

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

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SUBJECT: Change Language in CAG from Approval of Impacted department(s) to Inform and Consult

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Amit Poddar

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

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

The Faculty Senate (FS) resolves that the current language in the Curriculum Approval Guide which requires **Approval** from impacted department(s) be changed to: **Inform and consult** impacted department (s).

JUSTIFICATION:

Historically curriculum approval has been a collegial process, where faculty have respected the academic freedom of fellow faculty to propose, change and delete courses based on the faculty's professional judgement. However, the course approval process has always required approval of the impacted department(s). In practice this had always meant that impacted departments have been given a chance to provide their perspective on the change and UCC has taken those perspectives into account while evaluating proposals. However, recent developments suggest that the requirement for approval can be used to veto proposals originating from different departments/schools, even if they are academically sound otherwise. So much so that a department in one school can prevent another completely different school from doing any change to their curriculum.

This motion allows us to preserve academic freedom and allows interdisciplinary collaboration. Impacted departments would still be able to voice their opinion (concerns or support) on the proposed changes and UCC would be able to take the opinion into consideration during voting. However, lack of approval would not be usable as a veto.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative:

Positive:

- 1) More collaboration between departments.
- 2) More innovation in New course/ program development.
- 3) Senate affirms the academic freedom of faculty to propose, change and delete courses as per the changing needs of the students.

Is this a recommendation to the Provost? Yes X No
Is this a recommendation to someone else? No Yes, to

VOTE: Number of Senators Present: Motion Passes or Fails: