

Agenda

Faculty Forum

Donahue Auditorium

November 29, 2006, 2:00—3:30pm

1. Approval of minutes (<http://www.jcu.edu/forum/Oct2006.pdf>)
2. The Faculty Handbook Committee and the Forum Executive Committee seek broader faculty input on the proposed Handbook amendment to bring the Handbook into line with the faculty governance proposal approved last spring.

The issue before the Handbook committee is where to draw the line between representative governance and decision-making power held by the Faculty as a whole. The governance proposal cedes to the Faculty Council the power to determine if an issue is procedural or substantive, whereas the proposed Handbook amendment follows the current Handbook and places such decisions in the hands of the Faculty. (The text in question is: “Decisions as to whether a motion is procedural or substantive will be decided by a vote of the Faculty Council.” p. 13, #6, http://www.jcu.edu/fhb/GovernanceAmendment_2006Oct19.pdf).

The FFEC and the FHC met two weeks ago but were unable to resolve this point. Because this issue is key to our collective understanding our hybrid governance model, broad faculty input is desirable before Handbook amendment(s) are finalized.

Immediately following the Forum meeting, the Faculty Handbook Committee will conduct an open hearing on changing the contract date to spring. Changing the contract date has a number of ramifications that faculty should consider. The FHC will provide an overview of their analysis and will seek broad faculty input.