



Stony Brook University

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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 May 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks: K. Lindblom, A&S Senate President
 - Welcomed everyone to the first meeting of Fall 2022.
 - Introduced himself and mentioned his background and his previous involvement in the Senate.
 - Asked the members to be mindful about their tone during the meetings and assure Senate business is done as professionally as possible.
 - Reminded members about the importance of the shared governance and the role of the Senate.
 - Encouraged new senators to pay attention to the orientation section of the A&S Senate website.
 - Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairs:
 - i. Introduced the A&S Senate Secretary, previous A&S Senate President, and Senate Executive Assistant and thanked them for their service.
 - ii. Introduced the A&S Senate committee chairs and discussed briefly about the committees' responsibilities.
 - Urgent Open Positions on A&S Senate Committees:
 - i. Invited those who are interested in joining the Senate to fill out the empty seats.
 - ii. Thanked P. DiPasquale for her assistance in filling the remaining empty seats.
- Invited remarks from N. Sampson, CAS Dean
 - Welcomed K. Lindblom as the new A&S Senate president and thanked J. Torre for his service.

- Explained the reasons behind the name change of Department of European Languages, Literatures, and Cultures to Languages and Cultural Studies.
 - Discussed the administrative transition in Theater Arts and English departments.
- Query to the House: What Items Shall We Take Up This Year?
 - Possible Topics:
 - Hiring Procedures for Administrators
 - Importance of Service for University Governance
 - Others?
- Old Business
 - Call for nominations for Vice President of the A&S Senate
 - We ended last year without a nomination for this position, so we are asking those who are interested in serving in this capacity to let us know.
- New Business
 - Senator Viro moved that the A&S Senate meeting time be changed back to the original time, Mondays 3:30-5, beginning next semester. Victoriano Roncero-Lopez seconded.
 - Discussion ensued. Major points included that senators each semester save Mon 3:30-5 each week specifically for senate meetings. Also, the 3:30-5 meeting time conflicts for many parents with their child-care duties, as children and adolescents get out of school at these times and often need supervision or transport.
 - The motion failed at 13 for and 16 against.
 - Lindblom said he would bring the issue up to the Executive Committee, even though it failed to carry, because the vote was so close. He will also raise with the EC the possibility of holding hybrid/in-person meetings in the near future.
- Adjournment at 12:30pm.