



Stony Brook University

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2025

11:30AM - 1:00PM

Virtual Meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the Agenda
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of March 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks & Welcome (J. Torre):
 - Welcomed everyone to the A&S Senate meeting.
 - Will meet with the provost and executive leadership team on May 7th to discuss the Arts and Sciences resolution on restructuring shared governance.
- Report from Committee for Advocacy for Shared Governance (CASG), P. Di Pasquale-Alvarez:
 - The presentation can be viewed [here](#).
 - Presented a report on improving the shared governance experience.
 - Will work on developing a list of governance accomplishments and determining the best ways to disseminate governance accomplishments to the campus community.
 - Will work on the orientation presentation for new senators over the summer and will finalize the shared governance orientation overview finalized by mid-semester in preparation for the 2026 election cycle in Spring 2026.
 - The committee will also elect a new chairperson in Fall 2025.
- Presentation on Public Scholarship & Social Impact, and Service/Leadership, S. Sharma:
 - The presentation can be viewed [here](#).
 - Discussed the importance of recognizing and promoting diverse forms of scholarship and service in tenure and promotion policies.

- Argued for explicitly recognizing social impact, interdisciplinary work, and emerging forms of scholarship like media contributions and community engagement.
 - Emphasized the need to reward outreach to combat anti-intellectualism.
 - Covered the importance of service and how to better integrate it into faculty careers, with suggestions for mentoring programs and formalizing recognition of diverse contributions.
 - Agreed on the need to balance protecting junior faculty's research time while also providing opportunities for growth through appropriate service.
 - PTC-S will engage with academic department chairs to discuss service expectations and faculty workload.
- Old Business:
 - [Resolution 2025-04](#) in Support of Amending the A&S Senate Bylaws to Permit a Single Alternate Member on Each Standing Committee was discussed.
Vote: Passed by 92% of the votes.
 - [Resolution in 2025-05](#) in Support of A&S Senate Departmental and Senators-At-Large Serving on Standing Committees were discussed and withdrawn. Senators were asked to provide feedback on this resolution to the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee will reconsider and potentially revise the resolution for future consideration. The Executive Committee will develop proposed bylaw amendments for alternate committee members in consultation with the Membership Committee. The Executive Committee will draft a resolution reinforcing the importance of service for the May meeting.
 - New Business: No new business.
 - Adjournment at 12:50pm.