

SUNY Delhi.

Senate Meeting Minutes March 23, 2026

Present: Genevieve Salerno, Barbara Davies, Brian Beane, Max Dehne, Mary Bonderoff, Elizabeth Pratt, Barbara D’Anna, Cheri Rossi, Michael Tweed, Beth Boyd, Erin Wagner, Shannon Shoemaker, Doug Holub, David Brower, Lisa Tessier, Shai Butler, Alice Krause, Heather Schwartz, Barbara D’Anna, Rachel Seeber, Dan Gashler, Dan Davis, Amber Boulay, Lori Tremblay, Carrie Fishner, Chelsea Mathieu, Kari Haugeto, Sanum Shafi, Peter Brusoe, Lauren Sloane, Lou Reyes, Jr., Mary Wake

Proxies:

Meeting started at 4:31 PM

Welcome! We hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe – please mute.

o Approval of March 9, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion made by Barbara D., second by Jason C.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 16 yes. 0 no. motion passes.

o Updates: President; Presider

Presidential Update - Mary B. - I attended the Friends of SUNY reception. Delhi students prepared the food and it was a big hit. Culinary students on regional championships and will be going to Nationals again. Spent time visiting Buffalo and Florida. This has served as a soft launch of our Comprehensive Campaign. The first meeting for that will be on April 28th. Hoping folks will consider participating in the steering committee for this. Some great key alumni are interested in helping with this as well. The First Day of Giving is April 1st. I hope you will consider participating. Field to Fork dinner fundraiser will be on April 2nd and I hope you can join me for that. I am currently in Washington DC until Wednesday night. Julia Rios will also be here to do some advocacy. Funding requests have been submitted for Ames Hall updates as well as for the development of the Delaware Electric Co-op training center which will be located at the Lower Valley Campus. Accepted student day coming up this Friday and Open House will be on Saturday. Finalizing some support from the National Institute of Student Success for the implementation of the playbook. We are a campus that is allowed to increase our ACE and ASAP numbers as well.

Questions: none

Presider Update - Doug H. - Degreeworks accuracy continues to be an issue, especially with degree tracking. If you see or notice anything, please use the email address for the registrar. Curriculum proposals have a point person established in the registrar's office now. A look at course caps per student section has been discussed, but not started.

David B.: Trying to look at strategies to maximize enrollment.

Doug H.: This discussion will include Deans, faculty, program directors, material reviews. Funding reserves for library materials was discussed. An avenue that was discussed was looking at the Comprehensive Campaign for funding for that.

Carrie F.: The library has spoken about setting up a fund specifically for textbooks as there was a funding avenue for that but it has run out. Library is in discussion with College Advancement Office about this topic.

Doug H.: If you know of students with needs, please send them to the One Stop so they can be directed to the appropriate office. Academic year 26-27 calendar has been finalized. There will be one break in the Spring moving forward. Cost savings and alignment with other institutions were the significant factors that went into this decision. Thanksgiving Break is still under discussion.

David B.: Calendar committee has been called together to discuss this. Fall and Spring schedules in general are on that agenda.

Doug H.: Preliminary modifications to Final Exam Week may also be discussed as many professors may not use the traditional two hour allotment for their exams.

David B.: Would be looking at extending the calendar to include a 15th week of instruction. Other campuses are doing it with some success.

Discussion:

If we are going to consider course caps then it should be a conversation with people at all levels because of how important class size is across different disciplines. Emphasis on collaboration in the conversation.

Correlation between class size and teacher student ratios in order to provide assistance when necessary, as well as safe amounts of seats within the classrooms themselves were also mentioned as important aspects to consider.

o Old Business

o Bylaws Revision: Membership B&P and General (second viewing) - Cheri R. - Need to adjust representation from the VP areas because the VP of communications and marketing role has been shifted. VP of college relations had a name change. Staff representatives needed to change due to this change as well as an increase in at-large representatives.

Motion to approve bylaws made by Kari H., second by Heather S.

Discussion: None.

Vote taken: 19 yes. 0 no. Bylaws revision motion passes.

o New Business

o Curriculum Proposals - Erin W. - Business and hospitality classes BUSI 110 and 120 order switched, BUSI 405m CITA 405 and 475, cyber operations courses updated to include new information in the discipline.

