



# Stony Brook University

## Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes

February 13, 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 December 12, 2022 Meeting [Minutes](#)  
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks: K. Lindblom, A&S Senate President
  - Welcomed everyone to the first Spring 2023 A&S Senate meeting.
  - The University Senate Executive members will meet with the provost today to discuss the university's reaction to one of our faculty who expressed her views on her personal social media.
  - Introduced T. Iorio as the panel monitor for "The Status of Undergraduates at SBU" discussion. A panel of staff members explaining their experience with students in light of the COVID pandemic:
    - Panel Moderator: Tracey Iorio
    - Panelists: Ellen Driscoll, Carolyn Stephenson, Alysse Kavanagh, Traci Thompson, Emily Snyder, Christine Szarez, and Christine Marullo
    - Panelists answered following questions based on their experience working with students:
      - How are students different since the pandemic?  
Answer - Lack of leadership. Didn't exercise observing senior students.
      - What's the hardest thing they've been dealing with or come up against?

Answer - Confusion between anxiety and lack of time management.

- Have you seen students needing more time for assignments?

Answer - Their thinking is about now and is not a consequential thinking. They lack understanding of the importance of deadlines and ability to function in a group.

- What do you think has been the most useful or important resources for the students coming out of COVID that they might be utilizing more than they ever have before?

Answer – Although students want to come back to normalcy but at the same time they value and appreciate virtual options.

- What else should faculty and staff know about what effects COVID has had on our students?

Answers – They need to know the students' physical and mental health better.

- Old Business

- Call for nominations for Vice President of the A&S Senate:  
Three options were discussed in executive meeting: 1) instead of a faculty, a staff will be selected as the president 2) Electing president be part of Senate elections 3) Having someone to just conduct the meetings next year.
- Undergraduate Students' Resolution on Protecting Schiff Preserve, F. Walter: Committee has passed a resolution to be presented to the full Senate at the next full Senate meeting.

- New Business

- Request for Approval of [Statement on Graduate Student Stipends](#). Vote: Passed by 92%.

- Announcements – no announcements.

- Adjournment at 12:50pm.