

University Senate Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2022, 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 March 7, 2022 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Senate nominations are open.
- Senate open seats are listed on the front page of the University Senate website.
- Encouraged faculty to join the Senate.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Emphasized how important it is that faculty be involved in being part of committees and being involved with the Senate.
- Dennis Sullivan awarded the 2022 Abel prize for Mathematics. This award is considered the most prestigious prize in Mathematics.
- Gilbert Kalish from Department of Music won 2022 Grammy Award.
- Heather Lynch awarded PEW Charitable Trust fellowship in Marine Conservation.
- Stony Brook University Hospital has been named a “LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader”.
- Traveled to Albany and DC to get increase in support both from federal and state level for higher education. They talked about their desire to increase funding for SUNY on both the university and the hospital side.
- The provost search continues, with the first round of candidate interviews currently taking place.
- Our four- and six-year graduation rates has increased to 66% and 78% respectively.
- Suggested visiting Provost and Campus Budget websites for information about the budget operational principles and the timeline.
- We hired new faculty and staff this year and will be able to do more hiring next year.

Question – J. Sanders – Presidents from top schools like Columbia and Princeton have issued strong statements about war in Ukraine. Why we didn't hear a statement from you in this regard?

Answer – McInnis and Bugallo - We have lots of conversations about when we should be issuing statements and when it's not necessary. We have prepared a document to support Ukrainian scholars and students, as well as Russian students. The document should be released very shortly.

Question – R. Aller – We'd like to know who are the individuals involved in

making decisions and determinations of policies in committees and working groups. I'm hoping that Provost office and other administration offices provide us with a link to the membership.

Answer – We will try to provide links.

Report from Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, Monica Bugallo

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Congratulated faculty who received the distinguished accolades.
- The University's Fiscal Year 22/23 budget cycle and the related Authorization to Recruit (ATR) process is underway and the Office of the Provost has been working hard to improve communication and transparency around the process.
- The provost office continues to be heavily engaged in supporting the research mission of the university. In partnership with the Office of the Vice President for Research, we co-hosted all the Tiger Teams town-hall meetings.
- The Office of the Provost is ready to launch a seed grant mechanism to promote the development of new research teams exploring interdisciplinary areas of scholarly work.
- The provost office is organizing a retreat for current and new chairs in May.
- We are deeply committed to student success, student retention, and on time graduation. One of the barriers have been course availability to our students, which we have established a pilot program to invest in increased lectureship lines in areas identified as high-need and high-impact to student success.
- Five Stony Brook Foundation Trustees Faculty Awards are competitively available to early career faculty. The Office of the Provost is extending the deadline for nominations to April 15, 2022.
- Stony Brook University is participating in the Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) survey of faculty job satisfaction. The survey will remain open until Monday, April 11th.
- R. Gerrig: Provided some brief remarks about the graduate education working group.
- G. Hackett: Discussed very briefly about a homegrown platform to submit academic program proposals electronically.

Report from Administrative Review Committee (ARC), M. Turan and S. Walker

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- This report was made for the Stony Brook University faculty and staff. We ask people not to share the survey outside of the Stony Brook University community.
- There were 1500+ respondents (37.4% faculty, 47.4% staff, 7.4% research, and 7.8% identified as none of the above.)

Report from Senate Committee on Reorganization – Working Group A (Constitution), C. Marshik

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Proposed three visualized reorganization models for the Senate.
- Discussed pros and cons of each model.

- Members showed interest in model 1 (university senate with divisional councils) and model 3 (bifurcated model) to guide the committee which structure to work on and invest time in.

Reports from UUP:

- B. Kube - East campus President
 - Encouraged members to send letters to the Senate and Assembly leadership to increase the funding to the universities and university hospitals.
 - The life insurance company has changed to MET life.
 - Individual Development Awards will be open for the second round between April 1st - May 16th.
- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - Continued to expand department representative structure, and got feedback about workplace issues, concerns, and UUP upcoming contract negotiations.
 - UUP had a successful happy hour event in the Hilton Garden Inn with members.
 - Individual Development Awards period has ended. HSC UUP chapter IDA awards period remains open.
 - UUP held a hybrid membership meeting.
 - We are gearing up for upcoming contract negotiations.
 - We passed a resolution on the war in Ukraine.
 - UUP is in dialogue with the provost's office about improving terms and conditions of employment for our most vulnerable academics, those not on the tenure track.

Old Business

- University Senate, A&S Senate, and PEG Board nominations are open.
- The nomination forms will be emailed to senate members during the meeting.

New Business:

- Sanders' / Orlov's Ukraine War Resolution:
 - Passed by 85% Endorse as written.
- Lindblom's Academic Freedom Resolution:
 - Passed by 71% Endorse as written.
- Open Nominations for the University Senate Secretary / Treasurer:
 - University Senate needs nominations for the Secretary/Treasurer position that will be opening.
 - The nomination form will be emailed to senate members during the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.