

Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate  
10 September 2013  
Holloway Hall 119

**Senators Present:** Stephen Adams, Mark de Socio (Secretary), Leigh Ann DePope, Jerome DeRidder, Douglas DeWitt, Danny Ervin, Gregory Ference, Stephen Ford (Webmaster), Lance Garmon, Stephen Habay, Somiah Lattimore, Brandye Nobiling, David Parker, Beth Ragan (President), Diallo Sessoms, Asif Shakur, Kathleen Shannon (VP), Bart Talbert

**Senators Absent:** Adam Wood (on sabbatical)

**Call to Order (Faculty Senate President):** 3:34PM, quorum present

**Reading of Minutes** (Faculty Senate meeting of 7 May 2013)

- Minutes approved as corrected

**Announcements from the Senate President, Dr. Beth Ragan**

- Review of Senate Retreat discussions

**Remarks from the President of the University, Dr. Janet Dudley-Eshbach:**

- Kudos to Simeon Ananou, the university's new Chief Information Officer, for leading university's efforts to defend against intensive Denial-of-Service (DoS) attacks on the university website and network over the past several days
  - Ananou: DoS attacks from 18 different countries within a span of 15 minutes – an example of the intensity of the DoS attacks
  - Ananou: Second layer of firewall established by IT to shield internal network from outside attack and allow continuity of university work amid DoS attacks
  - Many universities would have lost the use of their network entirely under such an attack, including their websites; it is testimony to the expertise of the SU IT department that we did not lose ours (If you see an IT staff member, thank them)
- Off-campus shooting tragedy of 3 September
  - Two non-students killed, including lone shooter; one SU student severely injured, expected to recover
  - Incident was not random; rather, it was 'relationship violence'
  - Many students impacted (friends and roommates of the victims)

- Kudos to Student Affairs, SUPD, and Dean Foust for their part in coordinating the University's real-time response, including making Counseling Services available to students
- University's emergency communications system
  - Despite postings of "no immediate danger to University community" by President Dudley-Eshbach and SUPD via email, the university website, and other media, Twitter-based rumors were rampant
    - Question of whether SU should utilize Twitter for emergency communications, including for incidents off-campus
    - Sen. Lattimore recommends that SU establish a secondary emergency contact list for students, faculty and staff to include family members and significant others in SU emergency communications
  - Protocol for SU's Emergency Alert System (EAS) is for immediate threats to campus community; as such was not activated
    - Had it been determined that there was an immediate threat to the campus, EAS would have been activated
- Meeting with USM Chancellor
  - CUSF report on shared governance at USM institutions
    - Confusion over SU's University Consortium – e.g., when/if it meets, consortium business (or lack of)
      - SU president offers Administration's help to mobilize Consortium, but does not want to meddle with governance bodies; will assist only if requested by the governance bodies
    - Two recommendations proposed by CUSF
      - Summer Faculty Senate to be available for consultation with Administration during the summer
      - State of the University Address by university presidents should be given each Fall at the beginning of the new academic year
        - Would the Faculty want this or not?

**Charge to all Committees (Senate President Beth Ragan):**

- Designated Senators of committees: convene committees and elect committee chairs, and report chair selection to the webmaster
- Review committee bylaws and make recommendations where mandated without needing to wait for charges from the Senate President
- Review relevant sections of the Senate Bylaws for errors and/or inconsistencies
- Produce and submit an Annual Report the Faculty Senate President to highlight committee work

## **New Business**

- Sen. Doug DeWitt volunteered to serve as Designated Senator for the Graduate Council
- Academic Policies Committee: Proposed bylaw change by Sen. Dave Parker (see attached)
  - **Passed**
- Proposal by Senate President Beth Ragan to charge Academic Policy Committee (APC) to reassess +/- course grade proposal
  - **Passed**
- CUSF/MHEC FAC: Proposed bylaw change by Sen. Dave Parker (see attached)
  - **Passed**
- Faculty Senate Bylaw change proposal by Sen. Kathleen Shannon
  - Sen. Shannon seeking informal feedback before formally submitting proposal at a future Senate meeting
  - Proposal to (1) make one of the two at-large senate positions officially for Vice President (who will then, in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, be president); and (2) make the Immediate Past President an officer of the Senate
    - The idea is that, since the position of the Faculty President has grown in scope and importance, the Vice President (who becomes president in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year) should be elected by the full faculty
    - Additionally, by making the VP elected at-large, this broadens the pool of eligible candidates to the full faculty rather than limited to 12 or 13 Senators only
  - Discussion

**Adjourned 4:55PM**