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Senate Recommendation to the Provost

Originating Body The Faculty Senate Originator Dr. Michael O'Loughlin, President

Date submitted March 2, 2005 Requested Effective date ASAP

Recommendation To change the timing of the Fall Convocation to the "...afternoon of the day new students arrive on the University's campus. For Fall, 2005, Convocation will therefore be moved to Friday, August 26 at 3:30 p.m...." Approved policy attached.

Attach any supporting documentation. Cover letter attached.

Action Taken by Provost:

Date 3/8/05

☒ Recommendation Accepted ☐ Recommendation Not Accepted

☐ Recommendation returned to Originating Body for further review (see attached)

Disposition for Approved Recommendation:

☐ President
☒ Faculty Senate Chair
☐ Forum Chair
☒ Webmaster
☐ Catalogue Editor
☐ Student Handbook Editor
☐ Faculty Handbook Editor

☒ VP Student Affairs
☐ VP Finance
☒ School Deans
☐ Graduate Council
☒ Provost Council
☒ Other: Leadership Committee 1st year
Lawanda Dockins Gordy

Signature: [Signature]

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Motion for the Faculty Senate:

The Fall Convocation opening the academic year at Salisbury University will henceforth take place in the afternoon of the day new students arrive on the University's campus. For fall, 2005, Convocation will therefore be moved to Friday, August 26 at 3:30 p.m.

March 3, 2005

TO: David Buchanan, Provost

FROM: Michael O'Loughlin, President, Faculty Senate 

RE: Faculty Senate recommendation for change in date and timing of Fall Convocation

Dear Dave,

This issue was first brought to my attention as president of the Faculty Senate by Arlene White, representing, I believe, the Convocation Committee and Carol Williamson's Office of Student Affairs back in September, 2004. Arlene then reported on the idea at the Senate's meeting of October 12, 2004 and the Senate asked her to come back in early spring to present the issue for a Senate vote at that time if the recommendation was still considered to be in order.

Carol Williamson, Vice President for Student Affairs, made that presentation at the Senate meeting of February 8, 2005 and the Senate endorsed the motion (attached) unanimously. While the Senate minutes can speak for itself, I believe that the principle reason for support was the view that this change in timing may help bring more students to the event and perhaps if the timing of the reading program works out, this would be the event at which the author of the book for the reading program could speak, thus further enhancing the value of the Convocation event.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.