



Stony Brook University

A&S Senate Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Library E4315 and Zoom meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the [Agenda](#)
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of March 20, 2023 Meeting [Minutes](#)
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks and Report: K. Lindblom, A&S Senate President
 - Welcomed everyone to the April A&S Senate meeting.
 - Mentioned Senate open positions and encouraged everyone to participate in elections which will start next week.
 - Thanked A. De Laurentiis for her resolution to support freedom of speech on campus and mentioned the resolution passed in the Faculty Senate.
- Provost, Carl Lejuez:
 - Written report can be viewed [here](#).
 - Discussed budget updates, hiring, and leadership reviews.
 - SBU has the fourth lowest out-of-state tuition among the top 50 public universities and not much further from the bottom in terms of in-state tuition, so we are a value to low-income students to come to our university.
 - We can only increase tuition if all other SUNY universities do so, and for some good reasons many of them can't increase their tuition.
 - We are a flagship university and we have been told there will be increased operating aid for us.
 - We need to avoid losing great folks that separate from us due to lack of resources.
 - Has discussed his budgetary plans with Deans.
 - We need to set hiring priorities and put together a set of guidelines such as hiring permissions and eligibility.
 - Mentioned new leadership positions.

- We review Deans every five years. We will provide midpoint feedback that will have an impact on Deans and their leadership.
- Old Business
 - Call for nominations for Vice President of the A&S Senate: Still looking for A&S Senate VP candidates/nominations.
- New Business
 - Discussion of Parking Proposal:
 - The parking charges at other campuses that were presented during the MAPS presentation to the larger University Senate were not accurate.
 - We need a solution that reflects sustainability and values conservation. We can't just make more parking spaces. We need to provide an equitable solution to those who don't have any other option but to drive here.
 - Why didn't they consider a separate rate for summer?
 - Adjunct faculty and grad students got a little raise, and it will be washed by the parking fees.
 - Discussion of University Senate Bylaws' Revision Proposal:

Reactions from the Body: Proposal to reduce A&S Senate seats on Univ. Senate Standing Committees from 6 seats to 2 seats?

 - F. Walter: Never understood the purpose of the A&S Senate even as the president of this body except that it is a place where the Dean can talk to us, or we can interrogate the Dean. So, if we lose this senate, we lose another insight into how the administration works. At the same time, I think a single Senate may get more respect than having a bunch of senates spread out all over the university.
- Announcements – N. Sampson, A&S Dean, will be our guest at the next A&S Senate meeting.
- Adjournment at 1pm.