

University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021, 3:30-5:00 PM (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 November 1, 2021 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the university Senate in Fall 2021.
- The Senate Executive Committee feels that given attendance numbers and the convenience of Zoom for University Senate meetings, we will keep using Zoom going forward.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- President didn't attend the meeting as she was called away on an urgent university business.

Report from Provost Paul Goldbart

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- College of Business has successfully earned accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.
- The School of Health Technology and Management will be renamed the School of Health Professions.
- L. Walker: The SBU Home Abroad program for international students, hosted by the Office of Global Affairs, offers international students unable to travel to the United States the opportunity to take classes at local partner institutions in China, Korea, Taiwan, Germany, Italy, and Japan. Effective Spring 2022, Stony Brook is approved for select international undergraduate activities in Spain Italy, Korea, Chile, Kenya. The Office of Global Affairs looks forward to additional openings in the future.
- D. Medley: The Office of Enrollment Management:
 - has launched an earlier application processing window, releasing the first 2,000 freshmen admission decisions before Thanksgiving.
 - will move awarding of scholarships ahead this year in line with competing institutions.
 - is continuing the SLATE admissions system merger between HSC and the Graduate School to improve systems and consistency between SLATE instances across campus. This has been a challenge for our faculty and programs, so additional training will be offered to ease this transition.
 - Question – M. Rafailovich – What was the impetus for using the admissions process while we continue using the Nursing School or the Dental School while we want to be all together?
 - Answer - At this point the Dental School and the Medical School will remain the way they are. We are exploring the common application system for some of our other graduate majors. We

want to make sure that the application for the majority of the graduate programs is up and running smoothly and fully functional before we bite off anything else.

- Comment – F. Walter: We're going to be getting about 100 new senior majors in our department every year as part of a program. When we get more students every year in our program, we need more resources and space for them, and a lot of effort is involved in supervising undergraduate research.
 - Answer – These programs create revenue and part of that can be used to invest in the department to make sure that we can sustain these programs in a healthy constructive way.
- In collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Provost's Office is pleased to announce three initiatives in support of research and scholarship at Stony Brook.
- Over the past several months, primarily August through mid-September, the Provost's Office implemented an approach to faculty and staff hiring that was developed in partnership with the President's Office: a multi-year, all-funds, strategic, approach. There is hiring going on at Stony Brook, 90 faculty positions and 55 staff positions for September 2022 and September 2023.

Reports from UUP:

- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - Wished everyone a happy and healthy Holiday Season.
 - Urged everyone to stay vigilant and continue to take safety precautions as the COVID rates are rising again.
 - Had a successful rally for respect and fair wages.
 - Met with Kara Hahn, Deputy Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, and she expressed support for improving terms & conditions for all members. Also met with NYS Senator Mario Materra, who expressed his support for a living wage for all members & looks forward to hearing more about our upcoming conversations with management to improve terms & conditions for all members.
 - Working on imagining how we can improve working conditions for research faculty.
 - Let's keep working together to keep our campus safe, and continue to grow our union stronger.

Old Business

- Voting for President – R. Stein – The University Senate Executive Committee has presented one candidate for University Senate President position, who is the current incumbent Dr. Larson. The Candidate Statement from Dr. Larson has been circulated in advance. Dr. Larson reappointed as University Senate President.

New Business:

- Starting Spring 2022, in each senate meeting, we will have a report from one of the standing committees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.