

University Senate Meeting Minutes

August 30, 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 May 3, 2021 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- First University Senate meeting for 2021-22.
- We're going to conduct full senate meetings virtually by zoom going forward to give the maximum opportunity for attendance.
- Suggested everyone to join the Club Red events.
- The first Inaugural Senate lecture by Dr. McInnes will take place on October 20.
- The Senate constitution and bylaws are in need of visitation and potentially revision, so we are in the process of constituting a committee that will re-examine our constitution and recommend changes.
- Faculty Senate will inaugurate the Senate Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- Norm Goodman, after his many years in the Senate including two terms as the Senate President, was honored in a virtual Senate event.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Excited to see students and faculty back on campus.
- Attended several events for Freshman and Transfer students, and will have a commencement for the class of 2020 in the stadium on September 10th.
- Introduced a list of leadership members newly assigned to various positions.
- Launched a new office of Health Sciences and Graduate Admissions.
- Established a new pilot Postdoc hiring track, as well as extending the time that recent graduates are able to work at Stony Brook.
- Launched an implementation team to streamline the process for managing clinical placements.
- Have already begun conversations with new governor.
- Building a new budget process will enable us to both plan and manage our resources more effectively.
- Most of our students provided their proof of vaccination.
- Student COVID testing protocols are in place, including testing requirements for both vaccinated and unvaccinated students.
- It is not mandatory for our faculty and staff to be vaccinated, so they either have to provide their proof of vaccination or be tested weekly, and that is our current agreement.
- Since the start of the 2022 fiscal year, \$3.2 million has been generously pledged or contributed by 1,100 donors. Their investments in our students, research, healthcare and campus programs provide critical support, helping to elevate the University.

- Question - A. Drees – Is the information about the vaccination status posted anywhere so we can review? Is there any enforcement to report faculty and staff testing?
 - Answer – L. Zaccarese - Yes, on the Covid dashboard. L. Johnson – Yes, we are back two weeks and we will look at the weekly testing for faculty and staff.
- Question: H. Nekvasil – Some students do not follow the mask mandate, what we should do?
 - Answer – L. Zaccarese - We would encourage students to comply, and if there's refusal then the student will face discipline process.
- Question: A. De Laurentiis – We teach in classes without good ventilation in old buildings, is there any plan to do better?
 - Answer – L. Zaccarese - Every space on campus was evaluated well over a year ago and their ventilators were set to max that their HVAC system can handle, we kept every single building at the highest level of filtration possible.
- Question – J. Heinz – Should we test everyone more frequently to protect the community?
 - Answer - L. Zaccarese – We are following collective bargaining agreements of unions. Everyone can test more frequently on campus if needed.

Report from Provost Paul Goldbart

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Thanked N. Goodman, his family, Dr. Larson and Senate for putting together a terrific event to honor Norman Goodman.
- The Provost's Office has begun the process of searching for two permanent deans for CEAS and Libraries.
- Introduced new staff in Provost office.
- Visited eight classes across a variety of subjects in the opening week of the fall semester.
- Had discussions about teleworking and Covid-19 planning in classrooms, so we can ensure that Deans and Central Institute Directors are really well equipped to work with the communities that report to them and to guide and support their communities.
- The University is developing an expression of interest in connection with a competition hosted by New York City and the Trust for Governors Island.
- Discussed research aspect of Strategic budget initiative as well as idea of supporting faculty over the full arc of a career.

Reports from UUP:

- B. Cube - East Campus President:
 - Appointed as President beginning August 1.
 - C. Cube was elected to statewide office of Vice President for professionals.
 - The Department of Health has mandated all healthcare workers within New York State to be vaccinated.
 - We have a lot of individuals that are not willing to get vaccinated.

- We are trying to educate our members and encourage them to get vaccinated.
 - UUP is supportive of more testing.
 - UUP received its 2020 and 2021 raises across the board. Let us know if you did not get either the across the board or the retroactive pay.
 - The 10-month employee should be getting their raises soon.
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- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - Appointed as the new UUP President for West campus as of June 1.
 - Wants to know members of the administration better and help our union grow stronger.
 - Wants to build more member power and member engagement to help us secure a great contract for members.
 - Encouraged members to get involved.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business:

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.