

October 2006
New Student Reader Committee
Faculty Senate Update

- I. Evaluations of 2006 New Student Reader Program
 - a. Complete evaluations attached
 - b. Evaluations generally favorable. Most problems associated with logistics.

- II. Proposal for Permanent New Student Reader Committee Structure
 - a. Need to formalize procedures and structure
 - b. Proposal
 - i. 5 faculty members elected through Faculty Senate. 1 from each school and 1 at-large or library
 - ii. 1 staff/administrator elected through Staff Senate.
 - iii. 1 Faculty Logistics Coordinator- appointed/selected by Director of New Student Experience
 - iv. 1 Representative from the New Student Leadership Team
 - v. 2 Student Advocates – request that SGA create/elect these positions
 - vi. Standing seat- Director of New Student Experience
 - vii. Standing seat- Special Assistant to the Provost

- III. Proposal New Student Reader Committee Timeline
 - a. Attached- formalize procedures
 - b. When permanent committee established, assign committee member duties, Office of New Student Experience duties, etc.

- IV. Future Directions
 - a. Tie more strongly to curriculum – Ex: Work with ENGL 101 curriculum
 - b. Have semester-long, year-long tie-ins. Particularly if book can be tied to Cultural Affairs.
 - c. Convocation

Salisbury University New Student Reader Program Time Line

Date	Task	Person Responsible
September	Send out campus e-mail soliciting nominations for book.	
Mid-October	Close book nominations. Forward nominations to NSR committee to review.	
Mid-November	NSR Committee meets to make short list of 10 books based on cost and contents.	
Late November	Book authors contacted for availability on Convocation date and speaking fees.	
Early December	NSR Committee meets to select 5 books for short list based on combination of book, author cost and author availability.	
	Copies of all 5 books immediately ordered for distribution to committee.	
	The titles of all 5 books e-mailed to campus community to solicit feedback.	
January- February	NSR Committee reads all 5 books.	
Early March	Prior to meeting, author availability on Convocation date confirmed.	
	Prior to meeting, campus community reminded to forward comments to NSR Committee.	
	NSR Committee meets to select final book.	
	Decision announced via e-mail to campus community.	
	Author contractually commits to speaking at Convocation.	
April	Books ordered for incoming students and discussion leaders.	
Late April/Early May	Campus community asked to volunteer to lead book discussions via e-mail.	
	Date set for discussion leader training in August and sent to discussion leaders.	
	Discussion leaders pick up their books prior to leaving for the summer.	
Summer	Materials prepared for discussion leader training.	
	Discussion leaders read book.	
	Rooms reserved for discussions and discussion leader training.	
	Rooms assigned to discussion leaders.	
	Peer leaders assigned to transport students.	
Late August	Discussion leader training: Logistics	
	Discussion leader training: Discussion points and techniques	
August Convocation	Book discussions occur on day of Convocation, and author speaks at Convocation.	
After August Convocation	Evaluations sent to campus community via e-mail. (Students evaluation of program included in overall freshman orientation evaluation.)	

