

Salisbury University
Consortium Coordinating Committee meeting
September 10, 2019, 3:30 p.m.
President's Conference Room

Minutes

Present: Adam Wood, Chair (President, Faculty Senate); Tabitha Pilchard (Chair, Staff Senate); Diamond Brown (Vice President, Graduate Student Council); Devin Neil (President, SGA); Tim Robinson (Chair, Adjunct Faculty Caucus); Eli Modlin (Chief of Staff, President's Office); Gina Boobar (President's Office)

Naming of 2019-2020 Chair

Adam Wood was named the 2019-2020 Chair, per the Consortium Bylaws which state that the Faculty Senate representative will chair the Coordinating Committee in even fiscal years.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting were approved.

Report from Faculty Senate – Adam Wood

- Working on adopting a Freedom of Expression resolution. It is largely based on The Chicago Principles created by the University of Chicago. Led by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE, www.thefire.org), 67 institutions to date have adopted the Principles, including several USM institutions. A policy on free expression is important because open discourse is a fundamental part of higher education. The Senate is working with Kia Chandler, Assistant General Counsel, on the policy and hopes to have it approved this semester. The Office of Institutional Equity is putting on a panel discussion later this semester on this topic.
- Strengthening the Academic Freedom policy.
- Faculty is concerned about the budget.
- The Counseling Center is understaffed, especially in light of the large incoming freshmen class. This issue is a particular concern for each shared governance group; it affects everyone and each group differently. Adam asked if this group would like Dane Foust to come in to provide them with an update, possibly at the next meeting. Everyone agreed. Tabitha suggested inviting someone from University Police as well.

Report from Adjunct Faculty Caucus – Tim Robinson

- Also a proponent of increasing staffing in the Counseling Center.
- Adjunct Faculty are being financially compensated the best they ever have. It's much appreciated.
- Adjunct Faculty are being invited to share their accomplishments.
- The first Adjunct Faculty Learning Community will soon be underway.
- Parking is still an issue for adjunct faculty teaching in the evening, especially in Parking Lot C. Parking Lot C has approximately 20 parking spaces and adjunct faculty are competing with students for those spaces. After 4:45pm, all parking spaces are released, but hoping the University would take red spaces and hold them as red until 9pm. Associate Provost Rich Wilkens is determining how many adjunct faculty teach each evening. Tabitha commented that the increase in parking ticket fines is helping with

illegal parking, but it's a matter of manpower to enforce parking restrictions in the evening. Adam suggested concentrated parking enforcement in Parking Lot C for a couple of weeks. We will come back to this topic at the next meeting.

Report from Staff Senate – Tabitha Pilchard

- The new Employee Meal Plan is now available to all SU faculty and staff. Cost is \$225 for 25 meals. The program is successful so far.
- SU Day of Service – The President has authorized faculty and staff up to four hours paid administrative leave to volunteer at an approved 501(c)(3) in the State of Maryland in conjunction with Maryland's Day to Serve, September 11 to October 10, 2019. An email will be sent out tomorrow to all faculty and staff, and Staff Senate is offering a Snack and Chat on this topic on September 18. There is a volunteer opportunity with staff member Dave Gutosky doing a ramp build with the Chesapeake Housing Mission on September 27, and an opportunity with faculty member Ron Siers with HALO. Additional information is on the Staff Senate webpage.
- They have a year of Snack and Chat's booked. Upcoming topics include Volunteer Day of Service, Benefits Overview and Enrollment, Student Mental Health, and Freedom of Speech.
- Information will be going out next week with application information and announcements for the Board of Regents Staff Awards.

Report from Student Government Association – Devin Neil

- Preparing for Homecoming week, October 14-19.
- Recycle Madness is scheduled for October 25.
- I Love Salisbury event is Saturday, November 16.
- The first SGA forum was held yesterday. There were a lot of concerns regarding the budget, as related to supplemental instruction, student workers, etc. They will invite Marvin Pyles to attend the next forum to address these concerns.
- The Counseling Center is also a big concern for students.

Report from Graduate Student Council – Diamond Brown

- The first meeting was last Thursday. They did a lot of brainstorming. Planning is starting for the annual Graduate Gala event.
- Planning a kickoff event at Specific Gravity.
- Sending out a survey soon to all grad students to determine how students use campus resources and how they spend their time on campus. GSC has not had good attendance at events in the past and they are trying to find a time that works better for grad students.

Strategic Plan – Eli Modlin

- Most of the Consortium Coordinating Committee members are involved in the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee. You will hear a presentation about the Strategic Plan at the PAT meeting on Thursday. A draft of the Strategic Plan will go out soon for review by campus. It's important to take it to your consortium group for review and feedback.

Bylaws Review

- Eli suggested that each governance body review the Consortium Bylaws. Also, in the past, the heads of each of the consortium committees have been invited to one meeting a semester to report to the Coordinating Committee.

Other

- Adam suggested having Humberto Aristizabal attend a meeting to discuss the Campus Climate Survey. The group agreed.
- Adam proposed scheduling the next meeting for early November, on a Tuesday at 3:30pm if that time works for everyone. He will contact Humberto, Dane and Chief Lashley about attending.

Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Recorder: Gina Boobar