

Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate

November 18, 2014

at Holloway Hall 119

Senators Present: Stephen Adams, Tom Anderson, Mark de Socio (Secretary), Jerome DeRidder, Stephen Ford (Webmaster), Lance Garmon, Ross Leasure, Darrell Mullins (VP), John Nieves, Brandye Nobiling, David Parker, Donna Rittenour, Diallo Sessoms, Asif Shakur, Kathleen Shannon (President), Bart Talbert, Brent Zaprowski

Call to Order (Faculty Senate President): 3:30PM, quorum present

Remarks from the University President

President's Residence

- President has vacated the university's campus President's Residence
 - Due to physical challenges, use of stairs has become prohibitive and the president has relocated to a private residence off-campus
 - President's Residence is not equipped with an elevator; the estimated cost of equipping the President's Residence is on the order of hundreds of thousands of dollars and the money could be better spent elsewhere
 - The President's Residence can still be utilized for various functions; the furniture in the residence is owned by Salisbury University and remains in place
 - Appropriate committees, with faculty input, will have time to evaluate future use of the President's Residence

Budget

- The State of Maryland is facing a budget deficit of \$600 million plus, which is much higher than an expected deficit of around \$450 million
- The hit to the University System of Maryland was estimated to be somewhere in the range of \$40 million to \$80 million when the state's deficit was expected to be around \$450 million; we can now expect a substantially higher impact on USM given the higher-than-expected state budget shortfall
- There has been no mention of furloughs at this juncture
- We may in for a couple of difficult years, but Salisbury University is in high demand as evidenced by the number of applicants each year

Remarks from the Faculty Senate President

New Senator

- Welcome to Dr. Ross Leasure, Department of English, who was elected to fill the At-Large seat vacated by librarian Leigh Ann DePope

General Education Steering Committee Co-Chair

- Congratulations to Dr. James King, Department of English, on his appointment as the General Education Steering Committee Co-Chair

Bylaws of the Salisbury University Consortium

- A draft of changes to the Bylaws of SU's Consortium was passed out; they will be on the agenda for our December meeting
 - Eventually this needs to go out to a full faculty vote.

Sexual Harassment Policy

- A draft of the new Sexual Harassment Policy will be made available as soon as possible; we need to have a policy in place by December 31 that is consistent with the new USM policy

Reading of Minutes (Faculty Senate meeting of November 4, 2014)

- Minutes approved

Committee Reports:

Learning with Technology Committee

- Report on charge to investigate the Bookstore's textbook reporting policy and make possible recommendations to accommodate e-textbooks and online access codes presented by Dr. Brent Zaprowski
 - One of the computer systems the Bookstore uses requires an ISBN number; if the materials you require do not have an ISBN number, they can make one up
 - Bookstore personnel are very willing to work with faculty on issues, just call them when you need assistance
 - The committee recommended that the Bookstore produce a "Speedy Sheet" of instructions for faculty using non-standard materials
 - SU is ahead of most USM institutions on meeting reporting requirements and that even with all of the sources available to students, roughly 90% still choose to get their materials through the bookstore

Presentation by Mr. Todd Smith, Web Communications Manager

- Front Page, SharePoint Designer, and Expression Web are no longer supported by Microsoft, and so we need to transition to new software to edit, add, and maintain content on the main SU web site (www.salisbury.edu)
- Cascade Server CMS (by Hannon Hill) was selected by an RFP committee; it has been purchased and installed, and is in a pre-production environment as we work out the kinks
- More information forthcoming, including an FAQ website
- Personal webpages of faculty not impacted, but departmental websites are

Presentations by Kara Siegert, Department of University Analysis, Reporting and Assessment

- Briefed the Senate on a new website (<https://webapps.salisbury.edu/spbs>) where faculty can log in and see initiatives related to the strategic plan along with budget projections and expected outcomes
- Presented on General Education Assessments
<http://www.salisbury.edu/iara/Assessment/Home.html>
 - A non-course based Assessment project will take place in February, called GULL (Gain Understanding as a Lifelong Learner) Week during the week of February 9-15 2015
 - GULL Week described as a competitive event to get students to show their “school spirit” by demonstrating how much they know; see flyer at:
https://secureweb.salisbury.edu/iara/Assessment/GULL_Week_Flyer_2014_v2.pdf

Adjourned 4:50PM