

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE MOTION

Passed by the Faculty Senate on 9 November 2021

Regarding the Membership of the Advisory Subcommittees of the General Education Oversight Committee (GEOC)

MOTION: The General Education Oversight Committee will have the advisory subcommittee structure detailed below established in its Standing Rules. These subcommittees shall be filled by eligible Faculty for three-year terms through elections run by the Membership and Elections Committee, following the same process as for other Senate committees. In addition, the Membership and Elections Committee will require candidates for these positions to submit a statement of no more than 150 words explaining their qualifications and professional engagement with the relevant subject matter and SLOs; these statements will be distributed to the Faculty at the time of the election.

A Faculty member may serve concurrently as a voting member of up to two Advisory Subcommittees of the General Education Oversight Committee. However, this number decreases by one for each voting position the Faculty member has on the Senate and on Senate Standing Committees. Participation on Senate Special Purpose Committees does not affect this limit. Voting members of the General Education Oversight Committee may not serve on an Advisory Subcommittee. No more than one Faculty member from any one academic discipline may serve at the same time on a given Advisory Subcommittee, and no Faculty member may serve on a given Advisory Subcommittee for more than six out of any seven consecutive academic years.

If a member of an Advisory Subcommittee becomes ineligible through election to the Senate and/or to a Senate Standing Committee in excess of the limit stated above, or through election to the General Education Oversight Committee, they shall vacate one or both of their position(s) on the Advisory Subcommittee(s) as required to come into compliance with the eligibility criteria. In the event of a choice of which Advisory Subcommittee position to vacate, the Faculty member shall decide which position to vacate and communicate their decision to the GEOC within two weeks of the end of the election which necessitated vacating the position. If a Faculty member does not communicate their choice by this deadline, then the GEOC shall decide which Advisory Subcommittee position is vacated.

The advisory subcommittees shall be the following:

- Civic and Community Engagement
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Human Expression, Humanity in Context and Communicating Through Writing
- Hands-on Science, Solutions Through Science and Quantitative Analysis
- Social Configurations and Social Issues
- First Year Seminar and Experiential Learning
- Personal Wellness

The membership of these advisory subcommittees shall be as follows:

Subcommittees will consist of five Faculty members, all elected at large by the Faculty. No more than 3 members may be from the same Unit. Subcommittees may request that the GEOC modify their membership to a number between 3 and 7; the GEOC will approve this request if it considers the subcommittee's workload warrants this change.

If any of these seats go unfilled by the end of a given semester's election process, it is the responsibility of the GEOC to ask the Membership and Elections Committee to send out a call for volunteer(s) to temporarily fill the position for a semester and appoint a replacement. The Membership and Elections Committee will continue to call for nominations for the vacant position at each normal election time (fall and spring) until a candidate is found. In such an event, the term of office will be reduced by the amount of time that the position was vacant to keep the rotation of membership off the committee constant.

The GEOC may alter its subcommittee structure and membership with the consent of the Faculty Senate.

This motion is contingent on the Faculty voting to amend the Senate's bylaws for the establishment of the proposed General Education Oversight Committee.