

Motion to Interpret Previous Motion on Light Pollution

Faculty Senate of James Madison University

April 30, 2015

Whereas on March 26, 2015, the Faculty Senate adopted the following resolution:

The senate encourages the university to set up a committee (working group composed of students, faculty, and staff) to study James Madison University's lighting with goal this year to ensure that lighting on campus would not:

1. shine light upward into the sky where it serves no purpose.
2. create glare in our line of sight, or intrude into dorm rooms or natural areas.
3. be excessively bright, exceeding recognized industry recommendations.

Improved campus lighting will improve safety on campus, conserve energy, save money, improve the beauty of the nocturnal campus, help JMU achieve its goal of being an engaged neighbor in its surrounding community, and serve as a national model of how to light a University campus.

Now therefore be it Resolved that the Faculty Senate

- Intends the previous resolution as a request for the University to address the issue of light pollution by a committee authorized to consider environmental issues on campus,
- Recognizes that the University has many environmental concerns on its agenda, and intends that light pollution should be given fair consideration among these issues, and
- Intends the term "this year" to mean the 2015-16 academic year.