

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Improving wording on SU's General Education Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: José I. Juncosa, Jr.

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION: Ellen Schaefer-Salins

MOTION: That the Personal, Social and Cultural responsibility item in SU's General Education Student Learning Outcomes titled "Personal Health & Wellness" be modified to read as follows:

"Personal Health & Wellness: Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of skills and habits to promote personal lifelong health and wellness in the emotional, financial, and physical dimensions."

Amendments made at the meeting:

JUSTIFICATION: The Faculty Senate has the responsibility of reviewing and modifying the General Education SLOs every three years. This semester, we have the opportunity to improve some ambiguous wording in the document. The current language for the SLO reads:

"Personal Health & Wellness: Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of skills and habits to promote personal lifelong health and wellness, including, but not limited to, emotional, financial, and physical."

The phrase "including, but not limited to" could be interpreted as requiring other undefined dimensions of wellness other than emotional, financial, and physical to be met by the SLO. The proposed change would clearly define the dimensions of wellness required within any course that satisfies the Personal Health and Wellness SLO. Such a course could also include other dimensions of wellness in addition to the three listed, but it would not be required for General Education purposes.

This change has the support of the Fitness and Wellness Program full-time faculty.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: None.

Positive: The dimensions of wellness required by our General Education program would be clearly defined.

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: