

Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate  
April 12, 2011  
Holloway Hall, Rm. 119

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

**Senators Absent:**, Michael Scott,

I. Senate President Rieck called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.; a quorum was present.

II. Minutes: The Minutes of March 8 were approved.

III. Announcements from Senate President Rieck:

1. Emeritus Faculty: while they are not voting members of the Faculty, they should still be on the “all Faculty” email list for Senate announcements.
2. The issue of missing punctuation in the Faculty Senate Bylaws: punctuation has been returned, and an updated version is forthcoming.
3. CUSF meeting for Senate Presidents: Towson University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore have begun searches for new Presidents; the Chancellor suggested that they be closed search processes.
4. The issue of access to Senate Minutes: currently requires a password (due to complaints/concerns voiced by parents over the “Fall Fusion” program). Discussion ensued. A decision was made to temporarily allow open access to the minutes, but not to “relevant documents” as these are not necessarily public documents, but internal ones.
5. Addressed the Summer Session Faculty Poll/Survey.
6. Mid-semester student grade reports: the question was raised regarding the future mandatory nature. The Provost assured that this would not become mandatory.

IV. Remarks from Provost Allen:

1. Discussed the results of both the student and Faculty Summer session poll/survey.
2. “Fall Fusion”: currently 48 students have paid their deposits for the program (just 2 short of the 50 target group).
3. “Mini Grants”: 8 Faculty reviewed 29 proposal submissions; 10 awards were given.
4. Announced that next AY, pay will be distributed over 27 pay periods as opposed to the normal 26.
5. Discussed the Provost’s Council Meeting:
  - A. The U.S. Department of Education is now, under the auspices of working to regulate “for-profit institutions,” requiring institutions who offer online courses to seek approval from each home state for every out of state student who wishes to enroll in such courses. Compliance must begin July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - B. Campus Accessibility Plan: The Higher Education Opportunity Act now requires that all online materials must be accessible to persons who have motor, visual, and hearing impairments. SU must be in compliance in about 2 years.
6. The Associate Provost Search: 64 applications were submitted and narrowed down to 15 for Skype interviews. 5 will be brought to campus in April and May. Faculty attendance at open events is encouraged.

- 47           7. Budget Issues: The Governor and Legislation supported Higher Ed., though there will  
48           still be 4 million in cuts to the system budget. There will also be an option for  
49           voluntary separation (i.e. early retirement).

50 V. Unfinished Business—Faculty Office Hours:

- 51           1. A Motion was made to take the issue off the table: Passed.  
52           2. An Amendment was made: “It is suggested that all full-time Faculty members be  
53           available for 3 to 5 hours of scheduled campus office hours each week. Part-time  
54           Faculty members should be available for a number of hours in proportion to their  
55           teaching load”: Passed, with one abstention.

56 VI. New Business: Amendment to add one Library seat to the Senate: A Motion was made  
57           and passed

58 VII. Reports: CUSF

- 59           1. The scope of Academic Free Speech.  
60           2. Retirees’ health care and benefits.  
61           3. A Concern about the decline of benefits for newer Faculty; changes in terms and  
62           conditions for employment.

63 VIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:52.

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65 Minutes submitted by Adam Wood, Senate Recording Secretary