

SUNY Delhi.

Senate Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026

Present: Doug Holub, Cheri Rossi, Heather Schwartz, Barbara Davies, Genevieve Salerno, Barbara D'Anna, Dan Gashler, Carrie Fishner, Diana Pollard, Shannon Shoemaker, Lori Tremblay, Lisa Tessier, Jason Cash, Elizabeth Pratt, Brian Bean, Amber Boulay, David Brower, Jason Cash, Marc Evans, Chelsea Mathieu, Rachel Seeber, Mary Wake, Michael Tweed, Louis Reyes, Jr., Beth Boyd, Kari Haugeto, Eva Vega, Max Dehne, Shai Butler, Mike Sullivan, Alice Krause, Mary Bonderoff, Laruen Sloane, Karen Teitelbaum

Proxies: Lori T. proxy Sanum Shafi
4:33 PM meeting begins.

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

Approval of March 23, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve made by Barbara D., second by Kari H.

Discussion: none.

Vote taken: 18 yes, 0 no. Minutes Approved.

Updates: Provost; Committees

Provost Update - David Brower -

Enrollment - On campus deposits are down but online deposits are up with some programs, like HVAC, plumbing, construction technology, and clinical ready nursing are all already full. Looking to see how we can expand to increase our capacity. Automotive and welding are almost full as well.

May 1st on Accepted Student Day a bus will be coming to NYC which will be paid for by SUNY which is helpful.

Academic Calendar - 26th 27th academic calendar is nearly finalized. Still working on specific dates for parts of term. The Calendar Committee is looking at ways to align BK and AJ sessions so we only have one sub-term. Considering viability of final exam week so we have full 15 weeks of instruction to gauge interest and collect feedback. Alternative breaks for the semester also being looked into. More info coming in on that.

Academic portfolio optimization - happening on campus by way of APAC. Met with SUNY to give update and they were pleased but asked that discussions be expedited so we can see how modifications can move our portfolio forward. Faculty, program directors and deans from programs will be asked for feedback. Group will be meeting weekly as well. In need of some additional faculty involvement.

ACMO - we were pleased to receive an additional \$12,000 to cover some of the operational expenses that we're experiencing with the campaign. So that's why we're very excited about that. The working groups, as I'm sure you all know, because many of you are on those working groups, are hard at work developing ideas and implementation plans for those initiatives.

Academic forum will be held on April 24 at 3 PM in Bush 131 and online.

Prior learning assessment has been fully approved and we are moving forward with that. Looking for process and procedural elements to keep up the momentum.

Title II implementation trainings will held on the KnowBe4 platform.

End of semester SPARK trainings in professional development is being worked on by Abby at the Center for Professional Development and Academic Excellence.

Chobani came to our campus recently and are interested in doing some non-credit micro-credential type work for students.

Visited Hudson Valley Community College and have almost completed a Construction Management articulation agreement.

American Association of Colleges and Universities - we have a subscription to their Grants Resource Center which will enable us to look into ways to fund some of the things happening on this campus. This will be a database that Ellen Liberatori, our Grant writer, as well as members of faculty and staff.

Commencement - Looking for folks to participate in both ceremonies. Lunch will be provided.

Starfish use: please continue to utilize Starfish for students who are experiencing concerns. For serious concerns, please don't hesitate to fill out a student of concern form, UPD, or your respective Dean or VP.

Discussion:

Additional \$12,000 for operational costs for ACMO came through SUNY. Concerns were raised about the mutualistic benefit of partnering with the HVCC when it did not appear to have staying power in the past. Programs that were formally offered at Schenectady County CC were the bachelors in hospital and business management. Students were enrolled and matriculated with SUNy Delhi, and we taught the upper level classes on that campus. The other credits were taught by the community college campus. Students were staying on campus longer and we

were generating revenue for both the upper and lower level courses. Co-marketing opportunities meant we were helping the other campus generate interest in their other associate's programs. The dynamic began to change as time passed. Covid changed the way people wanted to take courses and move to online completion. With a hands-on program like BT construction, that will not really be an issue because it is so hands on and designed to be a face to face delivery.

Committee Updates - Doug H. - Are there any committees that would like to give additional updates that were not included in the document sent around?

Lori T. - Resolution Committee is actively working on resolutions.

Old Business

Bylaws Revision - Electronic Transcript Use (second viewing) - Cheri R. - Addition of use of electronically generated transcripts. Minutes generated by the secretary are the only official minutes. Other recordings people make on their own will only be allowed to assist with the generation of notes for senators and will not replace official, publicly available minutes.

Motion to approve made by Barabra D'A., second by Heather S.

Vote taken - 17 yes, 1 no. Motion passes.

New Business

Withdrawal From Courses Policy update - Lauren S. - This update removes timestamps to allow for things to be done electronically through the registrar's office.

Motion to approve made by Cheri R., second by Lisa T.

Discussion -

History of the 4 PM procedure being part of the in-person operation of the registrar office, as well as wordsmithing were discussed.

Motion to bring this resolution back to the committee to discuss amendment wording brought forth by Shannon S. Second by Genevieve S.

Discussion -

Genevieve S. - Seems more efficient to have the committee continue to work on it instead of the Senate working on it

Vote taken to have the policy update back to the Academic Policy Committee for revisions taken.

10 yes. 4 No. Policy will be brought back to the committee for further revision.

Lauren S. - Please make sure this does back to your constituents for feedback.

Presider election - Cheri R. - Senators please click on link to vote for Presider.

Doug H. - I would be happy to serve again if it is the will of the senate. I enjoy working with everyone and it's a joy working with so many great people, especially on the E-Board.

Vote taken via Microsoft Forms. Doug H. will continue as presider.

Announcements

- Cheri R. - Next Senate meeting, April 27th, we will be doing another election that will be for associate presider and secretary. Then the first week of May will start the general Senate elections. The first week will be the nominations for the general Senate seats, that means the area reps, both faculty and staff area reps, and all at large, faculty and staff at large. So nominations for all that is first week of May, voting is second week of May. You'll see announcements in Delhi today
- Heather S. - UFS Spring Plenary is this weekend. If anyone has anything they would like me to ask about, please email me prior to the meeting on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.
- Financial Fireside Chat: Tuesday, April 21st at 1 pm 131 Bush and Zoom.
- Applications for the College Senate Student Scholarship are being accepted until April 30. Please encourage eligible students to apply.
<https://delhi.scholarshipuniverse.com/>
- APAC (Academic Program Assessment Committee) seeks a Senate Faculty representative and Faculty members to join the committee.
- The College Senate Secretary seat is up for election this year. Please consider self-nominating for one of these rewarding positions!
- In need of two Faculty Senators and one Staff Senator for Budget & Planning Committee
- Meeting Minutes Availability: : <https://www.delhi.edu/academics/college-senate/minutes/index.php>
- 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.

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

- Registration is available at the [Center for Professional Development webpage](#).

Adjournment 5:21 PM