

**SALISBURY UNIVERISTY FACULTY SENATE MOTION**

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

TITLE: COVID Student Absence Accommodation

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Jennifer Martin

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

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MOTION (this section alone will be recorded in the minutes):

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate strongly encourages Faculty to accommodate, where possible given course requirements and in accordance with the Student Emergency Absence Policy, up to two weeks of missed classes for students who have been coded yellow in the rosters by Campus Health.

JUSTIFICATION: Faculty have requested clear guidance on how accommodating they are expected to be for students who have COVID-19 or who have to quarantine because of COVID exposure, and students have expressed a desire for such guidelines as well. Encouraging faculty to extend the number of absences they permit accommodates the realities of the COVID pandemic while keeping the structure of the policy in place.

Being coded yellow in the rosters was chosen as the method of determining eligibility because it means that Campus Health has verified (or will verify) that the student in question is in fact COVID positive or required to quarantine; because anyone who is COVID positive or required to quarantine is supposed to be contacting Campus Health anyway, so this poses no additional workload for them; and because checking a student's roster coding is relatively easy for a faculty member to do.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: Additional burden on faculty to accommodate up to two weeks of missed classes.

Positive: Helps bring attendance expectations in line with SU's public health policy. Provides clarity for both faculty and students on what is expected when a student has to isolate or quarantine due to COVID.

Is this a recommendation to the Provost? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  X

Is this a recommendation to someone else? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, to  the Faculty

VOTE: Number of Senators Present:

Motion Passes or Fails: