

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Withholding records of Minor Academic Misconduct

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: John Raley

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION: Ellen Schaefer-Salins

MOTION: Add an option to designate academic misconduct as minor on the academic misconduct checklist form

Amendments made at the meeting:

JUSTIFICATION: The updated Academic Misconduct Incident Report will differentiate between gross misconduct, and misconduct that may be minor, and has been reported by faculty as a “learning experience” or similar. Minor infractions will only be externally reported for one year.

Current Policy: [Academic Misconduct Incident Report](#)

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative:

Need to update Academic misconduct checklist

Need to educate faculty on new checklist

Positive:

Long term reporting of academic misconduct can highly affect students for years after graduation by being recorded on their transcripts. By creating a “minor” checkbox faculty can choose that misconduct will only be reported externally for one calendar year.

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

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

VOTE: Number of Senators Present:

Votes in Favor:

Motion Passes or Fails:

Withholding Records of Minor Academic Misconduct

When filing an Academic Misconduct Incident Report, the Reporting Person will have the option of designating the misconduct as “Minor” through a checkbox on the form. This will not alter the University’s internal procedures for such incidents, but it will restrict the external reporting of the misconduct to one calendar year from the date of the report. (This cannot, however, overturn any release of information required by federal law or subpoena.) Multiple charges, even if minor, would still be referred to the Academic Policies Committee for consideration of further sanctions.

It is recommended that a designation of “Minor” be aligned with less serious sanctions, such as a written warning or a reduction in grade for the assignment, but sanctions remain the purview of the faculty member.

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