

Faculty Senate Minutes

The regular business meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 3:30pm in Henson Science Hall 103. The Senate President was in the chair, and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the regular February 10, 2026 and special topics March 3, 2026 meetings were approved, each with amendment.

President Lepre made announcements.

Acting VP of Academic Affairs Clark made announcements.

The Senate President made announcements.

After amendment and debate, the MOTION on shared governance and the Strategic Plan does NOT PASS.

As Faculty Senators, entrusted with representing the interests and perspectives of the entire faculty at Salisbury University, we feel compelled to register a serious concern about the lack of transparency in the recent handling of the Strategic Plan draft. Specifically, we are troubled that the document was distributed in a confidential manner to only select shared governance groups, rather than being shared openly and equitably across the full range of faculty representatives. This selective and restricted circulation undermines confidence in the process, limits meaningful faculty input, and is inconsistent with the principles of shared governance.

In addition, the Faculty Senate was encouraged by the recent timeline course correction, including the decision to share the draft plan more broadly prior to the release of the final Strategic Plan, and looks forward to continued collaboration with the President and Strategic Planning Steering Committee throughout the rest of this process.

After debate, the MOTION on increasing number of credits for winter courses before needing permission PASSED.

Beginning in Fall 2026, students should be able to register for up to 8 credits in winter terms without requesting permission from their academic advisor and dean; however, if the registration in winter would involve two or more courses that include labs, students will need to obtain permission from their academic advisor and dean.

The SU Catalog shall be altered as shown below

Current Catalog Copy

Most programs at the University are designed for completion within a four-year time period, provided the student completes an average of 15 to 16 credits of coursework each regular semester. While 12 to 19 credits is considered full time for tuition purposes, 15 credits is considered by the University to be an average load.

Students registering for more than 19 fall/spring semester, 8 summer terms and/ or

7 winter term credits must receive written approval of their advisor and the dean of the school housing their major. Students may obtain the appropriate form from the Office of the Registrar website.

New Catalog Copy

Most programs at the University are designed for completion within a four-year time period, provided the student completes an average of 15 to 16 credits of coursework each regular semester. While 12 to 19 credits is considered full time for tuition purposes, 15 credits is considered by the University to be an average load.

Students registering for more than 19 credits during a fall or spring semester, more than 8 credits during a summer term, more than 8 credits during winter term, or multiple lab courses during winter term, must receive written approval of their advisor and the dean of the school/college housing their major. Students may obtain the appropriate form from the [Office of the Registrar website](#).

The MOTION to suspend regular senate order and craft a new motion related to an APC charge DID NOT PASS.

After debate, the MOTION on changing 'academic probation' to 'academic warning' PASSED.

In order to take effect at the beginning of Fall 2026, for undergraduate students, Academic Probation shall be changed to Academic Warning. This change will be made

- in the Faculty Handbook (Chapter 9)
- in the SU Catalog (sections listed below)
 - Registration and Student Records/Pass/Fail Credit Option
 - Undergraduate Scholastic Standards and Support Services/Academic Standing (Undergraduate Students)
 - Undergraduate Scholastic Standards and Support Services/Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement

- o Undergraduate Scholastic Standards and Support Services/
Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement/Academic Probation
 - o Undergraduate Scholastic Standards and Support Services/
Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement/Academic Restriction
 - o Undergraduate Scholastic Standards and Support Services/
Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement/Readmissions Options
 - o Undergraduate Scholastic Standards and Support Services/
Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement/Academic Dismissal
- on the SU Website
 - and everywhere that Academic Probation appears for undergraduate students.

In the SU Catalog, the words “academic probation” should be substituted with “academic warning,” except, in the section Graduate Student Information/Academic Standards no changes should be made.

Chapter 9 of the Faculty Handbook shall be altered as shown below.

Eligibility to Register

[BOR III-2.30](#)

The information below pertains to undergraduate students. For information related to advising and registration of graduate students, please see [Chapter 8: Graduate Education](#).

Good Academic Standing (Undergraduate Students)

Students are admitted into Salisbury University in good academic standing. Students who have received Salisbury University grades and whose Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are at least 2.0 remain in good academic standing. Grade-point averages will be computed whenever grades are awarded or changed. Consequently, a student’s academic standing can change at any time. A student’s academic status and eligibility to register is described below.

Definitions of Academic Status

1. Admitted (a.k.a. Matriculated) Students - students admitted to the University, attending full- or part-time, pursuing a bachelor’s degree. They are either in good academic standing or on academic ~~probation-warning~~.
2. Students in Good Academic Standing - students whose SU cumulative GPAs are at least 2.0. Students who are not in good academic standing are either on academic ~~probation-warning~~ or on restricted status.

3. Students on Academic **Probation-Warning** - students who are not in good academic standing but who are still admitted and pursuing degrees. Such students have academic (and other) limitations placed upon them.
4. Restricted Status Students - previously-admitted students who have been dismissed because of poor academic performance and who are no longer degree-seeking students. These students are allowed to register as non-degree students and are limited to (8) credits per semester.
5. Dismissed Students - previously-enrolled students who are no longer allowed to attend the University (for at least five years).

