



Stony Brook University

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2022
11:30AM - 1:00PM
Virtual Meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the Agenda
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of October 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks: K. Lindblom, A&S Senate President
 - Welcomed everyone to the A&S Senate meeting.
 - Announced Senate open positions mainly from the SBS department and encouraged the senate members to assist in drafting some of their colleagues into these important positions.
 - Mentioned there is a need to have a Vice President for A&S Senate as soon as possible so there will be enough time for him/her to get acquainted with the processes to become able to take over the A&S Senate presidency next year.
 - Discussed the Senate concerns about graduate students' stipend.
 - Mentioned we need to receive clear financial reports from President McInnis, similar to the reports we used to receive from President Kenny.
- Report from Dean of Stony Brook University Libraries, K. Boughida
 - As the new member of administration, is learning about the relationship between different Senate, your needs, and shared governance.
 - Mentioned the importance of communications.
 - Discussed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.
 - Working on inequality and biases in library metadata and cataloging.
 - Mentioned about open access policy.
 - Need more faculty and researchers to upload their documents into our repository.
 - Library needs more staffing.

- We need to do data centering and enhancing our data capabilities in terms of choosing collections.
- We are easing the food policy in libraries.
- We are cleaning libraries from any mold.

Question – C. Percival – If we want to post our articles to the streaming libraries, is there any central information or rules if we can post the final version or a pre-print or so?

Answer – We have a good guide on our open access website.

- Old Business
 - A survey will be distributed for next semester's A&S Senate meeting time.
 - Mentioned plans to have discussions about Students' overall well-being from knowledgeable staff and students at a future meeting.
- New Business
 - No new business
- Announcements/comments/Questions
 - H. Feig - The student Government recently passed a resolution to protect Ashley preserve.

J. Sanders – My investigation has turned up the fact that the reporting to our dean of students and our health authorities about students coming down with both flu and COVID is not very accurate. I asked sick students whether they reported their sickness or informed any school authorities, they say they don't have to or they simply have ignored it. So, we really have no overarching statistics of how much COVID has been affecting the students. With upcoming Thanksgiving Day students will travel and be exposed to diseases and come back to university. I wish we were more aggressive and active about this.

N. Sampson, CAS Dean - The process of moving the General Chemistry laboratory operation out of the Chemistry building is delayed to next summer.

K. Lindblom – There is an upcoming lecture of "Woman, Life, Freedom" on November 16th at 6pm discussing the women's situation in Iran.

- Adjournment at 1pm.