

TO: FACULTY SENATE

FROM: ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2016

RE: SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY POLICY

On November 1, 2016 the Academic Policies Committee (APC) received the following charge from the Faculty Senate:

We, the Faculty Senate, charge the Academic Policies Committee to provide an in-depth review of the recently crafted Salisbury University Social Media Privacy Policy, which was under MHEC mandate to be in place by November 1, 2016, and suggest any appropriate changes. Report will be submitted and presented to the Faculty Senate on or before the March 14 meeting.

In response to the above-referenced charge from the Faculty Senate to provide an in-depth review of the Salisbury University Social Media Privacy Policy, the Academic Policies Committee met on October 21, 2016 and November 18, 2016.

Over the course of two meetings, the APC reviewed the Social Media Privacy Policy thoroughly. The APC acknowledged the need for a policy regarding social media due to the extensive use of social media by students, faculty and staff. The Committee recognized that information that serves an academic, professional or personal purpose may be disclosed on social media therefore there is a need for a policy regarding the privacy of the user.

After careful consideration and discussion of the definitions, and each of the policy provisions, the APC unanimously concluded as follows:

1. The policy as written is standard and covers all the necessary provisions commonly found in a policy of this nature;
2. Committee members did not present concerns with the policy as written and there were no arguments against implementation of the policy as written;
3. Committee unanimously voted to recommend approval of the Social Media Privacy Policy and did not suggest any changes or have any questions about the policy.

The APC approves implementation of the policy as written.