

## Salisbury University Faculty Senate

### Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2007

Holloway Hall 119, 3:30 pm

Senators present –Curtin, DeRidder, Groth, Hammond, Hopson, Khazeh, Morrison, Mullins, Parker, Rieck, Robinson, Ritenour, Scott, Shannon, Shipper, Talbert,

Senators absent – Egan, Lawler

1. Minutes Approval:

A. A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 17 minutes. Kathleen Shannon recommended that we explain the vote to table the motion that Sen. Scott had made to accept the changes proposed by the Faculty Welfare Committee regarding evaluation of first and second year faculty. That vote: 8 in favor, 5 failed because a 2/3 vote of those present is required to table a motion. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed.

B. A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 24 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Announcements from the Senate President: The only announcement concerned the death of Ellen Lawler's mother.

3. A Word from the Administration

Dr. Jones mentioned that there had been approval for funding for 150 new students, but that funding was still somewhat questionable. He also said that our Freshman Class is solid. Attracting enough transfer students continues to be a challenge.

4. New Business

- a. Proposal for a Senate Finance Committee-Frank Shipper provided copies of both a minority and majority report from the Ad Hoc Senate Finance Committee. Dave Parker proposed amending the majority report to include an item from the minority report that would charge the new committee to make recommendations regarding faculty compensation. The vote on the amendment was 5 in favor and 9 opposed. The amendment failed. A second motion was made to change the membership on the committee to include a librarian; that amendment passed with 13 votes in favor. The motion was made to accept the majority report from the Ad Hoc Faculty Finance Committee as amended to include librarian representation; the vote was 11 in favor: Motion Passed.
- b. Concern from Graduate Council on developing bylaws.-Mike Scott reported the difficulties surrounding making the Graduate Council a regular committee of the Faculty Senate. He proposed instead to accept his report (attached to the agenda) asking that the Graduate Council continue as it is now explained in the Graduate Council guidelines. That report passed unanimously.
- c. Kashi Khazeh presented the FWC's report on adding additional ranks to our faculty, all ranks approved at the System level. The motion was made and seconded to accept the FWC's recommendation that we add the additional ranks. The motion passed with 12 votes in favor. Joanna Laird asked that the Faculty Senate ask Faculty Welfare to look into the faculty status of unpaid faculty.
- d. Kashi Khazeh presented the Faculty Welfare Committee Recommendation on Use of Student Evaluations in Faculty Evaluations. The motion was made to table the discussion on the expanded use of student evaluations. The motion to table passed with 10 votes in favor and 5 opposed.
- e. Bob Tardiff presented the Revised Policies on Conflict of Interest/Conflict of Commitment. The motion was made and seconded to accept the proposal as presented. Motion Carried.
- f. Michael Scott proposed an emergency motion from the Learning Technology Committee to accept a standard student response system. (See below.) Motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned: 4:57 p.m.

Motions passed:

1. April 17 minutes approved as amended
2. April 24 minutes approved
3. Majority report from the Ad Hoc Senate Finance Committee for Bylaws changes to make the committee a standing committee of the Faculty Senate, passed as amended to add librarian representation.
4. Report from Graduate Council concerning its relationship to Faculty Senate
5. FWC recommendations on adding faculty ranks for our campus.
6. Revised Policies on conflict of Interest/conflict of Commitment
7. Emergency motion from LTC regarding a Standard Student Response system:

The Learning Technology Committee recommends that Salisbury University adopt a standard Student Response System (SRS), and the Committee recommends TurningPoint as the campus standard. The Committee investigated 3 different vendors' systems, which were pilot tested by about a dozen faculty and demonstrated to about 70 faculty. After discussion of survey results from faculty and students who used and viewed the systems, and evaluating the systems on numerous criteria, the Committee selected TurningPoint as a campus standard based on the following:

- Data collection and reporting capabilities
- Integration with Powerpoint, WebCT, and other commonly used software
- Ease of installation and use
- Regional use of the systems in K-12 and other universities
- Cost to students and to the university
- Technical support needed

The Committee has responded to a growing number of faculty interested in using these systems, also termed "Clickers", in the classroom to engage students, to increase participation, to get instant feedback to gauge understanding of course concepts, and to facilitate quiz administration, storage, and analysis of results. Students respond to questions posed by the instructor using small keypads that send signals to a receiver connected to the classroom computer, and the instructor can display instant results. Students will be able to purchase the keypads at the bookstore and use the same keypad in multiple classes, thus saving money for everyone.

The Learning Technology Committee requests the Senate to recommend that SU adopt the TurningPoint system as the standard Student Response System (SRS) for the university.