

Salisbury University
Consortium Coordinating Committee meeting
September 21, 2020, 2 p.m.
via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Tabitha Pilchard, Chair (Chair, Staff Senate); Randy Cone (President, Faculty Senate); Tim Robinson (Chair, Adjunct Faculty Caucus); Kacie Cassar (President, Graduate Student Council); Eli Modlin (Chief of Staff, President's Office); Gina Boobar (President's Office)
Absent: David McCreary (President, SGA)

COVID-19 Operations Update – Eli Modlin

- SU plans to expand testing days and hours to help accommodate people and decrease wait time. We will also introduce self-swabbing.
- The delay in some of the test results was a result of UMB switching their test type, the same week that SU did the mandatory testing. SU has been assured that type of delay will not happen again.
- Kacie asked if the self-swabbing test will be the same quality. Eli replied that UMB has moved to a more sensitive test, so that is why self-swabbing is now an option.
- Randy said that faculty's primary concerns will be discussed during tomorrow's Faculty Senate meeting – testing and rosters. Many faculty are requesting guidance on how to use the rosters most effectively – how often should they check and refresh the rosters? He asked Eli if he would attend to help answer questions. Eli replied that he would be happy to attend. They are working with IT to work out the issues with the rosters.
- Randy said there are also statistical questions about the SU dashboard. Eli explained that SU's positivity rate is based on tests administered, not number of people. There is a difference between student positives and employee positives; employee positives are much lower than student positives, and faculty positives are even lower. We also have a higher number of off-campus students testing positive than on-campus students.

Report from Faculty Senate – Dr. Randy Cone

- Faculty Senate report is attached and part of these minutes.

Report from Adjunct Faculty Caucus – Tim Robinson

- The adjunct faculty have the same concerns in regards to rosters and class modes. He has been in communication with Dr. Cone and the Faculty Senate about these issues.

Report from Staff Senate – Tabitha Pilchard

- They have worked on making sure staff know what is required and what is happening in regards to University operations during COVID-19.
- They are holding a Staff Senate Town Hall on September 23rd, with Eli, Vicki Lentz and Kevin Vedder. It will be an opportunity for staff to ask questions and hopefully put to rest any remaining staff concerns.

Report from Student Government Association – No Report

Report from Graduate Student Council – Kacie Cassar

- They are sending a letter to all graduate students with an SU car decal as an outreach.
- They have a survey going out to all graduate students asking about events or workshops in which students may be interested.

New Business - None

Other

- Eli said that, regarding operating during COVID-19, SU has done a great job working together as an institution, to open and remain open.
- Tabitha said that she would like to invite the heads of the consortium committees to the next meeting to provide updates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Recorder: Gina Boobar