

Whereas it is vitally important that faculty be consulted and advise administrators as JMU identifies cost-cutting measures to meet budget shortfalls, and

Whereas the Faculty Senate is well positioned to consult with and advise the Provost on cost-cutting measures made within her office, but

Whereas budget expertise in the Division of Academic Affairs is distributed across various JMU colleges and some cost-cutting decisions must, therefore, be made within colleges, and

Whereas the Faculty Handbook provides as follows for faculty to advise deans on curriculum, budget, and personnel matters:

IV.A. College Governance

Each college of the university shall determine the specific structure and membership of its governance bodies. The college faculty, college dean and the provost must approve this structure. The governance structure shall include elected faculty representatives from each academic unit of the college. The governance bodies will have the function of advising the dean and making recommendations to the dean and other appropriate bodies on matters of curriculum, budget and planning, and personnel. For academic units or schools which do not exist within a college, the academic unit or school shall determine the specific structure and membership of its governance bodies, and these shall be approved by the faculty, the head of the unit and the provost.

IV.A.2. Budget and Planning

In the areas of budget and planning, the responsibilities of college governance bodies include:

- Advising the dean on matters relating to college organization, budget, facilities and planning;
- Reviewing enrollment trends and budget allocations; advising the dean on the general oversight, direction and priorities of the college;
- Offering recommendations affecting the university beyond the college level;
- Passing any recommendations on to the appropriate university or Faculty Senate committee; and
- Communicating information, recommendations and decisions to the faculty of the college.

Be it therefore resolved that the Faculty Senate urges each college to comply with the Faculty Handbook

- by properly constituting a college faculty governance body that includes representatives elected by the entire faculty of each academic unit, and
- by inviting that representative body to advise the dean on curriculum, budget, and personnel measures that are taken to cut costs within the college.