

Salisbury University
Consortium Coordinating Committee meeting
November 8, 2023, 2 p.m.
President's Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Deneen Long-White, Chair (President, Faculty Senate); Joe Benyish (Chair, Staff Senate); Tim Robinson (President, Adjunct Faculty Caucus); Nick Plummer (President, Graduate Student Council); Wyatt Parks (President, SGA); Eric Stewart (Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications, President's Office); and Gina Boobar (President's Office)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting were approved.

Governance Body Reports

Report from Faculty Senate – Deneen Long-White

- Faculty Senate did not approve the proposed bylaw revisions. They have concerns about eliminating the consortium committees.
- Next Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting agenda will set forth a motion to dissolve the ad hoc committee for revising Emergency Absence Policy. The committee has not met for some time. It is recommended to dissolve this ad-hoc committee and ask the Consortium Coordinating Committee to take up the committee.

Report from Staff Senate – Joe Benyish

- A Snack & Chat on Benefits was held on October 31st and was very well attended. The next Snack & Chat is scheduled for the end of November.
- The University's new Vice President of Administration and Finance, Aurora Edenhart-Pepe, is working with Staff Senate to become familiar with policies and processes.

Report from Adjunct Faculty Caucus – Tim Robinson

- It has been a good semester for adjunct faculty, with very few issues.

Report from Student Government Association (SGA) – Wyatt Parks

- The annual Big Event was held this past Saturday. It went very well.
- The SGA's efforts to engage the student body during homecoming week was a huge success.

Report from Graduate Student Council (GSC) – Nick Plummer

- They are looking at the Graduate Boot Camp offerings and brainstorming new professional development offerings that they will be able to provide graduate students in the future. Currently, they are designing a survey to go out to all graduate students to elicit their feedback for what they would be interested in.
- They have been engaging in discussions with the USMSC for how USM institutions can best meet the needs of international students. More to come regarding these efforts.
- They are preparing to host their Winter Social before students leave for winter break. The social is tentatively scheduled for December 14th in the Holloway Hall Social Room; however, they are still working on logistics.

Updates from the President's Office – Eric Stewart

- Wyatt asked about the status of Commencement. He heard that the location may be moved away from the Civic Center. He has received numerous comments from students who are very concerned with moving it to a different location, especially an outdoors location. Having it indoors adds a bit of formality to it which most students would prefer. Eric replied that all options are being assessed for the location of future Commencement ceremonies. Nothing has been decided. The December Commencement ceremony will remain at the Civic Center.
- Joe asked about the status of the Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) monies for the approved proposals. Eric replied that additional information and updates on the SIF will be released next week.
- President Lepre's State of the University Address will be held next Monday at 3 p.m. in the Holloway Hall Auditorium.
- Wyatt asked about parking tickets. Students are being ticketed after hours, when they were on campus for night classes. There needs to be better information put out to campus regarding parking regulations. Tim added that the parking signs on campus are vague; standardization of parking signs would be helpful. There are also some parking signs on campus that need updated.

Old Business

Bylaw Revisions

- After discussion, it was decided that Deneen and Tim would go back to the Faculty Senate and Adjunct Faculty Caucus to find out what their recommended bylaw changes would be and bring their proposed edits back this group for review and discussion at the next meeting.

New Business – None

- Joe mentioned the idea of doing a joint session of all governance groups. This would be an opportunity for everyone to meet members of the other governance groups. Deneen agreed; she has had conversations with the provost about having someone from the President's office attend to do a presentation. It would probably need to be held in the Assembly Hall. It could be an opportunity for the vice presidents to give updates and for President Lepre to provide remarks.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Recorder: Gina Boobar