

## University Senate Meeting Minutes

### May 1, 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 April 3, 2023 carried.

#### Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the last Senate meeting of Spring 2023.
- Thanked President McInnis for approving and seeing through the Ashley Schiff preserve, which has been the work of 50 years and many presidents.
- Thanked Tom Wilson for such an eloquent and elegant presentation of the thinking behind Ashley Shift, which was very important, and everybody coming to understand why it was an important thing to do.
- Congratulated President and her team for the New York Climate Exchange, Governor's Island. That's a huge win for Stony Brook University.
- Thanked Ken Lindblom, Senate Executive member for his service. Congratulated Patricia Dunn and Ken Lindblom on their retirement.

#### Report from Marcia Simon, Graduate Council

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Explained charge of the committee.
- Introduced the members and non-voting participants.
- Discussed new and revised programs approved by CG, SUNY, and NYSED.

#### Report from Brittain Mahaffey and Jason Trelewicz, Research Committee

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Discussed the committee charge and introduced the members.
- Mentioned the open positions.
- Timely Care Telehealth Service is available for grad students enrolled in summer.
- Discussed about library data management and storage, conference organization barriers, Elsevier Journal Access, improved engagements with OVPR and OSP, post award budget management, and future business of the committee.

#### Report from Judith Brown-Clarke, Chief Diversity Officer

- We are in process of filling positions to expand our diversity outreach efforts.
- We had the opportunity to apply to the SUNY Chancellor's Summer Research Excellence Fund, so that we can fund summer research opportunities for undergraduate students.
- We are developing plans to secure the necessary resources, so that we can expand the efforts of the center.

- Principles were developed that guide the process for renaming any building, space, or structure on our campus, while being consistent evidence-based and thoughtful when evaluating historical naming and honors.
- We are enhancing the diversity of the Stony Brook community through inclusive recruitment and retention activities.
- We are expanding educational research, health care, and other efforts to ensure that Stony Brook students have the ability to thrive as members of the campus community and as global citizens in our diverse society that included mentoring and support programs for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as post-docs supporting WISE and STEM pace career diversity programs.
- We are supporting the development of a campus climate that values diversity, equity, inclusion, in a way that promotes the ability of members of the community to thrive and to achieve their individual goals.
- We have established DIE Council and will have council retreat in August.

#### **Report from President Maurie McInnis**

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Thanked many faculty who have already signed up to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- Discussed briefly about Governor's Island.
- We are still waiting for a budget from Albany.

#### **Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez**

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Full written presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- We have created a working group of faculties to take a look at our promotion and tenure processes.
- We have talked about the possibility of considering a group in the future that would be for non-tenure track faculty.
- Monica and I have already talked about holding an annual promotion and tenure workshop to address any kind of current changes, and to ensure that we're level setting expectations.
- We must be a university that values teaching.

#### **Report from H. Paz,**

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

#### **Report from Chapter President for Graduates and Employers Union**

- Happy International Workers Day.
- We published our first journal last May and this year we have published our second issue.
- We launched our new website for our journal today.
- We are approaching contract negotiations.
- We are expanding our union.
- Our living wage campaign is continuing.

- We celebrate our raises and thank the administration, but even with our raises we are still below the lowest poverty level and we don't possess the dignified life we deserve.
- We have been fighting to eliminate all graduate fees across the SUNY system.
- We're struggling against the parking changes proposed by the Administration.
- Administration wants close bargaining. It's surprising to see close bargaining from an administration that prides itself on transparency.

### **Reports from UUP**

- B. Kube - East campus President:
  - Thanked Ken Lindblom for his service to university.
  - Will have a rally for contract in hospital on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Election is wrapped up and officers will take their office as of June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Mentioned upcoming workshops.
- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
  - UUP members from across campus joined in solidarity on April 24th to rally for a "Fair Contract Now!".
  - We ask all members to send an e-letter asking SUNY Chancellor John King to support SUNY employees by working with the Governor's office to bring about a fair and equitable contract for UUP.
  - The letter outlines our four foundational demands: Replacing DSI with a service award/longevity model, improving pay and job security for contingent faculty, increasing pay for health-care workers, and enhancing telecommuting for professionals and librarians.
  - The letter also reminds the chancellor that when UUP bargains for a new contract, we also fight for our students, our patients, and the ideals of the SUNY mission.
  - Happy hour is on May 11<sup>th</sup> in Hilton Garden Inn.
  - We also have public service loan forgiveness and student debt clinics coming up.

### **Old Business:**

- No old Business.

### **New Business:**

- No new business.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.**