

Faculty Senate Minutes

Holloway Hall

February 27th, 2001

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Present: Carolyn Bowden, E.J. Crane, Elizabeth Curtin, Tom Erskine, Greg Ference, Kathy Fox, Natalie Hopson, John Kalb, Kashi Kazeh, Jim McCallops, Ken Milner, Michael O'Loughlin, David Rieck, Kathleen Shannon.

I. Opening remarks - Elizabeth Curtin – Elizabeth discussed the Salisbury State University Periodic Review Report, which was presented to the Senate officers by Brian Price of the PRR Task Force for review. She mentioned that the purpose of this document is to address specific issues raised by the Middle States review. The Senate Officers are currently reviewing this document. Although she did not feel it would be worthwhile for the Senate to discuss the document in depth, Elizabeth mentioned that the Faculty Senate may want to discuss the items regarding general education, the Faculty Senate and the University Forum at the 3/13 or 3/27 meetings. **Tom Erskine** asked the Senate for feedback regarding CUSF's discussion of a possible amendment to a House of Delegates bill amendment giving the USM faculty the right to vote on collective bargaining (unionization). Because there was so little detail available regarding the amendment, there was little consensus among the Senate as to a stand on this issue. Tom said he would report that sentiment to CUSF.

II. Sunset Clause Removal – The following motion was approved unanimously: "The Faculty Senate expresses its support for the removal of the sunset clause of the Forum bylaws in order that the University Forum continue in existence beyond June 15, 2001.

III. New Faculty Ranks – Elizabeth Curtin – Elizabeth made the motion that "The University Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee should be charged with reviewing the criteria for the New Faculty ranks for their inclusion in the Faculty Handbook." The motion was passed unanimously.

IV. Academic Policies – Jim McCallops – Jim presented the revised University Grievance Procedures and position on Student Integrity.

IV. Membership and Elections Committee: Possible Ghost Policy for Faculty serving on committees – David Rieck, Faculty Senate Representative on the Membership and Elections Committee was charged with developing a plan for a "ghost policy for faculty committee members" to allow committees to remove and replace members who do not attend meetings.

4:30 Meeting adjourned