

**Salisbury University**  
**Consortium Coordinating Committee meeting**  
**December 2, 2024, 3:30 p.m.**  
**President's Conference Room**

## Minutes

**Present:** Joe Benyish, Chair (Chair, Staff Senate); Joerg Tuske (President, Faculty Senate); Olivia Ingrao (President, SGA); Tim Robinson (Chair, Adjunct Faculty Caucus); President Lepre; Eli Modlin (Chief of Staff and Vice President of Public Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, President's Office); and Gina Boobar (President's Office)

**Absent:** Abigail Isaacson (President, Graduate Student Council)

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 9, 2024 and October 14, 2024 meetings were approved.

### Updates from the President's Office – President Lepre and Eli Modlin

- President Lepre and Cabinet met with the members of the Eastern Shore Delegation for a lunch meeting today to discuss legislative priorities and what SU will be advocating for, including the following:
  - 1) The SURGE Program – Salisbury University Rural Growth & Entrepreneurship Program. This program provides startup grants, resources and training focused on minority and veteran small businesses and entrepreneurs. We gave the Governor a copy of the proposal when he was here for the Blackwell Hall groundbreaking ceremony. SU is asking for \$1M to pilot the program (it's an ongoing program – \$1M annually). The Eastern Shore Delegation members are going to write a joint letter of support for the program.
  - 2) Continuing to advocate for the Performing Arts Center (PAC) to be put on the CIP. SU received \$2M from the Department of Housing and Community Development for design and demo – \$1M in year one for design and \$1M in year two for demo. This comes with matching funds, so SU will have \$4M in state funds to spend.
  - 3) CHHS/Maggs project. This proposal is a multi-year renovation – fix Maggs and tear down Devilbiss. This project is on the CIP. We are figuring out a temporary building to house departments while the CHHS/Maggs project is going on. Devilbiss has the highest percentage of classrooms of any building; all those classrooms need to be temporarily relocated.
- The PAC will be finished before CHHS/Maggs.
- The installation of the geothermal field in front of Holloway Hall for Blackwell Hall is finished.

### Old Business

- a. Bylaw Revisions/Consortium Committees
  - Joe said that we need to figure out what the University needs. Possibly we choose not to revive all seven subcommittees now but only revive the ones that could be useful. He suggested filling the vacancies on the Fiscal Advisory Committee, the Government Relations Committee, and the Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
  - The Committee agreed to move forward with this suggestion.
- b. Joint Session – Debrief
  - The Committee agreed that the Joint Session went well.

- c. Religious Accommodations
  - Zebadiah Hall is working with the Faculty Senate Academic Policies Committee on a draft of the policy.

## **New Business**

- a. Budget Planning in the Draft Middle States Report and the Role of the Fiscal Advisory Committee
  - In the draft Middle States report, the proposal is that the Strategic Innovation Council (SIC) plus shared governance members will take over the Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee (SPBC). Faculty Senate recommends that the Fiscal Advisory Committee participate on the SPBC.
- b. Definition of “Remote Student” for the Purpose of Receiving Library Services
  - Joerg is working on determining the exact factors that determine if a student is remote for the purpose of receiving library services. There is a concern with parking. He will be meeting with Martha Zimmerman to discuss.
- c. Service Recognition for Adjunct Faculty
  - Tim is discussing this issue with the provost.

## **Governance Body Reports**

### **Report from Faculty Senate – Joerg Tuske**

- Faculty Senate is discussing changing tenure and promotion guidelines so that student evaluations would be optional; currently they are mandatory.
- There is a motion for training not to be used towards merit pay. If this passes, it would just be a recommendation.

### **Report from Staff Senate – Joe Benyish**

- Staff Senate is getting ready to begin their new outreach program in January. Different senators will be reaching out to different areas of campus.

### **Report from Adjunct Faculty Caucus – Tim Robinson**

- Nothing further.

### **Report from Student Government Association (SGA) – Olivia Ingrao**

- There was a meeting with the USM over the weekend regarding the Student Regent selection process.

### **Report from Graduate Student Council (GSC) – None**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.**

Recorder: Gina Boobar