Motion made from Barbara D., Second from Jason C.

Vote taken: 18 yes. 0 no. Motion passes.

Erin W.: Applied science PEDH 220 has distance learning added to it.

Motion to approve made by Lisa T., second by Carrie F.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 19 yes. 0 no. Motion passes.

Erin W.: Applied Tech: CARP 190 change, EICR 210 to 270 updating restrictions 10allow students to register themselves.

Motion made by Kari H., second by Alice K.

Discussion none.

Vote taken: 18 yes. 0 no. Proposals passed.

Erin W.: LAS: ENGL 310 updates to student objectives and outcomes, HIST 300 added civic discourse and diversity attributes, LIT 105 is a non repeatable course now.

Motion to approve: Lori T., second by Barbara A.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 19 yes. 0 no. Motion passes.

Erin W.: Split up between 418 lecture and lab course, as well as microcredential.

Motion to approve by Sanum S., second by Beth B.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 19 yes. 0 no. Motion passes.

Erin W.: Working with some small procedural changes in the bylaws. Been working with Cheri R. on that and will give more updates as they come in.

o Faculty CADI Board Member Election: Term expires at the end of 28/29 - Doug H. - We currently have two people who are still interested in this position. There was a third but they rescinded. Michael Tweed are you ready?

Michael T.: I have seen issues with how CADI and Sodexo have run the dining services and I think I can help with that. I brought forward a concern based on student complaints I brought forward and I thank you for your support on that. The students trust me so they come to me and I am able to advocate for them. I am concerned about the change in how CADI grants will be issued as this can be a valuable collaboration beyond our direct supervisors. I would like to work towards collaborative solutions with CADI on these issues and more. If elected I will advocate for fairness not just for students, but also for the greater campus community. I am not afraid to speak up even if it is not the easiest path.

Peter B.: I am up for re-election and I have been serving the board since 2021. I was proud to be able to work on bylaws revisions which have not been updated since 2016. We were able to add more student voices to the board and we make sure student voices are heard and continually make sure to interface with the students as much as possible. We are seeing an increase in food costs and it is a problem. Mike and I agree that that is a problem. I agree with many of you about the conditions last fall and we work together to address those problems. I have served as an advocate and voice for our faculty and staff colleagues. We heard your concerns regarding the mini grant process and I'm pleased to share with you that we have a mini grant program in place for next year that is twice what we currently have spent so far. I also want to thank Doug H. who began as president at the same time as I began my time as President of the CADI board so I thank him for his support.

Dan G.: I was running for this position but was not able to anymore. After a conversation with Mike T., I found that he supports a lot of the same things I did. I appreciate the tremendous amount of work Peter B. has done on the CADI board. I do not want us to extend our Sodexo contract. This is based on conversations I have had with so many different people who have been negatively impacted by working with them. I would like to endorse Mike.

Mary B.: I appreciate the perspectives offered by everyone. There is a total change in what is happening with the food/meal plan for next fall and this is based on feedback from the students. A lot of the issues were the result of communication failures and confused priorities. Thankfully, many of the issues have been fixed. I am happy to continue to have conversations with people, but it may not be as easy as simply switching providers.

Doug H.: Just to remind everyone, please make sure that you focus on the election of the candidates and this should be about. Either if you have a question to one of the candidates or both, or if you want to add, you know, give your praise for one or the other. Also, just so that you know, I am keeping a time of three minutes.

Shai B.: It takes a long time to run an RFP and there are cost and timeframe considerations. I guess my question is for Michael. Are you saying you don't want to extend the contract? And if so, what is your plan to feed our students in the fall given the time constraints?

Mike T.: There are other companies out there, but without being aware of the exact contract since I am not on the board, I cannot speak exactly to that. I am just saying I am intrigued with the other options that may be available.

Chelsea M.: There has been a lot of work, time and energy in partnership with campus leadership, the board and others to hear the student voice and others. A lot of work goes in to making sure our students are fed and want to thank Peter and his leadership of the CADI board for the work he has done. Many changes are coming up that will strengthen our college and provide food for our students.

