

University Senate Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2024, 3:30-5:00 PM (Hybrid Meeting – MART Auditorium & Zoom Meeting)

Meeting called to order by Dr. Brenda Anderson, the University Senate President, at 3:30 PM. A link to meeting recording will be provided upon request. A motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from May 6, 2024 and August 26, 2024 carried.

Greetings from Brenda Anderson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the University Senate meeting.
- This is a Senate listening session.

Report from Interim President McCormick

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Emphasized the importance of civility and respect for others.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Stony Brook University has launched the AI Innovation Institute (AI3), which will expand the Institute for AI-driven Discovery and Innovation established in 2018 from a department-level institute within the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences to the university-wide AI3, reporting to the provost.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President
 - SUNY would hire resources to evaluate all the State professional titles.
 - Notify UUP if you have not received the service award that was supposed to be paid to eligible faculty in July.
 - UUP legislative town hall will be held on Oct 10th and 16th.
- L. Melious – West Campus President:
 - No presentation.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Town Hall: Faculty Representatives on the Presidential Search Committee.

Comments to be considered in the search:

The new President should:

- be fully committed, in theory and practice, to joint governance.
- understand the needs of Professional staff and the value they bring to the running of the campus.
- fix the campus infrastructure and get more funding to hire more Faculty/Staff to support the increased enrollment.

- display a commitment to excellence in graduate education and to improving graduate funding and affordable housing options.
- continue the current policy of tuition & fee scholarships.
- recognize, believe in, and know how to champion the intrinsic value of knowledge creation in all the essential disciplinary areas as well as the professional schools.
- be committed to free speech and anti-discrimination and capable of demonstrating non-partisan behavior despite personal beliefs.
- be committed to streamlining and automating many wasteful processes that currently use paper, emails, and even google forms. This'll reduce the burden on our overworked and underpaid staff, as well as our faculty who perform a lot of service. Some of this requires investments in IT and cybersecurity technologies and people.
- improve facilities' quality and expand dorms.
- fight for us in Albany for fair resources and even our ability to raise tuition.
- be here 10+ years.
- recognize the global position of the university, as one whose faculty and students are from around the world, as well as having a broader vision about global challenges such as environmental, social, and political crises that transcend national borders.
- be asked what she/he believes are the primary research hurdles at a public university. This would allow the committee to get a better feeling about how well the candidate understands and is prepared to lead a major public research university.
- listen and be open to learning from folks who have been here a long time.
- be extremely politically astute.
- have agility in terms of our evolving educational landscape.
- have experience with a medical school or an institution that has a med school.
- from a research university.
- have a background from a state institution.

Faculty representatives on the Presidential search committee:
HSC - Schools of Medicine & Dental Medicine

Tsirka, Stella

Distinguished Professor, Department of Pharmacology

School of Health Professions

Monahan, Kathleen

Associate Professor, School of Social Welfare

ENG - Engineering & College of Business

Mitchell, Joseph

Distinguished Professor, Department of Applied Mathematics & Statistics

A&S - Social & Behavioral Sciences

Larson, Richard

Distinguished Professor, Department of Linguistics

A&S - Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Drees, Axel

Distinguished Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy

A&S - Humanities & Fine Arts

Robinson, Benedict

Professor, Department of English

Celli, Paolo

Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Senate President: Brenda Anderson

Senate Secretary: Richard Stein