

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Submit this form to the Faculty Senate President

SUBJECT: Changing Bylaws for the Honors Convocation Committee

SENATOR PROPOSING MOTION: David Keifer

SENATOR SECONDING MOTION:

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

Resolved that the Faculty Senate submit the proposed Bylaws amendment regarding the Honors Convocation Committee to the Faculty by February 11, 2025, to be voted on by February 18, 2025.

The proposed Bylaws amendment is to replace the text of Article VII, Section 15 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws. New language is in red.

Section 15. ~~Honors Convocation Committee~~ Academic Honors Committee:

The committee shall, with regard to the awarding of academic honors, have the following purposes:

- A. Select recipients for the Achievement Key, the Campus Life and Who's Who awards, from a list of nominations made by the Faculty at-large;
- ~~B. Sanction the presentations of all awards at the annual Honors Convocation;~~
- ~~C. Select the speaker for the annual Honors Convocation; and~~
- B. Decide whether new student awards shall be included in the annual 'Academic Awards & Recognition' booklet based on standards decided by the committee; and**
- C. Serve as an advisory body in matters related to Honor Societies and awards.

The committee shall have six voting members: six Faculty members elected at-large.

Resolved further that the name of the committee be changed to 'Academic Honors Committee' on the Faculty Senate website and in future 'Academic Awards & Recognition' booklets.

JUSTIFICATION:

As explained in the Honors Convocation Committee's report in response to its charge from the Faculty Senate, the committee has noted that its role has fundamentally changed, necessitating an amendment to the Bylaws.

Due to insufficient financial and personnel resources, the university-wide Honors Convocation can no longer be held. The original items B and C of the current Bylaws cited above, therefore, can no longer be enacted. The annual 'Academic Awards & Recognition' booklet, however, can still be posted digitally each year, so the committee is able to continue its work in deciding what awards shall be included in that booklet, as stated in item B of the proposed amendment to the Bylaws. Also, the name 'Honors

Convocation Committee' no longer makes sense, leading to the new, suggested name of 'Academic Honors Committee.'

ANTICIPATED IMPACT:

Negative:

If the university-wide Honors Convocation were to be reinstated in the future, the Bylaws would need to be changed again to grant the Honors Convocation Committee its original role.

Positive:

The Bylaws change is necessary so that the Honors Convocation Committee is not continually in violation of the Bylaws.

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

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

VOTE: Number of Senators Present:

Motion Passes or Fails: