

University Senate Student Life
Committee

2018 - 2019 Annual Report (as of March 31, 2019)

Membership:

- Chair: Steven Adelson - Humanities and Fine Arts: Benjamin Tausig - Social and Behavioral Sciences: Norman Goodman - Natural Sciences: Steven Glynn - Library: Clara Tran - College of Engineering: Peter Caprariello - Health Sciences Center: N/A - Professional: Steven Adelson - Ex Officio: Amanda Alicea (on behalf of Van Sullivan, Executive Director, Faculty Student Association) - Students:

- Graduate, Professional Students (3): N/A - Undergraduate Students (5): Andrew Machkasov, Justin Ullman, Matthew Nation, Nicole Olakkengil, Walid Syed - Cognate Administrator(s): Richard Gatteau, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students; Jeffrey Barnett, Interim Associate Dean of Students - Executive Committee Liaison: Norman Goodman

Meeting Summaries:

September 4, 2018 - At the committee's first meeting of the academic year, Richard Gatteau, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, presented the Division of Student Affairs' Strategic Plan. This included highlights from four themes: student safety, health, and wellness; quality of student life; student experiential learning and development, and; student success. Additionally, discussion about initial priorities for the semester was postponed because no students were present.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's September 4, 2018 meeting can be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fwY9oWX0u9tHPgRTJPXt2TTgNE2tFAh0ugTZM3bwCcM/edit?usp=sharing>

September 25, 2018 - This meeting focused on discussion about initial priorities for the semester. Highlights includes: limited student club and organization programming space, especially performance groups; accessibility of on-campus student voting; review of student survey data about student experience; current state of the campus dining experience and opportunities for improvement; pedestrian safety and transportation and parking services; the veteran student experience, and; the new Center for Civic Justice. Additionally, the committee agreed upon a set of initial priorities for the semester, and guests would be invited to subsequent meetings to engage in relevant discussions.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's September 25, 2018 meeting can be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HD8IPL1qZuHTcb7NPnsuEiglsk43vNSyaNF8T14BXw/edit?usp=sharing>

October 2, 2018 - This meeting focused on discussion about the new Center for Civic Justice. Discussion was led by Steven Adelson, Co-Director of the Center for Civic Justice. Highlights include a transformed institutional commitment to civic learning and democratic engagement within Student Affairs. Presently, Stony Brook University is the only AAU institution that does not have at least one position dedicated to civic engagement activities. Stony Brook University has been recognized nationally for its success with voter engagement. Additionally, there has been a focus on increasing opportunities for dialogue across difference (i.e. Community Dialogues, Knowledge Communities, etc.). The committee was highly supportive of the Center's efforts and seeking its sustainability.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's October 2, 2018 meeting can be accessed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xBINec9S0wCu31-VFN9Ozi-3PY0MW75zroLKFAmmsUM/edit?usp=sharing>

October 16, 2018 - This meeting focused on discussion about the Faculty Student Association, with a focus on campus dining services. Discussion was led by Angela Agnello, Director of Marketing & Communications for the Faculty Student Association. Highlights include a series of changes to the campus-wide dining experience, from new food options and stations to improved use of technology to engage the community. Additionally, several new sustainability initiatives were presented, including *HeartBeet Farms*, *Fill It Forward*, corn straws, and reusable takeout containers. Students in attendance offered feedback about the campus dining experiences, which was received encouragingly. The Faculty Student Association will continue to be invited to present to the committee at least once each semester about changes to student and community services offered.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's October 16, 2018 meeting can be accessed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AI0pd9IeXspFW7At9dVa-diklMsRptfwVhsMOPXefkk/edit?usp=sharing>

October 30, 2018 - This meeting focused on discussion about the University Police Department's Community Relations Team. Discussion was led by three members of the Community Relations Team. Highlights include several programs and opportunities offered by the team for students and other community members, such as CPR/AED certification; RAD, self-defense, and Pink Gloves boxing courses; Citizens Police Academy, and; Narcan training (newest offering). The committee was greatly appreciative of all that the Community Relations Team does for our community. Moreover, several committee members requested a discussion about the current state of the Tobacco-Free University Policy and its campus-wide enforcement, or perceived lack thereof.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's October 30, 2018 meeting can be accessed here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KqxiINGAftipFbX6_gmp5TileEG312PCmQst5ALV4AY/edit?usp=sharing

November 13, 2018 - This meeting focused on discussion about Stony Brook's Tobacco-Free University Policy. Discussion was led by Marrisa Trachtenberg, Associate Director of Policy, Compliance & Presidential Initiatives in the Office of the President. Highlights include a continued decline in the

amount of cigarette/tobacco residue present on campus, as well as ongoing activities centered around reducing use on campus. Additionally, there are ongoing discussions about what policy enforcement has been, and what it should be. The response was that there are efforts underway to reduce the presence of smoking in high-trafficked areas on campus. Moreover, a potential shuttle pilot from Stony Brook University to Port Jefferson was briefly highlighted and sought feedback.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's November 13, 2018 meeting can be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ds2awzLIZuojfOcnKi7JvVODgvFu71mFnPZgE8HgUYo/edit?usp=sharing>

