

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

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Note: This shows the motion as it would appear with amendment proposed at the 26 Oct meeting. The amended text has not been voted upon by the Faculty Senate. The new, proposed text appears in blue and text that would be removed from the motion, under the proposed amendment, has been removed.

SUBJECT: Establishment of advisory subcommittees for the proposed General Education Oversight Committee

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: José Juncosa

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION: John Nieves

MOTION: The General Education Oversight Committee will have the advisory subcommittee structure detailed below established in its Standing Rules. These subcommittees shall be filled by eligible Faculty for three-year terms through elections run by the Membership and Elections Committee, following the same process as for other Senate committees. In addition, the Membership and Elections Committee will require candidates for these positions to submit a statement of no more than 150 words explaining their qualifications and professional engagement with the relevant subject matter and SLOs; these statements will be distributed to the Faculty at the time of the election.

A Faculty member may serve concurrently as a voting member of up to two Advisory Subcommittees of the General Education Oversight Committee. However, this number decreases by one for each voting position the Faculty member has on the Senate and on Senate Standing Committees. Participation on Senate Special Purpose Committees does not affect this limit. Voting members of the General Education Oversight Committee may not serve on an Advisory Subcommittee. No more than one Faculty member from any one academic discipline may serve at the same time on a given Advisory Subcommittee, and no Faculty member may serve on a given Advisory Subcommittee for more than six out of any seven consecutive academic years.

If a member of an Advisory Subcommittee becomes ineligible through election to the Senate and/or to a Senate Standing Committee in excess of the limit stated above or through election to the General Education Oversight Committee, they shall vacate one or both of their position(s) on the Advisory Subcommittee(s) as required to come into compliance with the eligibility criteria. In the event of a choice of which Advisory Subcommittee position to vacate, the Faculty member shall decide which position to vacate and communicate their decision to the GEOC within two weeks of the end of the election which necessitated vacating the position. If a Faculty member does not communicate their choice by this deadline, then the GEOC shall decide which Advisory Subcommittee position is vacated.

The advisory subcommittees shall be the following:

- Civic and Community Engagement
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Human Expression, Humanity in Context and Communicating Through Writing
- Hands-on Science, Solutions Through Science and Quantitative Analysis
- Social Configurations and Social Issues
- First Year Seminar and Experiential Learning
- Personal Wellness

The membership of these advisory subcommittees shall be as follows:

Subcommittees will consist of five or six Faculty members. Subcommittees for categories which include the "Information Literacy" SLO will consist of one member per unit. Subcommittees for all other categories will consist of one member per unit excluding the Libraries.

If any of these seats go unfilled by the end of a given semester's election process, it is the responsibility of the GEOC to seek out and choose willing Faculty members for the unfilled seats, by unanimous vote. If the seat being filled belongs to a given Unit, priority should be given to willing Faculty from that Unit. The selected member will serve for the entire term.

The GEOC may alter its subcommittee structure and membership with the consent of the Faculty Senate.

This motion is contingent on the Faculty voting to amend the Senate's bylaws for the establishment of the proposed General Education Oversight Committee.

Amendments made at the meeting:

JUSTIFICATION: This motion follows the options recommended by the advisory committee that studied the creation of the GEOC. A third membership option (Units Only) has been included in addition to those recommended by the committee to lessen the number of Faculty required to fill the subcommittees of the GEOC, and to guarantee that no course is recommended for approval over the objections of a majority of units.

In the Units-Plus and Units Only options, the required involvement of Library Faculty in the advisory subcommittees is limited to those areas with the "Information Literacy" SLO; this will lessen the burden on this smaller unit.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: This will require a great increase in the Service required from Faculty members. In addition, the workloads of certain subcommittees may vary dramatically.

Positive: This motion will put in place a well-organized method to develop the requirements for our new General Education categories and later apply them to recommend approval for courses within specific categories. Making sure these positions are elected in most cases will reinforce ownership of the process by the Faculty, and will help improve its perception within our Institution.

Is this a recommendation to the Provost? Yes___ No__x__

Is this a recommendation to someone else? No__x_ Yes, to _____

DATE: Number of Senators Present:

Votes in Favor:

Motion Passes or Fails: