



Stony Brook University

A&S Senate Meeting Minutes

May 8, 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 April 10, 2023 Meeting [Minutes](#)
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks and Report: K. Lindblom, A&S Senate President
 - Welcomed everyone to the last Spring 2023 A&S Senate meeting.
 - Mentioned it was a pleasure working with members of the Senate.
 - Thanked executive committee members, heads of the committees, Deans, Senate Executive Assistant, A&S Senate Secretary, and all members of the Senate for their service.
 - Emphasized the importance of shared governance.
- Reports from Chairs of A&S Senate Committees:
 - PTC – J. A. O'Byrne:
 - This academic year we considered two library cases, two from physics and astronomy, one from the writing program, two from art and art history, one from geosciences, one sociology, one BioChem and Cell Biology.
 - We emphasized in chairs meeting:
 - It's important for faculty across the college to be involved in the college and the university.
 - Discussed interdepartmental activities.
 - It was important to consider the ways in which faculty members contributed to the diversity of the University.

- Curriculum Committee, S. Sharma:
 - Mentioned committee webpages are updated with new bylaws, forms, and internal guides for our review process and old forms are archived.
 - By using some of these processes, we did 120 proposal reviews in fall 2022, and we did 60 reviews in spring, leaving nothing on the table.
 - We need some support and guidelines from the University for online education, post pandemic.
- FRRP, F. Walter:
 - The report is circulated to the committee for comments.
 - A policy on faculty workload was developed and approved by the Senate in December.
 - We recommended that all departments codify their standard teaching responsibilities in their by law.
 - We investigated the question of who owns the intellectual property rights to material uploaded to Bright Space. We discovered that the contract between SUNY and D2L (Bright Space Company), prohibits SUNY from telling us what's in the contract. But the D2L website states that they make no claim of title or ownership to or in client data, which is what we upload.
 - Regarding the parking issue, we decided that free parking is not a faculty right, and it's up to the Union to safeguard the protections afforded by our contract.
- Report from N. Sampson, CAS Dean:
 - Written report can be viewed [here](#).
 - We are working towards Stony Brook University to be a top 25 public institution by the year 2030.
 - We work on both the intellectual goal for our research and our educational endeavors.
 - We are in the final stages of a search for quantum and the

- humanities and that type of transdisciplinary faculty.
 - Discussed and showed an overview of the core and strategic activities.
- Old Business
 - Nominations for Vice President of the A&S Senate:
 - J. Torre was nominated by A&S Senate Executive Committee.
 - Members voted and he got elected as the next A&S Senate president.
- New Business
 - Discussion of moving A&S Senate under University Senate:
 - The Executive Committee has discussed the idea of moving the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities and Policy Committee of the A&S Senate to the full Senate.
 - Passed by 97% vote.
- Announcements – J. Torre was thankful for being elected as next president. He also thanked the committee chairs, Senate staff and members for their service. Jason thanked K. Lindblom for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.
- Adjournment at 1pm.