

Motion to Create a Non-Voting Representative Seat for Part-Time Faculty

It is proposed that the following Section be added to the Faculty Senate By-laws:
[Article II: Membership]

Section 12.

In order to advise the Senate of the concerns of the part-time and adjunct faculty of the University, a non-voting member of the Senate shall represent the interests of the part-time and adjunct faculty. The representative, who may be full-time, part-time, or adjunct faculty, shall be elected by the part-time and adjunct faculty in an election administered by the Executive Director of the Center for Faculty Innovation, or appointed by the Executive Director of the Center for Faculty Innovation, for a one-year term, renewable up to a maximum of six terms, to represent the interests of the part-time and adjunct faculty.

No change to our Constitution is needed for the motions above. For your reference, below is the article of the Senate Constitution that describes membership.

Article V: Membership

The Faculty Senate shall be comprised of members who represent the instructional faculty of James Madison University. The business and property of the Faculty Senate shall be managed and controlled by its members.

The Faculty Senate is to have two classes of members, voting members and non-voting members.

One class of members shall possess voting rights ("voting members"). The voting members, and the qualification and rights of the voting members, are as follows: voting members shall be instructional faculty members elected by the instructional faculty members in the academic units of James Madison University. They shall meet such additional criteria and be elected in the manner as described in the bylaws.

The Faculty Senate shall also have a class of members who do not possess voting rights, who shall serve ex-officio on the Faculty Senate, according to the provisions of the bylaws.