

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Joint revision of the Emergency Absence Policy by Faculty and Students

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Elizabeth Ragan

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

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

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate create an ad hoc committee to be charged with revising the Emergency Absence Policy. The Faculty Senate shall select at least three voting members of the committee from the faculty, and invite the Student Government Association to provide the same number of students to serve as voting members of the committee.

The committee shall develop a revised Emergency Absence Policy that more clearly defines what kinds of absences it covers and provides updated procedures for how the process is to operate. The committee shall also recommend how the policy can best be communicated to faculty and students. Prior to the last Faculty Senate meeting in November 2023, the committee shall provide the revised policy and associated recommendations to the Faculty Senate. If approved by the Faculty Senate, these documents will then be provided to the other shared governance bodies for their consideration.

JUSTIFICATION:

The current Emergency Absence Policy has several substantial shortcomings, so that many faculty and students misunderstand when it applies and how the procedures function. The confusion caused prevents the policy from operating smoothly for those it was intended to benefit.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: none

Positive: Greater clarity and updating the policy to reflect current practices and conditions should reduce the difficulties experienced by those attempting to work with this policy, whether they are students, faculty, or staff.

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

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

VOTE: Number of Senators Present:

Motion Passes or Fails: