

BY-LAWS OF THE JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION
(Revised, 2023)

Mission:

The Faculty Emeriti Association of James Madison University is a volunteer association of retired faculty members who have joined together to maintain ties to James Madison University and to promote common interests.

Membership:

Members of the Emeriti Association shall be faculty and administrative professional personnel (AP) who have retired from James Madison University and have been given Emeritus/Emerita status and have paid dues to the Association.

Associate Membership:

Associate members shall be spouses/partners of deceased members in good standing of the JMU Faculty Emeriti Association or other Emeriti Faculty, and adjunct faculty with at least ten semesters service at JMU. Associate members shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of the Association, except they are non-voting members and cannot hold office in the Association.

Honorary Membership:

Members of the JMU community who have made notable contributions to the Emeriti Faculty Association may be granted honorary membership in the Faculty Emeriti Association. Nominations may be made by any member of the Association. Honorary members shall have all the rights, privileges and responsibilities of the Association except dues.

Membership Dues:

All members (except Honorary Members) shall pay either an annual membership fee or a lifetime membership fee. Payment of annual dues is required by July 1. Dues are determined by the Executive Board. Dues are waived for the first year of membership.

Officers:

The Executive officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A member of the JMU administration will serve, by invitation, as an ex officio member. Each officer will discharge the duties normally associated with the office to which elected.

Executive Board:

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers, the immediate past president and the chairs of the Program, Special Events, Membership, Interest Groups committees, and three at-large members. The Executive Board may choose to invite additional Association members to participate in meetings on an ad hoc basis.

Election of Officers:

The officers shall be elected biennially in the Spring and will take office on July 1st following their election. Nominees shall be presented by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President. The list of nominees shall be circulated at least a week in advance of the Spring meeting. Members may present additional names from the floor with the permission of those they are nominating.

Vacancies in Office:

A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice President until the term ends or until the subsequent election; a vacancy in any other office shall be appointed by the President.

Quorum:

A quorum consists of all members present and voting and is required for the transaction of business. A quorum of the Executive Board is three members.

Funds:

Funds of the Association shall be kept in a local depository and checks may be drawn thereon on order of the President, or Vice President, and the Treasurer. The treasurer will report on FEA funds at each of the Executive Board meetings.

Meetings:

Four FEA meeting will be held annually on JMU's campus, as arranged, coordinated, and scheduled by the Executive Board and Office of Family Relations. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board on reasonable notice.

Standing Committees:

There shall be four standing committees with the chairs appointed by the President: Program, Special Events, Membership, and Interest Groups.

- The Program Committee and Chair shall arrange for speakers, performers or activities for the regular meetings.
- The Special Events Committee and Chair shall be charged with arranging trips.
- The Membership Committee and Chair shall promote membership to the Association by active recruitment and shall consider all matters related to membership.
- The Interest Groups Committee and Chair shall provide oversight over the various interest groups of the Association.
- The Nominations Committee will be appointed biennially by the President in February for the election of officers in the Spring.
- In addition, the President may establish committees, including a Bylaws Review and Revision Committee, as time dictates and needs arise.

Newsletter:

A Newsletter will be sent out to the membership in the Fall and Spring with the news and plans of the Association and its members.

Amendments:

These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority of members in good standing and voting after notice of the substance of the change has been distributed at least one month in advance. Distribution and voting may occur by email. Review and revision of the bylaws will occur systematically and with regularity in maintaining the historical integrity of the FEA and for insuring needed changes over time.