

## Resolution on Meeting Minutes and Bylaws Change

Whereas the Faculty Senate is an agent of the Faculty and seeks to represent their interests, and

Whereas the Senate and Senators must keep the Faculty informed about issues under consideration and consult with Departments in order to adequately represent the interests of Faculty, and

Whereas the Senate frequently consults with the Administration on topics of interest to Faculty, and

Whereas these consultations sometimes take place in the Standing Committees of the Senate, and

Whereas only a subset of Departments are represented in each Standing Committee, and

Whereas it is helpful for all Departments to be aware of issues under discussion and recommendations made to the Administration in Standing Committees, but

Whereas issues are sometimes raised in Standing Committees that, for a variety of reasons (e.g., individual privacy interests, issue ripeness), might not be raised for candid discussion unless the issue can be discussed in camera, but

Whereas the need for in camera discussion is the exception, not the rule,

Be it, therefore, resolved that Article IV of the Senate Bylaws be amended by the addition of section 13 that reads as follows:

The standing committees of the Senate shall appoint a committee member to draft minutes for each standing committee meeting, will vote to approve the minutes, and after approval, will publish the minutes on the Senate Canvas website. At the conclusion of each academic year, published minutes will be transferred to and be archived on the Faculty Senate JMU.edu website. In exceptional circumstances where the interests of individuals, the faculty, or JMU warrant holding a discussion in camera, standing committees have the option, by committee vote, of not including the sensitive issue in the minutes.