Genevieve S.: I would like to make a Call to Order at this time. The purpose of this portion of the meeting is to ask candidates questions to figure out how to vote. At this time discussion about how things are run or what needs to be done in the future with potential candidates, I feel is not the time for this.

Doug H.: We ask that you focus on if you're supporting. I'm giving some leeway or liberty because I think some people are trying to provide supporting evidence.

Mary B.: We just want to make sure that there's accurate information too, because it does sound like there's misinformation and we want to make sure you know how it all works. Because it skews the conversation when that's not clear.

Dan G.: I have heard that people have quit due to working conditions. My question is what will you do to make sure you can ensure worker satisfaction going forward and perhaps to get back the decades of experienced food service workers that we've lost since Sodexo has taken over?

Mike T.: I fully support workers' rights but without being on the board currently I cannot fully answer because I do not know what the board has control over. Perhaps sending a request to Sodexo to change their management practices if that's what's needed. The only thing I can tell you is that students' meals are important, and the employees are important and that's where there seems to be issues.

Peter B.: If there are issues, let us know. We can work to address them. I'm proud of what I've done for our workers and our employees. We're negotiating this contract. We worked with Sodexo to ensure that our employees would enjoy full vesting, that their previous service for the county would be banked.

I also wanted to offer that Albany has switched to Aramark which I cannot speak to about the strength of the contract that lasts 15 years.

Voting took place via anonymous ballot. Mike Tweed will be the new member of CADI Board.

Doug H.: Please reach out with the CADI board, Dr. Bonderoff, Dr. Butler if you have concerns about the way things are currently being run.

o Prior Learning Assessment Policy (may be voted on) - Lauren S. - Made some changes after feedback was collected and that is what has been shared. The most recent revision of the PLA.

Motion to approve made by Mike T., second by Lisa T.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 19 yes. 0 no. Motion passes.

o Bylaws Revision: Electronic Transcript Use (first viewing) - Cheri R. - It was felt that, because transcripts are used often enough, it's a good idea to include what to do with transcripts in the Bylaws so it is in a centralized location. Covers the purpose of minutes and the appropriate ways Senators can use generated transcripts.

Discussion about recordings being FOILable and the difference between recordings and transcript creation. Transcripts may be created by senators but they are not regarded as official minutes.

o Announcements

o The College Senate President, Associate President, and Secretary seats are up for election this year. Please consider self-nominating for one of these rewarding positions!

o In need of two Faculty Senators and one Staff Senator for Budget & Planning Committee

o Meeting Minutes Availability: : <https://www.delhi.edu/academics/college-senate/minutes/index.php>

o The AI for the Public Good Fellows is offering two more webinars:

o March 23rd, 12noon: "AI Across the Sciences: Connecting Teaching, Learning, and Research"

o March 30th, 2pm: "AI and the Evolving Research Lifecycle: Multidisciplinary Perspectives"

o Register for the AI webinars at the Center for Professional Development webpage.

o The Sustainability Faculty Fellows are offering a webinar series titled "SUNY Sustainability Faculty Series: From Foundation to Practice." This is a four-part professional development series supporting SUNY faculty in integrating sustainability across General Education. Each session features interactive activities, disciplinary applications from across General Education, and practical implementation tools. Whether you're new to sustainability education or looking to

deepen your practice, leave with ready-to-use resources, a growing community of practice, and confidence to make sustainability relevant in your courses.

- o April 2nd, 11am: “Sustainability in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics”

- o April 24th, 11am: “Sustainability in Action: Approaches to Applied Learning”

- o Registration is available at the Center for Professional Development webpage.

Day of Giving: Day of Giving. The Day of Giving is brand new. It's the first time we're doing this. It's on April 1st and we're not fooling around, if you will, but we do have a great event that's going to be going on.

On that day between 9:00 and 4:00 PM up in the Farrell Loft. And so if you get stressed out students, no donation is needed to come and have popcorn and play some games with us! If you give on that day, and it doesn't matter what amount you give, if you give on that day, then you will be eligible for a kind of a random selection. This is not a fundraising type of event, but rather a day to learn about what makes Delhi special to you so we can share that story with the greater world.

- o **Adjournment 6:00 PM**