

## SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

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SUBJECT: Merging the Honors Convocation Committee into the Faculty Awards and Recognition Committee to create the Awards and Recognition Committee.

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: José I. Juncosa, Jr.

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

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MOTION: That the Senate Bylaws be changed to strike Article VII, Section 15 (Honors Convocation Committee), that the following sections of the article be renumbered appropriately, and that Article VII, Section 11 (Faculty Awards and Recognition Committee) be modified to the following:

--- Begin Modification ---

### **Section 11. Awards and Recognition Committee:**

The purposes of the committee shall be to:

- A. Receive nominations for Faculty distinctions presented by nonstudent organizations and for student academic honors awarded by Faculty at large. Nominations for eligible Faculty are received from Faculty, students and administrators, whereas nominations for eligible students are received from Faculty at large;
- B. Develop procedures to evaluate nominations for such distinctions;
- C. Review and submit recommendations for Faculty distinctions and recipients of Faculty at large-led student honors to the relevant parties;
- D. Receive nominations of candidates for honorary degrees to be granted by the University, review them following USM guidelines, and make recommendations to the Provost and President of the University;
- E. Explore and advertise additional means of recognition afforded by both on-campus and off-campus sources; and
- F. Serve as an advisory body in matters related to Faculty at large-led student awards;

The committee shall have six voting members: one tenured full professor elected by and from each Unit except the Library, and one elected at-large. Additionally, Faculty members serving on this committee shall not be eligible for any awards or recognition under the committee's review during the period of their service on the committee.

--- End Modification ---

The membership of the current Faculty Awards and Recognition Committee will continue their service under the new Awards and Recognition Committee.

JUSTIFICATION: Current service demands on Faculty are very high. Merging two committees with related functions would reduce the number of Faculty needed to fill those seats, thus helping to mitigate this problem. In addition, most of the duties of the Honors Convocation Committee no longer exist, so any added duties for the FARC will be minimal. Considering their current duties:

- A. Select recipients for the Achievement Key, the Campus Life and Who's Who awards, from a list of nominations made by the Faculty at-large;
- B. Sanction the presentations of all awards at the annual Honors Convocation;
- C. Select the speaker for the annual Honors Convocation; and
- D. Serve as an advisory body in matters related to Honor Societies and awards.

Honors Convocations are now handled by each Unit, the awards specified in the bylaws are no longer conferred, and HCC hasn't been doing any advising for some time. The only remaining duty is coordinating with Administration regarding which honors are included in the Awards and Recognition booklet.

The changes to the charge of the old FARC are limited to the integration of item A from the Honors Convocation Committee (items B, C and D are no longer required), along with some rewording to condense some items or improve readability. To address the Awards and Recognition booklet and other matters that might arise, item F has been included. Finally, language related to Faculty-led student awards has been added in case the aforementioned awards are reinstated or other new Faculty-led awards are established.

The changes are summarized below: New content in red and deleted content crossed out.

- A. Receive ~~from Faculty, students, and administrators~~ nominations for **Faculty** distinctions, ~~including the Distinguished Faculty Award, presented to eligible Faculty by nonstudent organizations~~ **and for student academic honors awarded by Faculty at large**; ~~including USM, regional, national, and international committees, bodies, and organizations.~~ **Nominations for eligible Faculty are received from Faculty, students and administrators, whereas nominations for eligible students are received from Faculty at large;**
- B. Develop procedures to evaluate nominations for such distinctions, ~~and submit recommendations and/or recipients to the relevant parties;~~ **and submit recommendations and/or recipients to the relevant parties;**
- C. Review and submit recommendations **for Faculty distinctions and recipients of Faculty at large-led student honors** to the **relevant parties** ~~Provost and President of the University of Faculty to be nominated for distinctions;~~
- D. Receive nominations **of candidates for honorary degrees to be granted by the University**, review them **following USM guidelines**, and make recommendations; ~~following USM guidelines, to the Provost and President of the University, of candidates for honorary degrees to be granted by the University; and~~
- E. Explore and advertise additional means of recognition afforded by both on- campus and off-campus sources; and
- F. **Serve as an advisory body in matters related to Faculty at large-led student awards;**

Because the Honors Convocation Committee would be eliminated and the FARC renamed, it is expected that the current FARC membership would continue as normal under the new committee name.

#### ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: The scope of the current FARC would broaden, even if their workload would not increase significantly. Faculty other than tenured full professors would no longer be part of the process to select any future designated student awards.

Positive: Less Faculty service would be required. Award issues would be centralized to a single

committee.

Is this a recommendation to the Provost? Yes \_\_\_ No

Is this a recommendation to someone else? No  Yes, to \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: Number of Senators Present:

Votes in Favor:

Motion Passes or Fails:

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