senate is now able to use its funds to support other initiatives that are meaningful to faculty,

Be It Resolved that Article VI of the Faculty Senate Bylaws be amended such that the reserve set aside for bereavement purposes at the beginning of each fall semester be \$2,000 instead of \$4,000.

Article VI:  
Dues

Each full-time instructional faculty member is expected to pay dues to the Faculty Senate. Dues are collected primarily for the purpose of providing memorial tributes for the death of a James Madison University faculty member or family member, but may be devoted to other purposes on occasions deemed worthy by the Faculty Senate, provided that (a) **\$2,000 is set aside at the beginning of the fall semester for bereavement purposes for that academic year, which cannot be used for any other purposes,** and that (b) all proposals for non-bereavement uses of Faculty Senate funds must be put before the Faculty Senate in the form of a motion requiring a 2/3 majority to pass. Dues are set at \$5.00 per full-time instructional faculty member per year and are to be paid to the faculty member's Faculty Senate representative by October 15 each year, or as soon as possible thereafter.

The Faculty Senate member will collect the dues and transmit them to the Treasurer at the regular October meeting of the Faculty Senate. The member will keep an accurate record of the dues collected and paid to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer will keep an accurate record of the dues collected from members. Dues will be deposited by the Treasurer in the official Faculty Senate account, and will be administered according to university cash handling procedures.