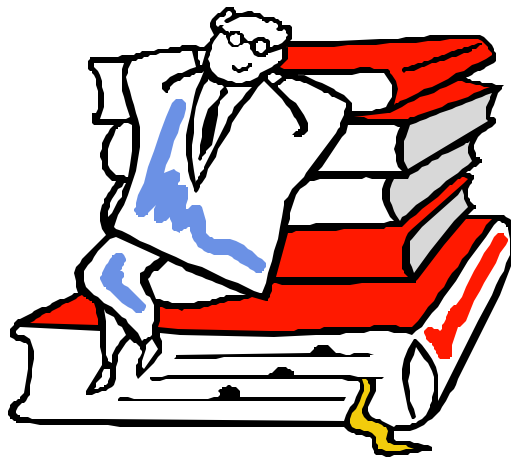


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### **A. Constituent Institutions**

Salisbury University is a member of the University System of Maryland (USM). In addition to Salisbury University, constituent institutions in the University System of Maryland include:

Bowie State University	University of Maryland at Baltimore
Coppin State University	University of Maryland Baltimore County
Frostburg State University	University of Maryland at College Park
Towson University	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
University of Baltimore	University of Maryland University College

#### Research Centers:

University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science  
University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute

#### Systemwide Education Centers:

USM Shady Grove Education Center, Montgomery County

The University System of Maryland is governed by a Board of Regents and all relevant. Board of Regents policies apply to Salisbury University.

## **B. SU Policy on Faculty Membership in the Faculty Council of the USM**

As members of the University System of Maryland, Salisbury University's faculty send institutional representatives to the Faculty Council of the University System of Maryland. The Constitution of the Faculty Council of the University System of Maryland is reproduced in full below.

**The most current policy of the Constitution for the Faculty Council is found on the web at: <http://www.usmd.edu/Leadership/BoardOfRegents/Bylaws/SectionI/I200.html>.**

### **Constitution for the Faculty Council of the University System of Maryland**

Basic to the effective operation of any system of higher education is the acceptance of the concept of shared governance. It is the faculty, whose careers are dedicated to the advancement of learning, who provide the thrust and direction of any academic institution. Therefore, faculty shall have wide powers in determining professional and academic matters, an informed advisory role in areas of administrative responsibility, and a voice in basic decisions, which affect the welfare of the system as a whole.

#### **ARTICLE I**

Section 1. Purpose. The Faculty Council of the University System of Maryland advises the chancellor and reports regularly to the Board of Regents. Its responsibility will be to consider and make recommendations on matters of system wide professional and educational concern to the faculty and matters to which faculty bring special expertise.

#### **ARTICLE II**

Section 1. Membership. The Council will consist of full-time faculty representatives elected by the faculties of the constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland. The faculty of each campus will determine the qualifications for, and procedures for selection of, its representatives.

Section 2. Constituent Institutions. For purposes of representation on the Council, constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland are: Bowie State University, Coppin State College, Frostburg State University, Salisbury University, Towson State University, University of Baltimore, University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB), University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), University of Maryland College Park (UMCP), University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), University of Maryland University College (UMUC), University of Maryland Center for Environmental and Estuarine Studies (UMCEES), Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES), Maryland Biotechnology Institute (MBI), and Maryland Cooperative Extension Service (MCES).

Section 3. Apportionment of Membership. Initial membership on the Council will be apportioned in the following manner: UMCP-6; Towson State University-3; UMAB-3; UMBC-3; Bowie State University-2; Coppin State College-2; Frostburg State University-2; Salisbury University-2; University of Baltimore-2; UMES-2; UMUC-1; UMCEES-1; MAES-1; MBI-1; and MCES-1. An institution newly incorporated into the University System of Maryland will receive representation on the Council commensurate with the size of its full-time faculty.

Section 4. Terms of Members. Members of the Council will serve three-year terms, with a staggering of the election of the membership at each constituent institution. The length of the terms of members initially elected will be determined by the Council.

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### ARTICLE III

Section 1. Officers. The Council will elect annually a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary. In addition, there will be an executive committee, which will set the agenda for meetings of the Council and monitor and bring to the attention of the Council matters of interest. The executive committee will consist of the chair, the vice chair, the secretary, the immediate past chair (ex-officio), and two members elected at large. The membership of the executive committee will be broadly representative of the membership of the Council as a whole and no two elected members of the executive committee will be from the same institution.

Section 2. Meetings. The Council will meet as specified in its bylaws, but no less than twice during each academic year. Additional meetings may be convened by the chair of the Council or by procedures specified in the bylaws.

Section 3. Bylaws. The Council will develop bylaws consistent with this constitution, will provide for committees, and will establish its own rules of procedure. At a minimum, there will be standing committees of the Council with responsibility for the following areas: academic affairs, faculty rights and welfare, research, and rules and organization.

### ARTICLE IV

Section 1. Amendment. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed either by a constituent institution or by a member of the Council. Adoption of amendments will occur according to the following procedures: (1) initial approval by a two-thirds vote of the Council; (2) referral of the proposed amendment to the faculty governing bodies of the constituent institutions for consideration and comment; (3) final approval by a two-thirds vote of the Council; and (4) acceptance by the Board of Regents.

### ARTICLE V

Section 1. Adoption. This constitution will become effective following review by the faculties of the constituent institutions and approval by a two-thirds vote of the interim Faculty Council, and upon its acceptance by the Board of Regents.

**Approved by the Board of Regents, February 1, 1989; Amended June 11, 1993**

