

University Senate Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2022, 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 November 7, 2022 carried.

Greetings from Richard Larson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the final Fall 2022 Senate meeting.

Report from President Maurie McInnis

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- President's Innovation and Excellence Fund started by a gift from the Simon's foundation. The gift intent was to be spent on accelerating our research ambitions.
- Next director of the Laufer Center will be joining us in spring.
- Explained what one campus means from an administrative standpoint.
- Mobility and parking for both sides of campus is now under one umbrella.
- Waiting to hear the Governor state of State address in January.
- Proud that our graduation rates have improved.

Comment – M. Bowman – We would like you to send a note to the governor regarding limiting access of the hunting, trapping, and fishing communities to the Flex Pond and sign this bill to the law.

Question – J. Sanders – What a State Flagship University should be?

Answer – The flagship universities are the ones that are leading the way in research and innovation.

Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez

- Full written report can be viewed [here](#).
- We've been engaging in searches for Deans.
- We have post-doctoral positions that have a pathway to a tenure track position.
- A new pilot program for full time lecturers has been launched.
- Discussed how we approach a snow day in future.

Question – T. Friedman – How snow days would be for staff?

Answer – Essential staff should report to work. As only the Governor can close offices, other staff must make arrangements with their supervisor.

Question – J. True – In a future Univ Senate meeting could you provide an update on the University's plan for moving toward carbon neutrality?

Answer – Yes, we can.

Report from Health Sciences Senior VP, Hal Paz

- Announced name change of the Department of Periodontology to the Department of Periodontology and Endodontics.
- We are continuing to move forward on the review of proposals to create a School of Public Health.
- Announced new dean of the School of Nursing.
- Dr. Todd Griffin has been appointed the Vice President for clinical services for Stony Brook Medicine.
- Will have two searches for Director of Cancer Center and Chief Communications and Marketing Officer.
- We're making continued progress on our new ambulatory care facility in Lake Grove.
- We're in a planning phase for a new outpatient surgery center.
- Excited about developing a long-term strategy for Stony Brook Medicine that includes our academic mission along with our clinical and community service mission, and this plan will be completed and in place by the end of the academic year.
- SBU Medicine is one of 25 institutions ranked as the nation's leading organizations dedicated to environmental sustainability and health care.
- We were named as leaders in LGBTIQQ plus healthcare equity for 2022.
- On Friday afternoon we had an unfortunate situation on the East campus which was a water leak that occurred from a fire marshal directed pressure test. It flooded our transformers, and a handful of classrooms and some lecture halls that are still offline. I want to thank everybody on the facilities team at the university for all the work they're doing to expedite repairs.
- Long Island is seeing the highest rates of COVID-19 in New York State.

Question – S. Finkelstein – There is quite a lot of reporting on healthcare capacity regarding high RSV, flu, and COVID rates. How is the hospital faring under these conditions?

Answer – At the present time, we are faring. We've used some expansion space and are dealing with the need for isolation space. I'll have to report back to you later because we're again heading into some unknown territory much like we were in 2021. As a result of vaccinations and native immunity we're hopeful that while it's likely infection rates will go up, the number of individuals who have to be hospitalized due to an infection will not climb at the same rate as we saw back then.

Question – R. Larson – What is the status of the National Cancer Institute application?

Answer – We have every intention of continuing to move forward to receive an NCI designation at Stony Brook University.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President
 - Not available for this meeting.

- A. Solar Greco provided report on his behalf.
- A. Solar-Greco – West Campus President:
 - New SUNY Chancellor is appointed.
 - UUP is conducting a holiday toy drive and winter coat drive.
 - Negotiations continue with State.
 - UUP is finalizing negotiations with the Provost's office to improve pay and job security for non-tenure track faculty.
 - UUP encourages members to take advantage of the open enrollment period for the PEP program, and Flex Spending Accounts for dependent care expenses.
 - Chapter elections are starting in January.
 - UUP can help students in need via the Fast Fund.
 - Thanked Steve Englebright for his service to our union, the state of New York, and our campus community. He will be working closely with UUP to aid in our outreach, advocacy, and work on environmental issues here on and off campus.

Comments from GSEU, Doğa Öner

- Discussed about Graduate Students' living wage campaign.

Old Business

- Plenary session resolutions 192-03-1 and 192-04-1 endorsed by 84% and 93% respectively.

New Business:

- R. Larson invited members to look at Boyer Commission Report and assist formulating recommendations to the Provost and the President about how we might implement specifically the in-class portions of it.
- The A&S Senate time change was discussed. R. Larson will convey this concern to the A&S Senate president in the next University Senate EC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.