

University Senate Meeting Minutes

October 4, 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 August 30, 2021 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- State mandates regarding employee vaccination has gone into effect.
- Suggested everyone to join the Club Red event sponsored by the University Senate which will follow the first Inaugural University Senate lecture by Dr. McInnis on October 20.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Introduced leadership members newly assigned to various positions.
- Students are happy to be back on campus.
- Attended and will attend a lot of student events and gatherings.
- Hurricane Ida led to really significant flooding on the campus.
- Vaccine mandate for students is in effect.
- 100% of residential students are vaccinated.
- 99% of off campus students are vaccinated.
- 84% of faculty and staff are vaccinated.
- 95% of Stony Brook Medicine employees have reported that are vaccinated. We are hoping the remaining 5% will make the right choice to get vaccinated and remain employees with us.
- Booster shots are being offered in our vaccination sites.
- SUNY approved 2.5 times pay for healthcare workers over time, and increase in pay for a number of positions based on geolocation.
- Joint Commission is visiting for hospital re-accreditation.
- We opened a new cardiac catheterization EP lab with new state of the art equipment.
- Celebrated the 10-year anniversary for SB Children's hospital.
- Launched a new physician communication training compassionate connected care pilot.
- Administered the first LGBTQ Community health needs assessment survey on long island.
- Signed a long-term lease on the former Sears building in Lake Grove mall to have multi-specialty office building to expand and improve our outpatient presence in this region.
- Stony Brook University is ranked by Forbes as one of the top higher education institutions and best employers for women and diversity.
- Invited everyone to participate in activities that are going on during inauguration week and participate in inauguration event itself.

- Comments – L. Zaccarese - SUNY realized that the decentralized approach and the individual regional/campus approach are most appropriate for managing COVID, so it's a short way of saying there is no metric when we will switch to online. We are confident that we will be able to maintain low infection rate by high vaccination rate, ongoing testing, and surveillance testing for staff and faculty.
- Comments – R. Gatteau – We've been following up with the students who had not submitted their proof of vaccination over the last several weeks. We will dis-enroll any graduate student who will not provide their proof of vaccination from in-person classes.

Report from Provost Paul Goldbart

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Looking forward to the week of inauguration.
- Hoping to see the rest of semester going smoothly.
- Touched upon role of the new Vice Provost for Research and Infrastructure.
- Connections center that provides faculty and staff a physical space to come together and connect were formally opened in September.
- Touched upon accreditation that's overarching middle states that deals with the university as a whole.

Reports from UUP:

- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - Myself and other chapter officers have engaged dozens of members around their concerns regarding vaccination and helped many overcome their hesitancy.
 - We want to engage with folks across campus and understand all kinds of concerns and questions.
 - Contract negotiations are coming up this fall and we need feedback from members.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business:

- Open Nominations for President – R. Larson - The new elections for the Presidency are coming up. Please fill out the form you'll receive and nominate your candidate for the Senate President. The election for the new President will take place in December.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.