

University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023, 3:30-5:00 PM (Hybrid Meeting – Wang Center Theater & 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 November 6, 2023 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the December 2023 Senate meeting.
- President and Provost are out of the country, so there will be no presentation from them.

Election of the University Senate President

- Senators Brenda Anderson and Laszlo Mihaly introduced themselves as candidates to stand for election as President of the University Senate.
- The voting took place and Brenda Anderson was elected as the next Senate President.

University Environment Committee - Response to the Clean Energy Report, Thomas Wilson

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Mentioned the amount of electricity SBU uses.
- Discussed where SBU gets its electricity from and how much greenhouse gas SBU emits.
- Mentioned NY State mandates.
- Compared SBU with other campuses.
- Discussed Environment Committee recommendations.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President:
 - Take advantage of swapping your vacation days for health insurance premium discounts.
 - There are holiday payments that are available to hospital employees.
 - Use excess of your 40 vacation days before Dec 30th.
 - Contact UUP if you wish to donate some of your accruals to employees who need time.
- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:

- Next benefits meeting will be held on Wednesday.
- Read UUP upcoming newsletter for various programs.
- Deadline to submit retroactive individual development awards for 2022-2023 is December 15th.
- Take advantage of the flex spending accounts.

Old Business: Bylaws Working Group Presentation & Discussion

- Full presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- Thanked committee members.
- The committee work was discussed.

New Business: Consideration of Bylaws WG Proposals

- Three of the proposals were discussed and passed by members' votes.
- A staged protest happened during the Senate meeting so discussion and voting on the rest of proposals were interrupted and postponed to the Spring Senate meeting.

GSEU Report

- Statewide GSU leadership in collaboration with the Research Assistance Union prepared a statement on the Israel-Palestine conflict which announced both Islamophobia and antisemitism and criticized SUNY Administration's lack of acknowledgment of Palestinian suffering and loss of life. This was put to a local vote to all SUNY and passed by 87%.
- The International Student Fee is now in the process of being phased out at the statewide level.
- GSU did win an increase in the base salary of graduate students in last spring. We are still well below that lowest poverty mark so GSU will continue the living wage campaign.
- We will bargain over stipends, health care, international worker protections, and many other things including parking.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.