

Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate
April 26, 2011
Holloway Hall, Rm. 119

Senators Present: Thomas Anderson , Mara Che, J. Craig Clarke, Theodore Gilkey John Kalb, Kashi Khazeh, Kurt Ludwick , E. Patrick McDermott, Darrell Mullins, Vera Street, David Rieck, Michael Scott, Kristen Walton, Starlin Weaver, Gail Welsh, Adam Wood

Senators Absent:, Douglas DeWitt, Donna Ritenour

I. Senate President Rieck called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.; a quorum was present.

II. Minutes: The Minutes of April 12 were approved.

III. Announcements from Senate President Rieck: None

IV. Remarks from Provost Allen:

1. Announced that all Maryland state employees were to be granted a \$750 bonus, though she is unsure if this will be given as a lump sum or distributed over the year's paychecks.
2. Announced that campus interviews for the Associate Provost position were beginning with six candidates currently under consideration.
3. Mentioned the upcoming annual SU Student Research Conference.

V. Reports: Honors Program—The Honors Task Force Report and the Senate Honors Committee Response:

1. The Senate Honors Committee is asking for the time to further explore proposed changes.
2. Senator Wood went on record “to acknowledge the amazing growth and progress that the Honors Program has had in recent years despite no increase in funding and/or resources since 1994.”
3. Provost Allen suggested that the key issue is whether or not SU needs to grow its Honors program
4. Concerns were expressed as to how growing the Honors program would be funded, particularly given issues of faculty salaries, etc. which seem to be more important issues of morale.
5. Senate President Rieck suggested that the issue return to the Senate Honors Committee to prioritize the order of process, beginning with items that could be accomplished without allocating further funds (i.e. free).

VI. New Business:

1. Faculty Financial Affairs Committee—Summer/Winter pay scale:
 - A. A Motion was made to accept the Committee's “recommendation that the Faculty Senate consider allowing winter and summer stipends to increase by the statewide tuition increase (3%) rather than the full tuition increase” of 6%. Discussion ensued and the Motion carried.
2. Academic Policies Committee (APC)—Graduate with Honors for students at satellite campus:
 - A. A Motion was made that “the Senate support the APC recommendation allowing students enrolled in the [Social Work] SOWK program at a satellite location to be eligible for graduation with honors with a minimum of fifty credits and ask the

administration to make the appropriate changes in language for the faculty handbook and catalogue.” The Motion carried.

3. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee—Transparency in Tenure process:

A. A Motion was made to accept the proposed changes in language to the Faculty Handbook regarding Tenure definitions and processes. Discussion ensued, with particular attention given to the problem of defining the term “collegiality,” and the Motion failed.

B. The issue was sent back to the Committee and will be brought back to the Senate early in AY 2012.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 4:57.

Minutes submitted by Adam Wood, Senate Recording Secretary