

Minutes of the Salisbury University Faculty Senate
06 May 2014
Holloway Hall 119

Senators Present: Stephen Adams, Mark de Socio (Secretary), Leigh Ann DePope, Jerome Deridder, Danny Ervin, Gregory Ference, Stephen Ford (Webmaster), Lance Garmon, Ted Gilkey, Brandye Nobiling, David Parker, Beth Ragan (President), Asif Shakur, Kathleen Shannon (VP), Bart Talbert, Adam Wood, Leslie Yarmo

Call to Order (Faculty Senate President): 3:31PM, quorum present

Reading of Minutes (Faculty Senate meeting of 22 April 2014)

- **Minutes approved**

Opening Remarks from the Senate President

- Grades are due by 5pm on Monday, May 26
- Work will start on updating and revising the Faculty Handbook over the summer
 - Faculty representatives in the work group are: David Parker, Bart Talbert, Diallo Sessoms, and Mark Walter
- Faculty Senate committee annual reports are nearly all in; if you are interested in seeing what they accomplished during the year, you can find them on the Faculty Senate Committees webpage; a login will be required to access the annual reports
- University's Office of Institutional Equity is now officially established
 - Humberto Aristizabal is the Associate Vice President and the office reports to the university president via the chief of staff
 - Main charges are to keep SU's policies and procedures up to date by monitoring Maryland state law and USM policies, and to provide training to all relevant university personnel
 - A state law requiring transgender equity will go into effect October 1st
 - SU is generally ahead of the rest of USM regarding training compliance (78% of SU personnel have completed the Title IX training), but the law requires 100% compliance
 - If you haven't done so already, please complete the training (it is online); if you have any questions about training, contact Humberto or the Faculty Welfare Committee
- Interviews scheduled for candidates for the Associate Vice President of Human Resources on Friday, Monday, and Tuesday – all at 2pm in TETC 152 except for Monday, which will be in the Nanticoke Room)

Remarks from the Provost

- Reiterating what Beth (Faculty Senate President) said – the Title IX law requires 100% compliance, so please complete the training if you haven't done so already and encourage your colleagues to do so as well
- Best wishes for the summer; end of the academic year is a time for reflection
 - Thank you to the Faculty Senate and Senate Officers
 - Hope to see all of you at Graduation

Committee Reports:

- Membership and Elections Committee propose that we put out a call for volunteers to fill the Green Board
 - Motion to approve committee's recommendation
 - **Motion passed (voice vote)**
- Academic Policies Committee report on Priority Registration (see documents)
 - Committee was charged with reviewing who gets priority registration and why
 - Committee recommends that groups identified on a semester-by-semester basis as warranting priority registration to be awarded the second or third registration slot
 - Discussion
 - Motion to approve Committee recommendations
 - **Motion passed (voice vote)**

New Business:

- Faculty Senate President's gavel passed from outgoing President Dr. Beth Ragan to incoming President Dr. Kathleen Shannon
- Remarks from incoming President Dr. Kathleen Shannon
 - Newly elected Senators invited to take their seats on the lower tier reserved for Senators
 - Outgoing Senators vacated their seats and relocated to upper tier open to all faculty and guests
 - Please attend the interview sessions for Vice President of Human Resources if you can; it would be helpful to have faculty input
- Floor opened to nominations for Faculty Senate Vice President
 - Dr. Darrell Mullins nominated; seconded and accepted
- Floor opened to nominations for Webmaster and Secretary
 - Current officers nominated, seconded, and accepted (Stephen Ford, Webmaster; Mark de Socio, Secretary)
- New Senators introduced

- From the floor: Thank you to outgoing President Dr. Beth Ragan for working to make the Faculty Senate more transparent; and thanks to Faculty Senate officers for their service

Adjourned 3:56PM