

University Senate Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024, 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 February 5, 2024 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the University Senate meeting.
- We are adopting a new voting procedure by providing clickers to senators who have the voting rights including At-Large, departmental, and EC members.
- University President, West and East campus UUP Presidents will be travelling and not be able to present in this meeting.
- Encouraged members to watch the video of Jed Shivers and Carl Lejuez presenting the budget models.

Budget Update by SVP for Finance and Administration, Jed Shivers

- Updates can be viewed [here](#).
- Presentation shows recent data.
- Tuition generation and the rising tide of CSI expenses were discussed.
- In August, we were in the middle of updating the University's financial information on the budget, financial planning, and analysis website. That information is now updated to include last year's actuals in this year's budget.
- Presented the current and projection views of the academic and research enterprise excluding Hospital, LIV, and FSA.
- Mentioned revenue targets and if we don't meet them then it impacts on our available resources and the amount of funds that SB has for investment.
- Showed current view of the university's financial plan, based on mid-year condition reported by vice presidential units, as there are multiple conversations with VP areas throughout the year to understand where they are in terms of budgets to actuals.
- Mentioned the overall financial position is strong, however, we continue to face challenges on the state purpose side.
- Not all flavors of funds can be used to offset our state deficits.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- President is travelling and cannot present.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- Discussed briefly about the financial models.
- Mentioned current model is old and needs to change.
- We need to have a model that what you do doesn't matter.

- We want to make sure that we're supporting things that are existentially important to us, even if they don't bring in a lot of revenue.
- We want to make sure our in/out-of-state and international students feel that they made the right decision to choose our university.
- We need to market our faculty successes and highlight key faculty.
- We want to ensure that we're supporting programs growing and supporting competitive salaries for faculty and staff and graduate students.
- The search is open and active to recruit candidates for the next Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Chief Innovation Officer position hiring is in the final stages.
- Vice President for Research position is in the first round of interviews.
- Remembered Shafiq Fazel who passed away last month. Shafiq served Stony Brook for nearly 10 years, notably serving as Interim Dean of the Libraries for four years. Mentioned his many achievements and accolades, such as SUNY's Chancellor Award for Excellence in Librarianship.
- The passing of Dr. Arthur Grollman who was distinguished Professor of Pharmacological Sciences was announced.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President & A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - Presidents were traveling and not available to present.

Old Business: ByLaws Working Group Presentation & Discussion, Jason Torre and Suzanne Velasquez

- Changes to the ByLaws and transfer of two A&S Senate standing committees to University Senate were read, reasoned, discussed and questions were answered.
- Mentioned some adjustments to the charge of the committees and introduced new committees.

New Business:

A. Consideration of Bylaws WG Proposals

- Passed by vote of the majority of members.

B. Executive Committee Proposal for University Senate Proceedings

- Resolution proposal was presented by Fred Walter on behalf of EC.
- This proposal mentions a new process to vote for any proposal that will be discussed in future senate meetings.
- This resolution proposal will remain on the senate website for two weeks for members to review and will be voted in the next Senate meeting.

C. Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer

- Encouraged members to submit nominations for the Senate Secretary position.

D. Nominations for University Senate At-Large Senators and Standing Committees

- Nominations for the University Senate Senators and Secretary/Treasurer will be open in March.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.