

CAPRA 2024-25 Annual Report

Committee's charge:

The Committee shall review budgetary procedures and priorities for planning and resource allocation in the Presidential, Provostial, and Vice-Presidential areas. It shall be consulted by the University Administration on these matters and on proposals for new colleges, schools, and intercollegiate programs, or the elimination, diminution, or combinations of colleges, schools, or other academic units, and shall seek advice from other University Senate committees whenever appropriate.

Committee's composition:

Humanities Fine Arts: Johnathan Sanders, Gary Mar
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Thomas Graf, Adryan Wallace
Natural Sciences: Chris Johnson and Scott Sutherland
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences: Alan Tucker, Miriam Rafailovich
Health Sciences: Sylvia Wood, Alfredo Fontanini (chair)
Library: Chris Kretz
Professionals: Erika Hackley, Open positions
Undergraduate representative: Kevin Valencia
Graduate representative: Sateja Kalam

For additional information on CAPRA see:

https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/univ-senate/senate/_committees/capra.php

Summary of activities:

CAPRA has been partnering with the University administration on a series of projects in three key areas:

a) University Budget and Finances:

- a. Throughout the year CAPRA maintained a presence in the New Economic Framework steering committee. This committee is sponsored by the Executive Vice President and Provost (Carl Lejuez), the Executive Vice President for Stony Brook Medicine (William Wertheim), the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration (Jed Shivers). The goal of this committee is to elaborate a new budget model for the University. CAPRA is represented by its chair, Alfredo Fontanini. In addition, CAPRA chair participated in the work of the Budget Model Liaisons Group. This group was tasked by the steering committee to communicate with deans and unit leaders about their new budget models.
- b. CAPRA organized a public presentation and Q&A on the New Economic Framework. In the Fall 2024, the three sponsors presented an update on the project to department chairs, area leaders, center/institute directors, associate deans and deans.
- c. CAPRA will continue to maintain representation in this effort and will continue to inform and connect with faculty governance.

- d. CAPRA representatives (Alfredo Fontanini, Alan Tucker and Scott Sutherland) periodically met with the University Budget Team (Jed Shivers, Heather Montague and Maria Ficken) for updates.

b) Centers and Institutes:

- a. During 24/25 CAPRA formed a Centers and Institute Guidelines Committee jointly with the Provost's Office. This is a joint CAPRA-Provost's Office committee tasked to compile new guidelines and policies regulating the creation, maintenance and sunseting of new centers and institutes. The Committee is chaired by a CAPRA representative (Alan Tucker) and a Provost's rrepresentative (Monica Bugallo). The members are: Maria Ficken, Scott Sutherland, Nina Maung-Gaona, Paul Shepson, Christine Delorenzo, Michael Rubenstein, Axel Drees, Dilip Gersappe, Braden Hosch, Iver Bahar. The committee has been meeting in the Spring semester and will continue to meet into the next academic year.
- b. CAPRA reviewed and forwarded its approval to the Senate for a series of proposals on renaming or creating departments, centers and institutes. Specifically, the following proposals were approved: i) renaming units within the School of Health Profession into departments, ii) creating two departments (Communication and Journalism) in the School of Communication and Journalism. CAPRA is now in conversations with the Provost regarding the following proposals from the Provost's Office: i) renaming/revamping of the Department of Technology, AI and Society, ii) creation and elevation of the AI Innovation Institute at the provostial level, iii) creation of the Collective 4 the Earth, iv) creation of the Department in Writing and Rhetoric and the Lichtenstein Department, v) elevation of the QIST consortium into an institute.

c) Infrastructure and Facilities:

- a. During 24/25 CAPRA meet with the new Associate Vice President for Campus Planning, Design and Construction (Christopher Martin) who presented a series of ongoing projects, including residence housing (Seawolves Village) and future housing, upcoming plaza projects (Math Physics Plaza), Chemistry building rehabilitation, new I-DIME Building and new Multidisciplinary Engineering and NeuroAI AI Building.
- b. CAPRA also met with the entire Facilities and Services team (lead by the Vice President for Facilities & Services, William Herrmann) to discuss and provide feedback on the new Facilities Master Plan.