**SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION**

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Clarifying the requirements for a petition to overturn a senate decision.

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: Kathleen Shannon

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

MOTION: That the faculty Senate adopt the following procedure regarding Article IV, Section 4.D. and Article II section 6 and publicize it, perhaps as a footnote in the bylaws.

A petition to convene the full faculty to reconsider a Faculty Senate Decision must:

1. State that this is a petition to reconsider a Faculty Senate Decision and mention specifically the decision to be reconsidered as well as the date of the meeting at which it occurred.
2. Include verifiable signatures of at least 10 % of the full-time faculty at the time of the decision.
3. Be delivered to the Faculty Senate President within ten working days of the day that the draft minutes of the meeting are sent to the faculty.

Amendments made at the meeting:

JUSTIFICATION:

The recent petition for a full faculty meeting included signatures of faculty who expressed to me that they did not know that the purpose of the petition was to overturn a faculty senate decision. Because that was not explicitly laid out (or even mentioned) in the petition, it would have been appropriate, but politically unwise, had the senate president not accepted it as such. We should avoid this situation occurring in the future.

At the time these articles were written, the internet was still in its infancy and the framers of this document did not foresee the ease of communication that exists today so that we thought that the 10% threshold would be more difficult to achieve than it is currently.

The relevant bylaws language is below:

**Article II Section 6**

Within ten working days of notification of the Faculty of a decision of the Senate, members of the Faculty may petition to convene the Faculty for reconsideration of said decision, in accordance with the procedures in Article IV, Section 4.D.

**Article IV Section 4. Convening the Faculty:**

The Faculty shall meet as a body to conduct business when convened by the President of the Senate, who shall preside. Such meetings of the Faculty shall be announced in advance and publicly convened:

A. At the discretion of the President of the Senate; or

B. Upon request of the President of the University; or

C. Whenever the Senate so directs; or

D. Upon receipt by the President of the Senate of a petition signed by no fewer than ten percent of the members of the entire Faculty to convene a meeting of the Faculty.

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative: ????

Positive: We would know that the people who signed such a petition knew what they were signing.

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

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

DATE: Number of Senators Present: Votes in Favor: Motion Passes or Fails: