



Stony Brook University

A&S Senate Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Zoom meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the [Agenda](#)
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of December 11, 2023 Meeting [Minutes](#)
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Report from A&S Senate President, F. Jason Torre
 - a. Spring Elections Update & Slate (1st Review)
 - Vice President for the Arts & Sciences of the University Senate, Nancy Tomes
 - Elizabeth Fish, A&S Senate Secretary
 - Jonathan Sanders, A&S Senate Executive Committee Senate-At Large
 - Departmental Senator Election - Return to Staggered Terms
- Remarks by Dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Paul Shepson
 - Presentation can be viewed [here](#).
 - Briefly discussed SoMAS strategic plan, collaborative degree programs, and New York Climate Exchange.
- University Senate Academic Judiciary Transfer Proposal - University Senate Bylaws Working Group (Torre)
 - Change in Bylaws can be viewed [here](#).
 - Discussed reasons to transfer AJC to University Senate.
 - The Motion to Transfer the Academic Judiciary Committee to the University Senate pending their acceptance passed.

- Old Business:
 - a. Nominations for Open A&S & Univ. Senate Seats
 - a) A&S Senate President & Vice President:
We had difficulty filling the position of A&S Senate Vice President in past few years that creates difficulty filling the A&S Senate President position. We would be splitting the position of VP for A&S to the University Senate, and the A&S Senate Presidency positions. And, that the Past President position would still be in place to consult with the new VP for A&S of the University Senate.
 - b) Open Standing Committee seats
We've filled some seats, so all committees are at quorum now. We had a resignation last week, so we are looking to fill that position. I will send an email later this week asking to assist filling the seat at this point for the remainder of the semester.

- New Business:
 - 2024 Arts & Sciences Senate Bylaws Review (1st Reading) J. Torre
 - The Senate body held the 1st reading of the Bylaws changes and agreed to share a google document with 'commenting' rights to allow all parties to provide feedback before the March meeting.
 - Concerns from J. True
 - We would like to hear from the provost about following issues:
 - Students in Brightspace have access to the entire email address book for everyone in the class. This brings up a lot of issues, such as they can email the entire class and have it look like an official email that's coming from the faculty. We certainly don't think students should have access to that entire email list. Faculty and our package at Brightspace are unable to turn this feature off.
 - When our equipment is damaged by roof leakage or water breakages, which are ongoing infrastructure issues, there's no insurance from the university for these losses and departments don't

have the resources to cover major equipment losses.

- Publishing papers can really mount up in the thousands of dollars. Stony Brook and SUNY are not in consortia for open access publishing with the major publishing companies, that can help cover page charges. Is there any discussion of Stony Brook and SUNY getting into these consortiums so we can save some of these page charges?
- Adjournment at 1pm.