

President's Advisory Team Minutes

August 25, 2020

President's Advisory Team Members in attendance via Zoom:

Humberto Aristizabal, Associate Vice President of Institutional Equity and Title IX Coordinator
Eric Berkheimer, Associate Vice President of Facilities and Capital Management
Melissa Boog, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Kacie Cassar, President, Graduate Student Council
Randall Cone, President, Faculty Senate
Jason Curtin, Vice President, Advancement and External Affairs
Gerard DiBartolo, Director, Athletics
Susan Eagle, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications
Kelly Fiala, Founding Dean, College of Health and Human Services
Dane Foust, Vice President, Student Affairs
Clifton Griffin, Dean, Graduate Studies and Research
Martha Zimmerman for Bea Hardy, Dean, Libraries and Instructional Resources
Laurie Henry, Dean, Seidel School of Education
Ken Kundell, Chief Information Officer
Edwin Lashley, Chief, University Police
Andrew Martino, Dean, Honors College
David McCreary, President, Student Government Association
Eli Modlin, Chief of Staff
Karen Olmstead, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
Kara Owens, Associate Vice President for Planning & Assessment
Tony Pasquariello, Interim Vice President, Administration and Finance
Maarten Pereboom, Dean, Fulton School of Liberal Arts
Tabitha Pilchard, Chair, Staff Senate
Valerie Randall Lee, Dean of Students
Jason Rhodes, Director, Public Relations and University Spokesperson
Tim Robinson, President, Adjunct Faculty Caucus
Michael Scott, Dean, Henson School of Science and Technology
Beth Skoglund, Director of Admissions
Wallace Southerland, Associate VP, Student Affairs
Brian Stiegler, Assistant Provost for International Education
Karen Treber, University Counsel
Kevin Vedder, Associate Vice President for Human Resources
Christy Weer, Dean, Perdue School of Business
Charles Wight, President
Richard Wilkens, Associate Provost
Joan Williams, Associate Vice President for Diversity & Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer

1. Welcoming and Opening Remarks – President Charles Wight
 - o Dr. Wight welcomed the group, and offered his appreciation for all that each member of this group has done to prepare for this upcoming, unique semester. He noted that these are historic times for the institution and he appreciated how every person has stepped up and made classes possible.
 - o A moment of silence was held for the passing of one of Salisbury University's own. Dr. Stephen Hardy was a respected and liked campus community member.

2. Communication

- o It is imperative that communication be open and transparent to all campus community members. Every member of this team is counted upon to update their direct reports and students on what is expected and anticipated about this upcoming semester.

- o A hotline for parents, students and staff has been created out of the President's Office and is available by calling (410) 540-5611 or by emailing COVIDQuestions@salisbury.edu Information is also available at

Training department, members of the Facilities and Operations departments and many other departments and individuals. This is a true team effort and highlights why Salisbury University is a leader in the University System of Maryland.

8. Student Conduct

- o Dr. Foust noted that a few campuses across the country have been forced to go virtual classes due to a high number of students who have tested positive COVID-19. In some instances, this is due to student behavior not practicing appropriate social distancing and mask wearing. SU's student government is playing a very active role in reaching out to educate the student body.
- o SU has reached out to members of the neighborhood compact to engage in a conversation on how we can partner to keep our students safe and heal.
- o An addendum has been added to the Student Code of Conduct specifically addressing the expectations of student behavior and COVID-19 prevention.

9. Update on Instruction

- o As classes begin this coming Monday, August 31st, Dr. Olmstead wanted to thank the Deans, department chairs and faculty for all the hard work they have done to offer safe and meaningful classes. Information Technology and ID&D have gone above and beyond creating resources and making technology available to make this possible.
- o As of today, SU has 56% of classes as face or hybrid programs.

10. Other items

- o Dr. Wight welcomed Dr. Randall Cone to this group as the new president of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Cone stated that the Faculty Senate is ready to move forward on preCOVID-19 items already in discussion from