University Committee on Academic Governance

DRAFT Minutes of March 13, 2008, Meeting

Present: Corby, Crawford, Curran, Floyd, Johnson, Rosser, Wright, Youatt

Agenda Items:

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m. The agenda for the March 13 meeting was approved.

2. The minutes of the February 7, 2008, meeting were approved.

3. Six nominees for the All University Awards Committee were approved: Kelly Klump (Social Science), Judith Roof (Arts & Letters), Sandi Smith (Com Arts), Jerry Weinberger (Social Science), Rodney Whitaker (Music), and Peter Yu (Law).

4a. Revisions/comments were suggested for the following sections of the James Madison College bylaws: VI.B.2.b, VII.A, VII.C.2.C, and VII.D.1.a & b. The revisions will be communicated to the college by Jackie Wright.

4b Revisions/comments were suggested for the following sections of the College of Natural Science bylaws, to be communicated to the college by Jackie Wright:

1.1.2 The role and voting rights of temporary and fixed-term faculty should be clarified here and elsewhere in the bylaws (e.g., section 1.3.3.3), since certain fixed-term faculty are now eligible to serve on university academic governance committees. See section 1.1.1.2 of the University bylaws.

1.2 Same as above. See section 1.1.2.5 of the University bylaws.

1.3.3.2 Three days seems short relative to the usual period of 5-7 days.

1.3.3.4 It would be desirable to define the quorum in terms of a minimum number of faculty, or as 51% of the voting faculty per Robert’s Rules of Order.

3.1 Unit names should be updated here.

3.2.4 Replace “Board” by “Board of Trustees.”

3.3.2.1.2 The college may want to consider whether to include fixed-term faculty here, i.e., to give them voting rights and eligibility to serve on college committees.

3.3.2.3.7 Suggest redefining the quorum as noted above for section 1.3.3.4.

3.3.3.2 The bylaws referred to here are now called the Dean’s Student Advisory Council Constitution.

5. Jackie Wright was delegated to call Rob Malinowski to confirm his willingness to be appointed to the University Student Judiciary Committee.

6. Ed Rosser will be out of town for the next meeting. As Vice Chair, Phylis Floyd will chair the April 3, 2008, meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric W. Crawford, Acting Secretary