

Salisbury University
Consortium Coordinating Committee meeting
March 2, 2020, 11:30 a.m.
President's Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Adam Wood, Chair (President, Faculty Senate); Tim Robinson (Chair, Adjunct Faculty Caucus); Tabitha Pilchard (Chair, Staff Senate); Brendan Link (Vice President, SGA); Lawanda Dockins-Mills (Associate Dean of Students); Eli Modlin (Chief of Staff, President's Office); Gina Boobar (President's Office)

Absent: Cearrah Sherman (President, Graduate Student Council)

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting were approved.

Census 2020 – Dr. Lawanda Dockins-Mills

- Educate SU students on why completing the Census is so important; it's their civic responsibility. The University will provide students with the link once it is live on March 12th.
- Students should complete the form from their SU address; their parents should not be counting them. A message will go out to parents via the Parent Portal, parent newsletter and parent website to let them know not to count their students in their Census.
- The University will continue sending messages to students until May; the Census is open until July.
- Important dates include: Party with a Purpose (Census 2020 Kickoff event) is Friday, March 27th, 12-2 p.m., Red Square; and the Census 2020 Celebration Launch Party is Wednesday, April 1st, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wicomico Room in GSU and Academic Commons. We will not have to spend any University resources on these events.
- Numerous initiatives to engage students will include SU News, posters, flyers, social media, emails, GullNet, Navigate and information tables.
- Please pass this information on to your governance groups. Lawanda will be doing a presentation at the next SGA Forum.
- For additional information on Census 2020, visit www.census.gov. Gina will email Lawanda's PPT presentation to the group. It is also attached to and part of these minutes.

Report from Faculty Senate – Dr. Adam Wood

- General Education reform continues to be a primary matter. The next meeting will include an update from the Gen. Ed. committee chair. The Senate will not vote to endorse either the new plan or the old plan; instead, it will be reviewing and voting on whether the committee has completed their charge and whether the proposal is ready to go to an all-faculty vote. A Senator made a motion to have a diversity requirement included. The details will come up at the next meeting.

Report from Adjunct Faculty Caucus – Tim Robinson

- Inconsistent communication in the University departments between adjuncts and regular faculty.
- Appreciates SU supporting the new Adjunct Faculty Learning Community this year.

Report from Staff Senate – Tabitha Pilchard

- In December, they put forth a proposal to the Executive Staff to hire an Ombudsperson for the University. Details are still being worked out.
- The subject of February's Snack and Chat was the budget.
- They are working on this year's Employee Appreciation Day.
- Elections are coming up.

Report from Student Government Association – Brendan Link

- The elections process is beginning; voting will be the last week of March into April.
- The SGA Senate Action Committees have introduced five focuses for improving campus including: Campus Wellness, Campus Safety, Dining, School Spirit, and Parking. There are five Senators who will be chairing these committees and leading these initiatives.
- There are student concerns about parking. Students are having difficulty finding a parking space on campus. Tabitha agreed that there are parking issues; however, there is parking available but it just may not be available in the preferred lots.

Report from Graduate Student Council – No Report

Student Concerns

- Adam explained it was brought to his attention that some students recently raised the following two concerns: 1) they believe students of color groups and activities are being overly monitored/investigated; and 2) there are some new rules or regulations that started this year or will be starting and appear to place more of a burden on students of color groups and activities. Adam asked Brendan if he would follow up with the SGA on these concerns, to see if he can find out additional details.

Shared Governance Resolutions

- Eli advised that the University sent a response to the list of concerns from students, faculty and staff. A copy of the response was also emailed to Consortium Coordinating Committee members.
- There have been requests for an open consortium meeting for students. The Consortium Coordinating Committee agreed to an open meeting. All agreed on a date after spring break and that an evening time slot would probably be best. The invite will be sent to all students and will request an RSVP.
- Adam commented that only five students have attended the open meetings he has hosted this semester in the Faculty Senate room.

Other

- Eli said that if anyone has suggestions or ideas on improving University communication, please let him know. Also, please share information with your governance groups.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Recorder: Gina Boobar