



## FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Meeting held via Zoom

**In attendance:** Speaker: Ott Walter; Communications Director: McDonnell; Accounting: Briggs; Art, Design, and Art History: Ott; Biology: May; Chemistry: Kokhan; Comm. Sci. and Disorders: Clinard; Comm. Studies: Woo; Comp. Inf. Sci. & Bus. Analytics: Wang; Computer Science: Kirkpatrick; Early ELED & Reading: Mathur; Economics: Elwood; Edu. Found. & Exception: Brown; Engineering: Morton; English: Godfrey (proxy); Finance & Bus. Law: Parker; Foreign Languages: Lang-Rigal; Geol. & Environ. Science: McGary; Grad. Psych.: LeBlanc; Hart School of HSRM: Hallmon; Health Professions: Goetschius; Health Sciences: Lassiter; History: McCleary; IDLS: Chamberlin; Integrated Sciences: York; Justice Studies: Scheuerman; Kinesiology: McKay; Learning Tech. & LE: Wiley; Libraries: Price; Marketing: Ozcan; Math & Stats: Nelson; Media Arts. & Design: Mitchell; Mid, Second, & Math: Wallace; Music: Suggs; Nursing: Lewis; Phil. & Rel.: van Leeuwen; Physics: Butner; Political Science: Lubert; Psychology: Melchiori; Social Work: Hunter; Soc. & Anth.: Spear; Strategic Leadership Studies: Vanhove; Writing Rhetoric & Tech Comm: Hickman; Part-time Faculty Reps: Harlacker, Janow; Trocchia; Guests—Coltman, Shackelford, and newly elected senators.

**I. Call to Order**—3:55 p.m.

**II. Organizational Meeting for the 2022–2023 Faculty Senate**

- Election of officers
  - Speaker: Katherine Ott Walter
  - Speaker Pro Tempore: Kristen McCleary
  - Marshal: Melanie Shoffner
  - Treasurer: Cathy McKay
  - Director of Communications: Karen McDonnell
- Election of Committee Chairs
  - Academic Policies: Hala Nelson
  - Adjunct Affairs: Leslie Harlacker
  - Budget, Compensation, and Government Relations: Harold Butner
  - Faculty Appeals: Talé Mitchell
  - Student Relations: Kala Melchiori

**III. Provost's Report**—Dr. Heather Coltman

- The provost attended a very nice luncheon where six endowment awardees were celebrated.
- Authors of resolutions are encouraged to collaborate with stakeholders to avoid inaccuracies.

**IV. Speaker's Report**—Dr. Katherine Ott Walter

- The oral and written reports were delivered to the Board of Visitors last week. The speaker also met with Jack White, one of the newly appointed BOV members.
- An end-of-the-year report will be posted to Canvas.
- There are fifteen sets of regalia to loan to new faculty members.
- The Dependent Scholarship funds will be evenly distributed among qualified applicants.

## V. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Cathy McKay reported a total of \$4,022.66 in the Senate's accounts after fulfilling six bereavement requests (for a total of 39 for the academic year).

## VI. Committee Reports

- A. Faculty Concerns—Chair Kristen McCleary noted that this committee is part of the approval process for new centers on campus. The chair shared the following proposal: “The Center for Innovation in Engineering Education (CIEE) operated at JMU as a center since 2011, where it was chartered to report to the AUH of Engineering. In the subsequent years, the center operated with a narrow mission and scope. In 2023, a re-charter effort of CIEE is seeking to broaden the mission and activities in a new Center for Excellence in STEM Education (CEiSE) and to re-charter its reporting structure under the Dean of the College of Integrated Science and Engineering (CISE). This new center will allow for broader, cross-disciplinary collaborations within CISE and throughout the JMU campus that benefit teacher-scholar faculty in their instruction of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics in collegiate classrooms and programs. Presently, the CIEE/CEiSE has supported grant activities from the Kern Family Foundation (KFF), and there are future grant opportunities being considered by the CIEE/CEiSE director leadership at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN). CIEE has not required physical space, and CEiSE will continue to not require space. The principal funding for CEiSE would come from successfully funded, external grants that originate from the CEiSE and whose Principal Investigator (PI) is appointed in CISE; and in those specific cases, the Dean of CISE would negotiate with the AUH of the PI to route a portion of the IDC into the CEiSE.” There's a two-week window in which Faculty Senate can ask questions. Chair McCleary also noted that the ALICE resolution is being refined and that the committee is working on setting up priorities for next year.
- B. Academic Policies—Chair Hala Nelson reported that committee discussed the absence policy and intends to revisit the senate's bylaws language.
- C. Adjunct Affairs—Chair Leslie Harlacker and the committee gave input on the orientation and resource guides for new adjunct faculty and plans to lay the groundwork for next semester's focus.
- D. Student Relations—Chair Kala Melchiori reported that committee met last month. They're working with the SGA on information about the new sign language course. The Madison Vision Teaching Award winners were announced. Congratulations to Matthew Ezzell, Chen Guo, and Šarūnas Jankauskas.

- E. Budget & Compensation and Government Relations—Chair Harold Butner plans to write a year-end report.
- F. Faculty Appeals—No report.
- G. Nominations and Elections—No report.

## **VII. New Business**

- The senate voted to amend the minutes from the March special meeting to report the vote breakdown for the Resolution Regarding Transparency and Accountability of Divisional & Senior Leadership Appointments within the Division of Academic Affairs.
- The Resolution on JMU's ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, and Employed) Population (about those who don't earn a living wage) was introduced.

## **VIII. Unfinished Business**

- The Resolution on the Use of Student Course Evaluations in the Assessment of Teaching was withdrawn.
- The Holocaust Remembrance Resolution passed.
- After a motion to adjourn did not pass, senators voted to send to committee the Resolution Regarding the Dissolution of the Provost's Core Curriculum Appraisal Task Force.
- The Resolution Eliminating Term Limits for Faculty Senators, a bylaws change, passed with the required 2/3 vote.

## **IX. Adjournment: 6:00 p.m.**