
Senate Recommendation to the Provost

Originating Body: Faculty Senate

Originator: Randall E. Cone, President, FS

Date Submitted: 23 SEP 2020

Requested Effective Date: Prior to spring sem. 2020

Recommendation:

Attached: Passed motion attached

Date Approved by the Faculty Senate: 22 SEP 2020



President, Faculty Senate

23 SEP 2020

Date

Action Taken by Provost

Date: 10/2/20

_____ **Recommendation Accepted**

_____ **Recommendation Not Accepted**

XX **Recommendation returned to the Originating Body for further review (see attached and below)**

Disposition for Approved Recommendation:

_____ President

_____ VP Student Affairs

_____ Faculty Senate President

_____ VP Finance

_____ Consortium Chair

_____ School Deans

_____ Webmaster

_____ Graduate Council

_____ Catalogue Editor

_____ Provost Council



Provost

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Comments from Provost: Our testing procedures have been refined such that relatively few people are present at any given time because testing is being spaced out over many more days. Campus Health can reserve times for those who are at high-risk or live with those who are at high risk to further reduce the number of people present at the testing site. Given the logistics of managing results for campus-wide testing, it is difficult to set-up a separate tracking system for results received for students, faculty and staff obtained through non-campus testing sites. Further, there are a number of different test types and protocols and being able to analyze results that are comparable (tests of a similar type) is desirable for our surveillance efforts. Finally, if faculty and staff need printers, scanners, other technology, library materials or other resources, we should make every effort to provide these to them remotely so they do not need to come to campus.

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Contactless COVID-19 Testing for Remote Faculty and Staff to provide Campus Access

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Kathleen Shannon

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION: Deneen Long-White

MOTION: The Faculty Senate respectfully asks that the administration allow faculty and staff who work remotely due to concerns about their personal health to find contactless testing sites, send negative test results to HR then be cleared to come to campus when necessary, and relatively safe (e.g. on weekends or evenings) so that they can use university facilities (printers, scanners, the library, on-campus computing facilities, etc.) in order to better meet the needs of the students and others they serve. Naturally, on any day they intend to come to campus, faculty and staff members must follow campus screening guidelines.

Amendments made at the meeting:

JUSTIFICATION: It makes no sense to allow faculty and staff to work remotely in order to protect the vulnerable then require them to get tested in the company of many. We are talking about a small number of individuals who would be tested and would have been verified to be COVID negative at a similar time as everyone else and who would actually be the least likely to be carriers. To tell these faculty and staff that they must either work without equipment that is available on campus or else purchase that equipment for themselves makes no sense, if there is a safe way that they could come to campus to use it.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: Someone might complain that they are expected to get tested in a way that a few others are not.

Positive: Our colleagues who are at particular risk from COVID-19 would be better able to perform their duties without taking unacceptable risks.

Is this a recommendation to the Provost? Yes X No _____

Is this a recommendation to someone else? No X Yes _____

DATE: Number of Senators Present: Votes in Favor: Motion Passes or Fails: Passes