

**SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION**

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

**TITLE: Issues concerning the Curriculum Approval Guide**

**SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION:** Elizabeth Ragan

**SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:**

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

Resolved, that the Faculty Senate charge the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) with reporting on whether the Curriculum Approval Guide (CAG) adequately details what information must be provided in course proposals. If it does not, the UCC shall propose timely measures to correct this.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

A faculty member has reached out to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee in regard to a potential violation of academic freedom. Late in a new course proposal (that had already been resubmitted with revisions multiple times), they are now being required to demonstrate that a fourth credit hour equals 25% of the course grade. This requirement is not in the CAG, nor can they find such a requirement in COMAR. The sudden “appearance” of this requirement would seem to impinge on their academic freedom to establish their own grading polices.

Furthermore, inadequate or outdated (the CAG now online states it was updated July 2021) materials to help faculty prepare course proposals—especially at this time of intense curricular activity—cannot but lead to additional work on the part of curriculum committee members as well as proposing faculty, when proposals are sent back, often more than once, for additional or revised information. More clearly establishing the standards required would help the curriculum change process run more smoothly for all concerned.

**ANTICIPATED IMPACT:**

**Negative:** The UCC will have to find time in its admittedly very full schedule to make this report. (It is expected that they already know whether the current CAG is sufficient or not.)

**Positive:** Investing a modest amount of time in correcting deficits in this area could create major time-saving for multiple constituencies.

**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:**