

University Senate Meeting Minutes

October 2, 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 August 28, 2023 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the second Fall 2023 Senate meeting.
- Invited everyone to join the Club Red which is hosted by the President and will happen right after the Senate meeting.

Report from Amy Cook, Promotion Tenure Guidelines Committee

- Presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- Briefly discussed the committee work.
- Explained promotion and tenure is very important and is central nervous system of any university.
- Mentioned there should be a clear cycle for promotion and tenure.
- Asked everyone to provide their feedback and thoughts.
- Will come back to the Senate on November 6th with more specific details of the committee plan.
- Will host promotion and tenure workshops.
- President and Provost will host the first annual Stony Brook University celebration of newly tenured and promoted faculty.

Report from Michael Mooney and Diane Bello, University Time Periods for Courses

- Webpage can be viewed [here](#).
- Explained the work of the ad hoc committee.
- Discussed about different types of constraints in terms of offering classes and labs, meeting course demands, labs that run during campus lifetime, and LIRR schedule.
- Mentioned ability to create an additional campus lifetime period.
- Asked for feedback.
- Will come back to future Senate meeting to discuss more specific details of the plan.

Report from Braden Hosh, Lazlo Mihaly, and Dominick Fortugno, Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Introduced members of the committee.
- Explained about the committee structure and work done by the committee.
- There will be a site visit team consisting of peers from other institutions to validate our self-study.

- 95% of our documents explain how we actually satisfy the requirements for the accreditation.
- Explained briefly about the process in future months.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Stony Brook University earns highest-ever ranking from U.S. News & World Report.
- Stony Brook celebrated Climate Week in New York City.
- Named new administration members.
- Search for the CEO for the New York Climate exchange is being finalized.
- Mentioned future events such as State of the University Address, CommUniversity Day, and Homecoming.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Discussed program closures and program review processes.
- Mentioned about working with companies and hosting them in R&D to provide students internships and research opportunities.
- Encouraged suggestions and thoughts.
- Mentioned re-envisioning the Provost Lecture Series.
- Discussed international student fees.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President:
 - Announced the retro and across the board payment dates.
 - The retention awards for achieving tenure or permanent appointment will be paid in July of 2024 and 2025.
 - The second part of the Individual Awards is open now.
- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - Visit UUP website for newly updated contract information.
 - The upcoming schedule of events will be reflected in the next happy payday newsletter.
 - The Fast Fund fundraiser will be held on November 3rd in the Hilton.

Old Business:

- Possible senate or faculty representation on the Stony Brook Foundation Board:
 - President and rest of administration do not have influence over the SBF, but the president has accepted to present the proposal to SBF and will report the outcome of discussions to the Senate.

New Business:

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.