

SENATE TREASURY MOTION

Whereas:

- The Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article VI: 'Dues') currently reads:

“Each full-time instructional faculty member is expected to pay dues to the Faculty Senate. Dues are collected for the purpose of providing memorial tributes for the death of a James Madison University faculty member or family member (the "Flower Fund"). Dues are set at \$2.00 per year, and are to be paid to the faculty member's Faculty Senate member representative by October 15 each year.

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.”

- The Faculty Senate could aid the university community in various important ways, and bring positive exposure to its work, by allowing for a wider range of expenditures from the Faculty Senate treasury;
- Use of funds from the Faculty Senate treasury is currently devoted entirely to bereavement purposes, to the exclusion of all other purposes;
- The Faculty Senate currently collects only \$2 from each full-time instructional faculty member;
- The Faculty Senate has collected \$5 from each full-time instructional faculty member in the past, which establishes precedent;
- \$5 per full-time instructional faculty member is an amount that is far from onerous, and would allow for a larger Senate Treasury to be maintained;

Be it resolved that:

- Faculty Senate Bylaws Article VI shall be changed to the following (with the associated actionable aspects going into effect in fall semester 2016):

ARTICLE VI: 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 \$4,000 is set aside at the beginning of the fall semester for bereavement purposes for that academic year, and cannot be used for any other purposes. 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 member 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, **or as soon as possible thereafter.** 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.

(NOTE: passing this motion involves changing our Bylaws. As such, it requires a 2/3 majority vote to pass, rather than a simple majority.)