

University Senate Meeting Minutes

February 6, 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 December 5, 2022 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the first Spring 2023 Senate meeting.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. visited our campus on January 26, 2023.
- We continue to be down significantly in tuition in comparison to the amount that we brought in before the pandemic.
- \$30.7 million has been generously pledged or contributed by more than 5,626 donors since start of 2023 fiscal year.
- Governor Island's negotiations are going great. We remain very hopeful that we will be announced as the winner.
- We have created the "Red Book" website to support mental health of our students.
- SBUH is ranked among America's 50 Best Hospitals for 2023.
- Stony Brook online Master's in Nursing program ranked in top 10 schools nationwide by the U.S. News.
- Introduced new members of the university leadership and mentioned awardees, and fellows.
- Black History Month's theme is "Sankofa! Celebrating the African Diaspora." The Opening Ceremony took place on Wednesday, February 1st.
- More than 1,700 degrees were conferred at Stony Brook University's 25th final December commencement ceremony held on December 16 at Island Federal Arena.

Question – Will university administration or the Senate issue public statements to defend the academic freedom of our faculty and specifically to condemn the doxing and threats that were made against Dr. Hayward and her family by police in our local community?

Answer – The Administration was engaged and deeply concerned about Prof. Hayward's safety from the beginning. This was a complicated situation and we wanted to create as much of a safe environment on campus for the faculty member. This issue will be discussed in next Senate EC meeting with Provost.

Comment – It was announced that graduate students' stipend has raised to \$26,000 . It still wouldn't be sufficient.

Answer – We have made this commitment really in a world where we have no new revenue. But we have made this commitment because of our desire to try to remain as competitive as we can.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- March 15th is the deadline for Provost's Mentoring Award's nomination.
- Minimum stipend of graduate students will be raised to \$26,000. It will start from Oct 1st, and we will cover it for the first year to help with grants.
- Executive searches for Graduate School, School of Business, Engineering, and Continuing, Professional and Executive Education are being conducted.
- Join CELT for the return of the Annual Teaching and Learning Symposium that will be held on Friday, March 24th.
- Due to budgetary issues, December commencements will no longer be offered. Students can participate in May commencement before or after the time they graduate.
- I've been in touch with the Senate EC on the five-year evaluative review of our deans.
- Working with Deans, Chairs, and head of departments to increase undergraduate enrollment.

Question – Why we have some internal and some international searches for open executive positions?

Answer – We sent out surveys to get a sense from our community and we found out that we have some good talents internally and I prefer to work with someone who is already known and recommended by the community.

Report from Health Sciences Senior VP, Hal Paz

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- No presentation.

Report from Terance Harrigan, Assistant Vice President for Campus Operations

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Gave a brief overview on university current energy strategy.
- Discussed clean energy master plan and its financial impact.
- We've reduced our energy consumption.
- We've been able to lower our energy profile and stay within our capacity for our co-generation facility.
- We are studying electrical vehicles and how to procure and maintain them.
- We are focusing on solar/wind power generation.
- Our assumption is that we're going to stay on our co-generation plant for the foreseeable future.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President

- We are still in process of negotiating.
- We'll have a membership meeting in HSC this Thursday.

- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - UUP has released a [press release](#) on the NYS Budget. It is UUP's position that the state has a budget surplus and must invest greater in SUNY. UUP maintains that the state can't force SUNY and campuses to rely on tuition hikes alone as a main revenue source. Join UUP on 1/14 for 'Love Our SUNY' Advocacy Day in Albany.
 - UUP Stony Brook recently published a memo on the major gains we have achieved for non-tenure track contingent academics. Robust salary increases were achieved for part-time adjuncts, and job security gains for full-time lecturers. This is the result of decades of hard advocacy by UUP and the receptiveness of management to making this the best place to work in the SUNY system for non-tenure track contingent faculty.
 - A negotiations bulletin was posted last week in the Member's Only portal on health benefits. UUP maintains that negotiated salary increases must be funded by the state, not campuses.
 - Membership meeting tomorrow at 2/7/23 - we encourage you to attend, learn more about elections, and to receive an update from our chief contract negotiator Bret Benjamin.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business:

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.