Salisbury University
Consortium Coordinating Committee meeting
April 28, 2014, 12 p.m.
President’s Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Tabatha Beck (President, Graduate Student Council); Steve Blankenship (President, Staff Senate); Gina Boobar (President’s Office); Amy Hasson (Chief of Staff, President’s Office); Evan Miller (President-Elect, SGA); Katherine Mooney (President, SGA); Elizabeth (Beth) Ragan (President, Faculty Senate); Tim Robinson (Adjunct Faculty Caucus)

Chair Beth Ragan called the meeting to order.

Approval of minutes from March 31, 2014 – Minutes approved.

Report from Faculty Senate – Beth Ragan
  o CUSF and CUSS proposed a change to the tuition remission policy. Currently USM employees receive 100% tuition remission at their home institution and 50% tuition remission at another USM institution if the chosen program is not available at the home institution. Their proposal would remove this limitation. They are trying to get this change through the System. The SU Faculty Senate has approved the proposal.
  o They passed a policy outlining procedure to follow for School/Library faculty meetings.
  o The SGA asked the Senate to appoint a faculty member to the University Green Board. The Senate has charged the Membership and Elections Committee to determine the most appropriate procedure for selecting this representative.
  o The last Faculty Senate meeting of the semester is next Tuesday. Then they are electing new officers. The Faculty Senate president for next year is Kathleen Shannon.

Report from Adjunct Faculty Caucus – Tim Robinson
  o The first draft of the Adjunct Faculty bylaws has been sent out to the Adjunct Faculty for review.
  o They have added two members from each school, plus an at-large member from each school. The changes will be implemented for the Fall semester.
  o They would like to hold their own elections.
  o Issues to address next year include pay for adjuncts and recognition of adjuncts.
  o They appreciate that the University is giving them a voice.

Report from Staff Senate – Steve Blankenship
  o Employee Appreciation Day will be held on June 12th. They are busy with planning for this event. They may not do a professional development seminar this year due to the cost. It is still being discussed.
  o Elections will be held over the summer.
Report from Student Government Association – Katherine Mooney  
- Introduced Evan Miller, incoming President. His term begins on May 1st.  
- This week is Multicultural Festival Week.  
- SGA is partnering with Phi Mu and holding a “Cool Off Before Finals” event in Red Square next Monday and Tuesday. They will be handing out popsicles.  
- May 8th is the last SGA Forum of the semester.  
- Evan briefed the committee:  
  - All open positions have been filled.  
  - They are planning for next fall’s events. They are working on more school spirit events.  
  - The Vice President of Public Relations plans to post more of the SGA events online.  
  - One of his goals is to get more students involved in student organizations.

Report from Graduate Student Council – Tabatha Beck  
- The GSC elections have been concluded and all positions are filled.  
- The entire executive board is from the education program, so there is no diversity. They have discussed the possibility of making it mandatory to have a representative from each program or school.  
- The main goals are retention and increasing the number of active members. They will focus on recent graduates, who may be more likely to be active.

Old Business - Bylaw Review and Revision – Committee Section  
- Amy said she is still waiting for all the responses regarding the committee updates. Once she receives all the information, she will send a draft revision to the Coordinating Committee.  
- Beth said she will send the by-law and committee revisions to all the governance organizations for review the beginning of the Fall semester.

New Business – Procedure for minor bylaw amendments, particularly re committee  
- The re-written bylaws allow for the Coordinating Committee to make minor, editorial modifications provided they do not materially change the nature or function of the Consortium or its committees. Beth proposed that they insert additional wording in Article VII of the bylaws to address minor changes to the committee section.

Other Issues  
- Since this is the last meeting of the semester, the committee will communicate via email from now on.

Steve Blankenship made a motion to adjourn. Katherine Mooney seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Recorder: Gina Boobar