

Faculty Senate Minutes

The regular business meeting of the Faculty Senate was held on Tuesday, March 24, 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 March 10, 2026 meeting were approved as written.

President Lepre made announcements.

Acting VP of Academic Affairs Clark made announcements.

The Senate President made announcements.

After debate, the MOTION to notify Graduate Curriculum Committee about the proposed Curriculum Approval Guide PASSED.

The Faculty Senate President will notify the Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) and each Unit curriculum committee (the CHHS, Fulton, Henson, Perdue, and Seidel College/School Curriculum Committees (C/SCC)) that the Faculty Senate (FS) is reviewing the proposed Curriculum Approval Guide that was submitted to FS by the UCC in 2025. In the notification, the FS President will provide a link to the proposed CAG. The FS President will offer the opportunity for these committees to send feedback to the FS President by 21 April. The FS President will distribute any feedback received to the senators of the FS. Then on 28 April, the FS will address a motion to approve the CAG. The approval of the CAG could occur after the CAG is amended by the FS.

After amendment and debate, the MOTION to charge APC with investigating best practices for altering instruction methods during emergent and non-emergent situations PASSED.

The Academic Policies Committee (APC) shall be charged with investigating, in consultation with the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (AFTC), best practices in higher education for significantly altering the time, place, and/or method of instruction, or other pertinent issues, in both emergency and nonemergency situations, including the circumstances under which changing the modality of instruction from face-to-face to hybrid, remote, or online would be justified. Following its investigation, it shall recommend one or more policies to guide Salisbury University in emergency and non-emergency situations. The justification below includes the definition of “emergency conditions” in USM policy.

If requested, the Faculty Senate can discuss and provide broad guidance to these committees on its general expectations regarding potential policies. Deadline for submission to Faculty Senate will be Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

After debate, the MOTION to extend LLRC's deadline on a policy related to IT changes PASSED.

The Senate grants the LLRC an extension until April 24, 2026 to present their report and recommendations on the previous charge on IT policy changes.

After debate, the MOTION to charge APC and FWC with a review of SGA's "Student Academic Transparency Act" was POSTPONED.

Faculty Senate charges APC 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 _____ meeting. The APC 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 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 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.

Adjourn 4:38 pm

Erin Weber, Secretary
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