November 27, 2018 - This meeting focused on student survey data. Discussion was led by Braden Hosch, Assistant Vice President in the Office of Institutional Research, Planning & Effectiveness. Highlights include an overview of publicly available student and institutional survey data. Results from the most recent SUNY Student Opinion Survey were presented. Student participation in the survey declined by approximately 50 percent. Generally, student satisfaction decreased, with a notable emphasis on quality of instruction and sense of belonging. This student survey data is presented to various units campus-wide, and is used to inform or reinforce decision-making to further the student experience. Overall, no significantly new information was found through analysis of this survey data.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's November 27, 2018 meeting can be accessed here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZdFCCTrnQQ45OMMoaul9nectOYZKggYyC1gw7175V0s/edit?usp=sharing>

December 11, 2018 - This meeting focused on discussion about transportation and parking operations. Discussion was led by Neil Werner, Director of Transportation Operations, George Volz, Manager of Busing and Parking Enforcement, and James Ambroise, Site Manager in Transportation & Parking Operations. Highlights include an overview of the current state of operations and services, as well as current efforts to improve such operations and services. This area is solely funded by the student transportation fee. There was a recent effort to review parking operations and to relieve congestion in more central parking areas. Additionally, students in attendance offered feedback (i.e. transit application, outdated information at bus shelters, etc.), which was received encouragingly.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's December 11, 2018 meeting can be accessed here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ts-kJlDwc1ORuEV8tNsMWN64Y7Ww-fPegYduAQcF9Aw/edit?usp=sharing>

January 29, 2019 - At the committee's first meeting of the semester, there was a review of fall 2018 semester initial priorities, and discussion about initial priorities for the spring 2019 semester. Highlights include that all fall 2018 semester initial priorities were addressed by the committee, and there was nothing outstanding at this time. Spring 2019 semester initial priorities include the new Student Union; broad based fees (comprehensive fee), current state of the campus dining experience; and; current state of academic facilities. Additionally, the

committee reviewed the Campus Village Project Summary and offered feedback, comments, and questions.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's January 29, 2019 meeting can be accessed here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y_9rtfMhVCAJVbrR02CAQdhPQFbmYxz-XWlQI6ABFSA/edit?usp=sharing

February 26, 2019 - This meeting focused on discussion about broad based fees (comprehensive fee). Discussion was led by Joseph Loughren, Director of Financial Services for Facilities & Administration, and Richard Gatteau, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. Highlights include Stony Brook University's undergraduate and graduate comprehensive fees being among the lowest with respect to other SUNY cents and institutions throughout the Northeast. Additionally, a new Lifetime Career and Alumni broad based fee has been proposed. USG and GSO will have opportunities to provide feedback about proposed fee increases. Each broad based fee also has an advisory board that includes students. An email sent to all students will include information about the reason for proposed fee increases.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's February 26, 2019 meeting can be accessed here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EwoYtjUJB_GAhIboWaJQvPZngrF0DcyZlw8ama3e4fU/edit?usp=sharing

March 12, 2019 - This meeting focused on discussion about the Faculty Student Association, with a focus on campus dining services. Discussion was led by Van Sullivan, Executive Director of the Faculty Student Association, and Amanda Alicea, Business Development Manager for the Faculty Student Association. Highlights include an introduction from Van Sullivan, the Faculty Student Association's new Executive Director. Van comes to Stony Brook University from one of the nation's top auxiliary services, especially campus dining services. There was a comprehensive overview of the services provided, and that there are continued opportunities to enhance campus dining services and other auxiliary services. This includes a deeper look at the institution's relationship with Follett (campus bookstore).

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's March 12, 2019 meeting can be accessed here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mlb6WX9b-XnTTK6gZqWMtIUBFPT4djp2pg6Fx_TEt-0/edit?usp=sharing

March 26, 2019 - This meeting focused on discussion about the new Student Union project. Discussion was led by Richard Gatteau, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, and Jeffrey Barnett, Interim Associate Dean of Students. Highlights include that 17 different student-centered units will transition to the new Student Union upon completion. Ideally, this transition will mitigate the campus-wide shuffle of students from one unit to the next as they seek out answers. The new Student Union will also have significant student programming and meeting spaces, some of which have been designed based on student spaces at other institutions that have been received well. Students in attendance received the project incredibly well, and students are excited about it.

Complete agenda and minutes from committee's March 26, 2019 meeting can be accessed here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v9aKJYe8DdK9XkN2SQwd48t_RdTq2iCW5dgiDfZr-IA/edit?usp=sharing

This meeting will have three additional meetings for the remainder of the 2018-2019 academic year: April 9, April 23, May 7. This annual report will be updated accordingly.

**Meeting Agendas and
Minutes:**

Meeting agendas and minutes for the 2018-2019 University Senate Student Life Committee can be accessed here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WpXPsnfGI5qXrnliwzFP7TL8Pgdfng67?usp=sharing>