

University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2024, 3:30-5:00 PM (Hybrid Meeting – Wang Theater & 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 November 4, 2024 carried.

Greetings from Brenda Anderson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the University Senate meeting.

Report from Interim President McCormick

- Will continue lobbying for new and renovated facilities funding in the spring semester.
- The university has earned an A hospital safety grade from the Leapfrog Group and attained Long Island's first healthcare equity certification.
- A significant effort is being made to align budgetary resources with academic goals, ensuring that money is allocated where it's needed most.
- The university is also investing in shared facilities and equipment, assisting faculty in applying for research grants, promoting interdisciplinary research, and advancing high-powered computing.
- The delivery of healthcare is being changed through the use of new technology and non-traditional access points.
- A 1.2 billion-dollar capital plan is being developed for new facilities, including a multidisciplinary research facility on the west campus and a new Chemistry building.
- The university is planning strategically for enrollment growth, revitalizing the Southampton campus, and rebranding the university with a new slogan, "Dare to be." Human Resources department is being reorganized to provide better support for faculty and staff.
- Discussed the university's achievements in athletics, highlighting the success of the Men's Cross-Country team, Women's Soccer team, and Football team.
- Mentioned several initiatives for the university, including a task force on increased collaboration between the health sciences and the rest of the university, the Stony Brook Future Scholars program, and a committee to chart a course for scientific research in the next decade.
- Talked about plans for a college town, collaborations with Nassau Community College and the New York Law School, and the need for a campus master planning project and housing for students and workforce.
- Expressed concern about potential federal funding cuts and the need to protect research dollars and student support.
- Mentioned the expansion of the engineering building, the shortage of housing on campus, and the potential changes in federal policies affecting international students.
- Addressed the issue of traffic congestion due to increased student numbers.

- Touched on the balance between development and environmental preservation on campus.
- Agreed to monitor changes in federal policies and to consider adjusting programming if there's a drop in international students.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Discussed the submission of an application for funding from SUNY for the expansion of the Department of Technology and Society into Technology, AI, and Society. The application, which has received considerable faculty input, aims to secure upwards of \$2 million in base funding.
- Mentioned potential changes to the promotion and tenure process, with a focus on improving the expedited promotion and tenure process.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President
 - No presentation.
- L. Melious – West Campus UUP President
 - UUP West Campus has passed an important bylaw amendment.
 - Individual Award application is now open to members.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

- Administrative Review Committee Report on ARC Survey
 - No presentation.
- UFS (Statewide) [Fall Plenary Report](#)
 - Report covered topics such as the Conference on Strengthening the Case for Public Higher Education, Empire AI plans, and Chancellor King's report on addressing climate and sustainability. The Chancellor announced plans for a 5-year thoughtful SUNY capital fund to address maintenance backlogs, climate resilience, and renewable energy.
 - Resolutions passed by majority vote:
 - Advocated for faculty choice and academic freedom in high flex teaching modality.
 - Called for the creation of a system-wide work group to compile best practices for graduate education.
 - Requested an update to the 1976 MTP regarding applied learning.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Senate President: Brenda Anderson

Senate Secretary: Richard Stein