

Faculty Forum
October 25, 2006
Minutes

1. The April 19, 2006 and September 27, 2006 minutes were approved, in both cases with the understanding that a single typo would be fixed.
2. Carl Spitznagel, Chair of the Faculty Service Committee, amended his previous announcement about the faculty voting list. He announced that there was a single person who resigned, making the total number of voting faculty 224, though the quorum stays at 45. He also announced that in looking at the committee structures, the FSC found that the Computer Policy Committee had been defunct, so proposed moving those elected positions to the IT Steering Committee. Sheila McGinn is one elected member of the CPC that will move to the ITSC and the other faculty member will be voted on in spring 2007.
3. Jon Ivec addressed a recent article in the Sun Press about the real estate acquisitions of JCU. He wanted to clarify that the article misleadingly reported \$60 million in real estate acquisitions without giving the time horizon of the acquisitions, thus suggesting that JCU was far more ambitious and rich than is actually the case. In the case of the houses that JCU owns, they were acquired between 1988-2006. The apartment buildings were acquired in 2003, and the shopping center was acquired in 2001.
4. Brenda Wirkus reported on the Committee on Changes in the Graduation Venue, which she and Chris Sheil are the faculty representatives on. They have met twice already and are charged by the President with making Graduation ADA compliant and with coming up with a viable rain plan by the end of the fall semester. Additionally, Bob Niehoff has asked that graduation include all schools together and that students be allowed up to 10 guests per graduate. Brenda explained that our current graduation plan on the quad is not ADA compliant because of the segregation of differently-abled persons and a lack of a shuttle service to the quad. The committee will be meeting to discuss possible use of the Shula Stadium, but in terms of indoor venues only 4 possibilities in the Cleveland Metro area exist; the Q (which could be problematic if the Cavaliers make the playoffs), the Wolstein Center at CSU, the IX Center, and Public Hall (which is not ADA compliant). She announced some figures about the cost of graduation but clarified that that the main concern about graduation venues is not monetary. She asked the faculty to email preferences and potential rain plans to herself (wirkus@jcu.edu) and Chris Sheil (csheil@jcu.edu).
5. Lauren Bowen gave the report from the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Advising, and began by thanking the other members of the committee for their work (Anne Kugler, Carl Spitznagel, Mark Waner, and Andy Welki). The power point of the presentation and the report itself are available on the Forum website. There was a discussion of the report's recommendation, and the faculty in attendance voted unanimously to endorse it.
6. Bob Kolesar (Math) announced that the draft amendments to the Handbook to reflect the governance proposal endorsed by the faculty in spring 2006 are ready and that there will be open hearings on them. He began to explain the amendments, but time ran out and so he urged faculty to come to the hearings and to vote. The amendments are available on the forum website.
7. The meeting was adjourned.