

Provost's Announcements to the Faculty Senate February 28, 2023

- 1. Teaching & Learning Conference:** Thanks to the Faculty Development Committee, faculty and staff presenters, ID&D, CAFÉ and others for a great Teaching & Learning Conference on February 17th. Topics included AI in higher ed, global education, community-engaged learning, student health and wellbeing, augmented reality, and assessment among others. In addition to the best practices shared and emerging issues discussed, the strong sense of community among the participants was emblematic of the focus on student learning and reflective teaching practices at Salisbury University. **FS Action Requested: None, information item.**
- 2. Posters on the Bay:** Nearly 30 students presented their work in Annapolis on Thursday evening (2/23/23). Governor Moore was a special guest at the event and spoke with each of the students about their research. My sincere thanks to the [students and their faculty mentors](#) for their great work. Thanks also to Rhy Bemis and the OURCA team and Eli Modlin and others in the President's Office for organizing such a wonderful celebration. **FS Action Requested: None, information item.**
- 3. Inauguration Week:** President Lepre's inauguration ceremony is planned for late morning on May 5th with other events throughout the first week of May. More information is forthcoming, but please note this week will be one filled with events and celebrations. **FS Action Requested: Mark your calendars.**
- 4. May 2023 Commencement:** As noted in our First Monday email this month, Brian Klose-Koehler has taken the helm in planning for our Commencement ceremonies and other major events. Updated information is available on the [Commencement website](#) for the three ceremonies to be held at the Wicomico Civic Center. **FS Action Requested: None, information item.**

5/24 May 2023 Commencement Ceremony for Graduate Students 6:00 pm
5/25 May 2023 Commencement Ceremony for Undergraduate Students
10:00 a.m. CHHS, Henson and Seidel Schools
2:30 p.m. Fulton and Perdue Schools
- 5. Update on the Ward Museum:** Several issues drove a decision to find a new home for the Ward Museum. These included a major HVAC failure in July (which shuttered the Museum), other facilities issues, and the Ward Foundation's challenging financial situation. The University owns the building and the collection of world-class decoy and other folk art. Our goal is to find a new home for the Ward Museum and to continue to properly care for and store as much of the collection as possible. The University does not have the funds to repair the HVAC system nor to provide additional financial support for Ward Museum operations (current annual allocation is \$400,000). **FS Action Requested: Happy to take any questions or input.**