

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Student Academic Transparency Act

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Sandy Pope

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION: Amit Poddar

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

Faculty Senate charges APC, AFT, and FWC with a review of the SGA's "Student Academic Transparency Act" with the goal of determining what, if any, changes should be made to faculty posting of grades in advance of the withdraw date. Reports should be made to Faculty Senate in advance of the last Faculty Senate meeting in Fall 2026.

The APC, AFT, and FWC reports should, to the extent possible, include communication with and concerns from SGA and consider current mechanisms such as midsemester grade reporting.

If APC, AFT, and/or FWC deems changes are needed to notify students of their course performance in advance of the deadline to withdraw, they should draft suggested language and suggest its placement and enforcement. If APC, AFT, and/or FWC deems no changes are needed to notify students of their course performance in advance of the deadline to withdraw, they should report on why current approaches are satisfactory.

JUSTIFICATION:

The Student Government Association has raised concerns about the information available to students when determining whether to withdraw from a course. The Act as provided to Faculty Senate establishes the student concerns. The Act also includes some internal inconsistencies (e.g., references to 24 and 72 hours) and raises questions about student privacy (e.g., requesting that grades be made public).

The Act warrants consideration but is not, in its current form, reasonable for Senate to pass or enforce.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative:

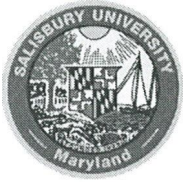
Positive:

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

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

VOTE: Number of Senators Present:

Motion Passes or Fails:



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Student Academic Transparency Act
SR-80003

A University-Wide Support Resolution to create and ensure a requirement that all outstanding grades must be finalized by faculty and put in the gradebook 24 hours before the final withdrawal date of the semester.

Introduced by: A.J. Polcari (Director of Student Outreach)

Sponsor(s): Mahrukh Rizwan, Peter Oskam,

Submittal Date: November 18th, 2025 **Sent to:** Chief Justice Riley, Speaker Libertin

First Reading: 12/4/2025

Second Reading: 12/11/2025

Date Voted On: 12/11/2025

WHEREAS, faculty having crucial outstanding grades on large assignments that have been completed by students (i.e. Tests, Quizzes, Papers, Presentations) is a common occurrence and,
WHEREAS, the outcome of these assignments have the potential to be detrimental to a student's course grade, Grade Point Average (GPA), and overall academic success, and,
WHEREAS, students have a right to know what their grade is at the deadline of withdrawal to best make a decision on the next steps to improve their academic performance, and,
WHEREAS, faculty should have an responsibility to meet a deadline, just as students, to assure academic prosperity for their students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF SALISBURY UNIVERSITY THAT

Section 1: Faculty must have all outstanding grades submitted and public 72 hours prior to the final withdrawal date of the semester

Section 2: With the approval from the Faculty Senate, the following be added to Chapter 6, Article 10 of the Salisbury University Faculty Handbook, which is titled "**Notice of Academic Progress and Grades**"...
"Students must be made aware of their overall performance and grades on all previously due assignments by the final date to withdrawal"

Section 3: It is the duty of the Faculty Senate to uphold this obligation placed in the Faculty Handbook

Section 4: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association **and** the Faculty Senate.



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ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT SENATE: VOTE for 13 against 0 abstentions 0

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (if needed)

Signature _____

Date 12/11/2025

Signature _____

Date 12/11/25

ACTION TAKEN BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Signature _____

Date 12/15/2025



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SGA Legislation Signature Page

Legislation Title: Student Academic Transparency Act

Legislation Number: SR-80003

First Reading: 12/04/2025

Second Reading: 12/11/2025

Final Senate Vote 13 for, 0 opposed, 0 absences

Date of Final Vote: 12/11/2025

Final Vote Count:

For: 13

Against: 0

Vice President's Tie-Breaking Vote (if applicable):

For Against

Vice President's Signature: _____ **Date:** 12/11/25

Speaker of the Senate Certification

I hereby certify that the above vote tally is accurate.

Speaker of the Senate's Signature: _____ **Date:** 12/11/2025

Presidential Action

Approve Veto

President's Signature: _____ **Date:** 12/11/2025

Veto Override Vote (if applicable)

Date of Override Vote: _____

Override Vote Count:

For: _____

Against: _____

Speaker of the Senate Certification

I hereby certify that the above vote tally is accurate.

Speaker of the Senate's Signature: _____ **Date:** 12/11/25