

Motion to Expand Faculty Senate Treasury Funds to Include Family Recognition Gifts

Whereas bereavement donations or flowers appropriately memorialize a death in the family of a faculty member, and

Whereas the Senate is now able to use its funds to support other initiatives that are meaningful to faculty,

Be It Resolved that the permissible uses of Faculty Senate Treasury be expanded to include purchasing a gift to celebrate a faculty member's welcoming a new child into his or her family, whether through birth or adoption. Be it further resolved that Article VI of the bylaws be revised as follows to codify this change.

Article VI

Dues

Each full-time instructional faculty member is expected to pay dues to the Faculty Senate. Dues are collected in part 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 \$3,000 is set aside at the beginning of the fall semester for donations in the name of faculty members and close family members. The \$3,000 reserve fund is to be used only for (1) *bereavement donations* (typically charitable donations in the name of the deceased) and (2) *family recognition gifts* (typically gift certificates for families expecting or adopting children) for that academic year. All proposals for other uses of Faculty Senate Treasury 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 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. 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 senators. Dues will be deposited by the Treasurer in the official Faculty Senate account, and will be administered according to university cash-handling procedures.