

Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate
September 13, 2011
Holloway Hall, Rm. 119

Senators Present: Thomas Anderson , Mara Chen, J. Craig Clarke, Douglas DeWitt, Danny Ervin, Theodore Gilkey John Kalb, Kashi Khazeh, Kurt Ludwick, David Parker, Elizabeth Ragan, Vera Street, David Rieck, Donna Ritenour, Bart Talbert, Adam Wood

Senators Absent: Michael Scott

- I. Senate President Gilkey called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.; a quorum was present.
- II. Minutes: The Approval of the May 10 Minutes was tabled until September 27, to add the newly elected senators.
- III. Announcements from the Senate President
 1. Asked that committee liaisons keep the senate updated
 2. Encouraged the development of a shared governance matrix, to develop a mechanism to enhance the senate's continued and increased involvement
 3. Asked of the Provost that the senate have budget input during the process rather than after issuance
 4. Observed the need to establish a better / stronger connection to all of the faculty and to encourage greater involvement of the faculty at large, especially voter turnout
 5. Senator Kalb suggested that there be a statement issued to explain and encourage involvement in ballot issues, Senator Rieck suggested that the issue's originator create that statement\
 6. Conveyed an invitation from the University President for a Wine & Cheese event
- IV. Remarks from the Provost
 1. Thanks to the faculty for efforts during the weather crisis.
 2. Enrollment: 1254 freshman (+1), 949 transfers (+55), 7917 undergraduates, 716 graduates (8633 total)
 3. As per Middle States, University must find a way to assess student support services: Supplemental instruction, freshman seminar, writing center, living learning communities. Student satisfaction at SU is highest among surveyed schools, how do the support services affect academic issues and the majors?
 4. Searches: Dean of Libraries, need search members from Library Committee; Director of Honors, need search members from Honors Committee; 16 Faculty Searches in process or pending.
 5. Kera Siegert now reports to the President's Office, Brian Stiegler and the Registrar now report to the Provost's Office and Kristen Walton will head the search for Competitive National Scholarships
- V. Honors Program Committee Report. Marcy Losonczy-Marshall, Chair
 1. Committee Chair Losonczy-Marshall asked for senate input and offered the following issues as common ground for the committee: a twelve month interim director, an honors student living community, moving the scholarship issue outside of the committee's work, the difficulty of adding classes to the honors program, adding honors fellows and freeing faculty to teach honors courses

2. Senator Kalb suggested that the senate had already offered feedback; Senate President Gilkey suggested a search of the minutes and to merge those with current expressions.
3. Senator DeWitt wondered if the move from Program to College was decided, Senate President Gilkey suggested that the change seemed implied and Senator Rieck cautioned that there is little information regarding the details for an Honors College.
4. Provost Allen offered that there is a process as to how honors can work on campus and how to spread the honors program to more students / faculty and how to move honors into programs with heavy credit requirements. She suggested that a broader discussion of what our honors program should be as move from the current program that we have out grown
5. Dean Pereboom offered that an honors program should be in communion with all academic programs on campus. Additionally, he suggested that there is a marketing aspect for an honors college vs. an honors program.
6. Senator Clarke asked if the job description for the new Director reflected the Program vs. the College discussion.
7. Parting instructions to the Committee: Work on those issues that it can, in the absence of a permanent director.

VI. New Business

1. Senator Khazeh offered that the Library Representative vote was invalidated by lack of turnout and must be reintroduced.
2. Senator Parker moved to introduce the Library Representative issue as previously introduced. The motion was seconded by Senator DeWitt and was carried unanimously.
3. Senator Kalb suggested that by-law changes be accompanied by rationale from opposing views prior to campus wide balloting.
4. Senator Craig asked if rationale would represent a bias
5. Senate President Gilkey offered that some type of information would increase communication and therefore increase involvement
6. Senator Rieck suggested that the Senate President refrain from writing the rationale to remain neutral
7. Senate President Gilkey tabled the by-law change for the Faculty Welfare Committee

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Minutes submitted by Tom Anderson, Senate Recording Secretary