

Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate
11 March 2014
Holloway Hall 119

Senators Present: Mark de Socio (Secretary), Jerome DeRidder, Danny Ervin, Gregory Ference, Stephen Ford (Webmaster), Ted Gilkey, Stephen Habay, David Parker, Beth Ragan (President), Diallo Sessoms, Asif Shakur, Kathleen Shannon (VP), Adam Wood, Leslie Yarmo

Call to Order (Faculty Senate President): 3:31PM, quorum present

Reading of Minutes (Faculty Senate meeting of 24 February 2014)

- **Minutes approved**

Opening Remarks from the Senate President

- Welcome to new Fulton School Senator, Leslie Yarmo
- Summer Advisory Committee selection process
 - Senators representing schools, please determine a process for selecting a senator to serve on the Summer Advisory Committee; have senators selected by 22 April
- IT Department being audited in the summer in light of recent security breaches at USM institutions
 - Auditors may enter any faculty or staff office and search for posted passwords, so make sure you don't leave passwords laying around (it's bad practice and represents a lapse in online security)
 - If you have any questions or ideas, contact Learning with Technology Committee or IT

Remarks from the Provost

- Legislative updates
 - Not much to report; most stuff is in committees as they work on budget
 - Budget shortfall is expected, not sure yet what the impact will be on USM and Salisbury University
 - Maryland Senator Thomas Middleton was awarded as Salisbury University's 2014 John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislative Fellow (<http://www.salisbury.edu/newsevents/fullstoryview.asp?id=5665>)
- Salisbury University's cultural activities are doing extremely well, attracting people from the wider Salisbury community
 - Great ballet performance last night was sold out
 - *Sleeping Beauty* is being performed tonight and is expected to sell out
- SU President signed agreement with the president of Xinhua University (China) to bring students to Salisbury University

- Xinhua University students appear to be primarily interested in SU's MBA and Conflict Resolution programs
- Agreement lays the groundwork for more international students at SU
- Strategic Plan is posted on the SU President's website
- The SU Mission Statement has been passed along to Senators; would like the Senate's vote to approve the amended SU Mission Statement
 - Motion to endorse the SU Mission Statement; motion seconded
 - **Motion passed (voice vote)**

New Business:

- Motion to charge Membership and Elections Committee with investigating electronic voting; motion seconded
 - Brief discussion
 - **Motion passed (voice vote)**
- Motion to charge Academic Policies committee to review priority registration policy
 - **Motion passed (voice vote)**
- Business from the floor
 - Brief discussion regarding limited parking spaces for university buses; matter will be discussed by University Consortium
- Motion to cancel scheduled Faculty Senate meeting on March 25; seconded
 - **Motion passed (voice vote)**

Adjourned 3:51PM