

Salisbury State University

Faculty Senate

Response from Phil Creighton to e-mail from Dave Parker with Phil's responses in italics interspersed with Dave's original e-mail message.

Hi David

>>> David Parker 09/22/97 12:32pm >>>

Phil

Although the initiative for the GE Task Force apparently came from the University Curriculum Committee this was not made clear to most of the faculty. Bad communication rears its ugly head once again!

That is true. I also announced at a Forum meeting in the Spring that we were going to devote this year to study general education.

I assured the Senate that the Task Force upon completion of its tasks (possibly two or three years from now) will submit its recommendations through the "usual channels" for changing the curriculum. At the present time that means that the University Curriculum Committee -- at the very least -- will be asked to review the recommendations and will then send them on to the Senate for additional discussion and deliberation.

Of course this will be the procedure. I believe that faculty design the university's curriculum. I would also hope that the Senate would eventually take ownership of general education by established a GE Committee.

If this is in fact "the plan" -- as I believe you have stated -- then I would appreciate a reply from you to that effect (in order to allay some concerns from the faculty). If another process for adopting any Task Force recommendations is anticipated please let us know what that process is.

I have no other agenda.

Thanks! This is hopefully a problem that isn't!

You are welcome.

Phil