Unsatisfactory Academic Achievement (Undergraduate Students)

1. **Academic Probation-Warning, Restricted Status, and Academic Dismissal:** Admitted students whose Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are less than 2.0 will be placed on academic **probation-warning**. Students on **probation-warning** who fail to return to good standing or who fail to meet the criteria which allows them to remain on **probation-warning** will be dismissed and their academic standing changed to restricted status. Restricted status students may be academically dismissed fully for a period of five years for inadequate academic performance.
2. **Academic Probation-Warning:** Students on academic **probation-warning** may register for no more than five courses for a total of (16) credit hours per semester and may not elect to take any courses on a pass/fail basis if the courses are offered for a grade. Admitted students who are in good academic standing at the beginning of a semester (or term or session) but who are no longer in good academic standing at the conclusion of that semester (respectively term or session), will be allowed to register as students on academic **probation-warning**. At the conclusion of any semesters (or terms or sessions) while on academic **probation-warning**:
 - a. Students will be returned to good academic standing if their Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages are at least 2.0.
 - b. Students who fail to attain good academic standing will be allowed to continue to register as students on academic **probation-warning** provided they satisfy both of the following conditions: 1) they earn semester (or term or session) grade-point averages of at least 2.0 and 2) their cumulative grade-point averages are greater than or equal to the appropriate minimums in the chart below.
 - c. Students on **probation-warning** who fail to attain good academic standing will be dismissed and they will be allowed to continue to register for

classes as restricted status students if either 1) they earn semester (or term or session) grade-point average less than 2.0 or 2) their cumulative grade-point averages are less than the appropriate minimums in the chart below.

Credit Hours (Including transfer credits) toward a degree	Minimum SU Cumulative Grade-Point Average
Fewer than 30	1.4
30 - 35	1.5
36 - 41	1.6
42 - 47	1.7
48 - 53	1.8
54 - 59	1.9
60 or more	2.0

Note: Students with (60) or more earned credit hours are expected to remain in good standing with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.0 or better.

- 3. Restricted Status:** Restricted status students may enroll in no more than two courses for a total of (8) credit hours per semester. There are additional University policies limiting the activities in which students in restricted status may engage. In special circumstances, the Office of Academic Affairs may allow restricted status students to exceed these limitations, but in no case will restricted status students exceed the limitations placed upon students on academic **probation-warning**. Whenever students are placed in restricted status, they will have three registrations (for semesters, terms, or sessions) to attain cumulative grade-point averages of at least 2.0. Students in restricted status who fail to attain Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame will be fully dismissed for a period of five years. Restricted status students who attain Salisbury University cumulative grade-point averages of at least 2.0 within the three-registration time frame may apply for readmission.
- 4. Academic Dismissal:** Academically dismissed students may no longer register for classes at Salisbury University. However, academically dismissed students who have not attended Salisbury University for five years or more and who can provide evidence of good academic promise may apply for readmission as students on academic **probation-warning** or for classification as restricted status students. Academic dismissal may be appealed to the Office of

Academic Affairs. Academically dismissed students may also qualify for academic clemency.

5. **Undergraduate Non-Degree Students:** Undergraduate non-degree students (UND) are students usually pursuing one or two courses for personal or professional development and are not assigned an Advisor. Upon completion of 30 semester hours, these students must apply for admission to the University as matriculated students. The only UND students who are assigned advisors are restricted status students, who have been dismissed for inadequate academic performance but who are permitted to continue to attend the University under the direction of the Office of Academic Affairs. Students on restricted status are advised by the Director of the Academic Advising Center.

And the Glossary of the Faculty Handbook shall be altered as shown below.

Faculty Handbook Glossary

Academic Clemency - Students who leave the university with a poor academic record are eligible to request that courses be removed from attempted hours (AHRS), earned hours (EHRS), quality hours (QHRS) and the grade point average (GPA) calculations.

Academic Misconduct - This act is intended to foster student academic integrity and to address cases of student academic misconduct which may include, but are not limited to lying, cheating, plagiarism, and misappropriation of course-based intellectual property.

Admitted (Matriculated) Students - Students admitted to the University, attending full- or part-time, pursuing a bachelor's degree. They are either in good academic standing or on academic ~~probation-warning~~. Admission Revoked Students - Students on ~~probation-warning~~ who fail to return to good standing or who fail to meet the criteria which allows them to remain on ~~probation-warning~~ will have their admissions revoked and their academic standing changed to restricted status.

Arbitrary/Capricious Grading - The assignment of a course grade to a student on some basis other than performance in the course, by unreasonable application of standards different from the standards that were applied to other students in that course or by a substantial and unreasonable departure from the instructor's initially articulated standards.

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After amendment and debate, the MOTION on the revised Curriculum Approval Guide was TABLED.

Resolved that the Faculty Senate adopts the revised Curriculum Approval Guide (CAG) for electronic access with adaptations as needed for compliance with document accessibility guidelines.

Adjourn 5:00 pm

Erin Weber, Secretary
Written 3/11/2026