

University Senate Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2022, 3:30-5:00 PM (Hybrid – Wang Center Theater and Zoom Meeting)

Meeting called to order by Dr. Richard Larson, the University Senate President, at 3:30 PM. Meeting recording can be viewed [here](#). A motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from August 29, 2022 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the Senate meeting.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- President was in Governors Island and not able to attend the meeting.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Talked about strategic planning.
- Introduced new director for the Simon's STEM scholar program.
- Will discuss Presidential Innovation and Excellence funds that will support a wide range of research, in the next senate meeting.
- A research page is added on the Provost website.
- Working through a promotion and tenure policy and procedure review in collaboration with the Senate.

Question – R. Stein - Could you tell us a little bit more about the campus's transition to Brightspace?

Answer – SUNY has indicated that we have to make this change, so it's not Stony Brook decision.

Question – R. Larson – Can you provide us with clarification about where we are with Theater Department. Are we closing the department?

Answer – We are lacking faculty in this department and getting help from English department. Potentially in future after adding faculty back into theater then they can operate on their own.

Question – R. Aller – What's the source of funds for the PI Grants?

Answer – Those are one hundred percent fundraised, and so no State funds support.

Reports from UUP:

- B. Kube - East campus President
 - A Flu pod will be implemented on October 13, from 7am To 7pm open to hospital staff and students if they need a flu shot.
 - The implementation of the health care retention bonus has pretty much been finalized.

- HR is continuing to complete market analyses of high need positions in the hospital.
- UUP is in contract negotiations.

- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - We have been out knocking doors all day today and tomorrow speaking to members about negotiations and to non-members as well about joining UUP.
 - We are tackling contract negotiations in the spirit of solidarity.
 - We recognize our collective responsibility to improve our working conditions, especially for our most vulnerable non-TT contingent faculty.
 - Encourage you to attend upcoming town halls for latest on ever-changing developments.
 - Knowledge is power - sign up for all the workshops we are offering, see our website for more details: uupsbu.org/calendar.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business:

- Richard Larson discussed about Iranian graduate students' concern about how university and American institutions can express support for their country's ongoing struggles which are really entering a very critical phase right now. Invited faculty who would like some sort of resolution through the Senate about the ongoing Iranian situation to contact him directly.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.