

## University Senate Meeting Minutes

### November 4, 2024, 3:30-5:00 PM (Hybrid Meeting – Wang Theater & Zoom Meeting)

Meeting called to order by Dr. Brenda Anderson, the University Senate President, at 3:30 PM. A link to meeting recording will be provided upon request. A motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from September 30, 2024 carried.

#### Greetings from Brenda Anderson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the University Senate meeting.
- UFS Senate alternates decided that deferred maintenance was the key issue to raise at the UFS Plenary. These concerns were raised through questions from the HSC Sector and Center Sector questions Chancellor King.
- A resolution with specific items of concern arising from the events of last spring was provided, and passed by A&S Senate. It was forwarded to the Executive Committee that has voted to refer items to the appropriate standing committees for review of corresponding policies and providing their initial reports by end of the semester.
- To join the undergraduate student government and the President's office of student affairs for the 7th annual lighting of the Academic Mall, today's meeting will end at 4:45pm.

#### Report from Interim President McCormick

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Affirmed his commitment to shared governance.
- My administration is heavily focused on obtaining more State support for our facilities.
- Created a Task Force to visit other institutions and bring back ideas/recommendations and estimate the approximate cost of implementing the recommendations.
- Phase one of the Stony Brook Future Scholars Program will be launched end of this week, to work with school districts, particularly disadvantaged school districts, to assist them with preparing and tutoring students, and to assure them if they're admitted to Stony Brook University on the merits, they'll go for free tuition.
- Invited everyone to join the students for the Light the Brook event.

#### Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Changing the Lichtenstein Center and Program in Writing and Rhetoric to departments provides a lot of opportunities for collaboration and program development.
- We had higher than expected enrollment last year, and that puts us in a position of opportunity to make some determinations about what's in the best interest of the university.

- Undergraduate and Graduate housing must be expanded on both sides of the campus.
- The University budget model revision continues to move forward.
- Encouraged nominating staff for the Chancellor's award for classified service.
- We had a fantastic assessment symposium last week about what the role of AI is in assessment.

### **Reports from UUP**

- B. Kube - East campus President
  - The Individual Award portal is now open for the first round till November 30th. The portal for the second round will be open in January.
  - The flex spending account applications are open now.
  - Encouraged members to vote on Election Day.
  
- A. Italiano – VP for Professionals, West Campus UUP
  - UUP is preparing for an important Bylaw amendment. This amendment will be subject to approval through an electronic voting process, which will be conducted via the Happy Pay Day platform.
  - General Membership meeting will be held in Student Activities Center.
  - The Executive Board Meeting will be held via Zoom on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Individual Development Awards (IDA) Program application process opens December 1, 2024.

### **Old Business:** Bylaws Working Group - [8th Presentation Report](#)

#### **New Business:**

- A. Discussion & Consideration of [ByLaws Proposals](#), J. Torre and S. Velazquez
  - Read, discussed, parts amended, and passed by majority vote.
  
- B. UFS (Statewide) Fall Plenary Report
  - Chancellor King responded to our concerns over deferred maintenance. He suggested making a case for a five-year with SUNY capital fund and he will need our help because the money will have to come from beyond SUNY. His request will be addressing the maintenance backlog, climate resilience, renewable energy, and moving systems out of basements, to meet our ambitious research and research goals, investing in first class facilities.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.**

**Senate President:** Brenda Anderson

**Senate Secretary:** Richard Stein