



Stony Brook University

A&S Senate Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Zoom meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the [Agenda](#)
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of May 8, 2023 Meeting [Minutes](#)
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks and Report: J. Torre, A&S Senate President
 - Welcomed everyone to the first Fall 2023 A&S Senate meeting.
 - Thanked returning senators and welcomed the new senators joining A&S Senate.
 - Announced the new Membership Committee and introduced new committee chairs.
 - Discussed professional obligation or workload with the Provost and mentioned faculty appointment letters need more clarity.
 - Will reach out to various groups to get feedback on the latest proposals for bylaw amendments.
 - The provost will attend A&S Senate meeting in October.
 - Deans will be asked to present throughout this year but we have changed the focus to 'remarks' vs. 'reports' to ensure a more informal and collegial approach.
 - Mentioned Senate empty seats and asked for assistance to fill them up as soon as possible.
 - Tracey Iorio will be presented as President Pro Tempore for the 2023-2024 academic year. This is until we have a VP/P candidate who has accepted.
- Remarks from Interim Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, S. Germana
 - Presentation can be viewed [here](#).
 - Petitions increased nearly 50% in the last 8 years.
 - We face two challenges:

- The volume is very difficult for the faculty executive officer to engage with.
 - The student impacts.
 - The chair of CASA wants to modify the process, to allow departments to issue students permission directly. The benefits will be shorter wait time for students and making it a much more manageable process.
 - It will be helpful to allow departments to maintain more control over how they facilitate students getting into courses or not.
- Remarks from Interim Dean of the College of Arts Sciences, A. Drees
 - Introduced himself and briefly mentioned his vision about operation of College of Arts and Sciences.
 - Had preliminary conversations with Associate Dean for Research and Innovation, regarding making changes to the promotion and tenure process.
- Remarks from the PEG Board Co-Chair, T. Iorio
 - Introduced herself and mentioned about her service to the senate.
 - Discussed having a Professional Senate allows professionals to have a bigger voice on campus.
- Report from Promotion and Tenure Committee - Senior, V. Roncero-Lopez, Chair
 - Explained the committee charge.
 - Briefly described work of the committee.
 - Explained few pressure points the committee is facing.
- Old Business – No old business.
- New Business:
 - Discussion: Impediments to service on A&S Senate Committees?
- Adjournment at 1pm.