

SUNY Delhi.

Senate Meeting Minutes August 25, 2025

Present: Doug Holub, Genevieve Salerno, Brian Bean, Barbara Davies, Kari Haugeto, Lisa Tessier, Cheri Rossi, Barbara D'Anna, Shannon Shoemaker, Beth Boyd, Carrie Fishner, Jason Cash, Lou Reyes Jr., Max Dehne, Shai Butler, Dan Gashler, Alice Krause, Lori Tremblay, Heather Schwartz, Sanum Shafi, Nazely Kurkjian, Christy Millet, David Brower, Shawn Brislin, Lori Ciafardoni. Ruth Ehrets, Mary Bonderoff, Michael Tweed

Proxies: None.

4:33 PM

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

Approval of June 9, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion made by Lisa T., second by Jason C.

Comments: none.

Vote taken: 16 yes, 0 no. Minutes accepted.

Updates: President, Provost, Presider

Provost Update: David B.: Remember to post syllabus in the repository. Instructions to go out. Final exam schedule is generated and is available. Link was sent out. Please review to make sure there are no conflicts with any times you have been assigned. Degreeworks projects: platform updated. Ongoing concerns will be addressed. Registrar to reach out to the Deans to continue working on this. Dean search for College of Health Liberal Arts and Sciences is moving along. Looking for conclusion soon. Adjunct and extra service contracts are in the queue. Payment date is the date you will see on your contract. Pres. B cabinet, I and other guests had the opportunity to hear feedback from NISS. Playbook was presented which is the part that comes after the diagnostic piece. Leadership has access to the materials and will start to present them in time, and implement plans to bring these into fruition.

Cheri R.: Question brought to E-board today about Academic Promotion Committee and how many schools will be on the promotion committee. How will this be decided?

David B.: My own perspective is that we would have five, but I am open to suggestions. Five would better represent the disciplines that people are involved in. Would like to have an information session to better map out the timelines and the resources developed by Nancy Winters which are immensely helpful to people.

Alice K.: NISS presentation for campus. When could we expect to hear more about it?

David B.: Hopeful to be able to do it by the end of this month.

Alice K.: Was their alignment with the new strategic plan? We are hoping there is alignment with it to support the efforts that people have put into the SEL plan.

David B.: I see the NISS report having impact in every area as the NISS is very centered on student success and retention.

Alice K.: A question was brought up about contracts and getting them in a timely manner. They were still a problem over the summer. What are some of the obstacles and what is in the works to improve this?

David B.: I agree. My plan is for the Spring to identify the deadline for when contracts are going to be in to meet a certain payroll window. Still some troubleshooting with it. Onboarding can sometimes slow the process down for instance. There are many pieces to it.

Carrie F.: Librarians also need a committee for when they go up for promotion.

David B.: Sounds good. So that would make it six.

President Update: Mary B.: Had a good day today. Lots of photos with students and good to see them walking to class! Finalized collaboration on academic momentum. NISS had some extremely doable for our retention. Incredibly positive feedback from families regarding Move-In Day. Thank you to all who participated. Mechatronics is in design phase. Architecture firm has been picked. Waiting on grant still. We will have an announcement when the grant is settled. To speed project up we are going to start the build in the parking lot. Number of SUNY visits coming up. Elise Puzzio will be on campus tomorrow; one of the attorney's at SUNY, Ricardo Nazario-Colon SUNY CDO will also be here. Marianne Hassan was also here. We have over 230 residents who took part in the swim lessons and we have over 4600 people who use the pool. So excited to have that grant so we can keep it open and provide lessons to the community. September 4, 2025 you are all invited to my house. Starts at 4:00 PM. Would like to celebrate and recognize the work that you do as the college senate and all we do in collaboration.

Alice K.: Can you explain a little about academic momentum is.

Mary B.: This is a SUNY mandate to mimic what other system colleges have done in terms of creating system-wide retention and completion goals. Will be working with aspirational goals with us to help move the needle for the whole system.

Presider Update: Doug H.: E-board is meeting with provost and president on a monthly basis and will continue to do that and on an as-needed basis also.

Old Business – none.

New Business

Faculty Member for CADI Board of Directors Election (Sep., 2025) – Doug H.: We have at least one nominee.

Cheri R.: CADI Board has an opening for a faculty member. Senate runs election for CADI board. All senators, please vote one way or the other.

Ballot shared in the chat. Votes collected. Don Conklin is new faculty member for CADI Board.

Doug H.: SUNY Shared Governance Award.

Alice K.: I would like to make motion for SUNY Delhi to nominate itself for the Shared Governance Award.

Second by Heather S.

Discussion:

Alice K.: Open to all SUNY Colleges including community colleges. They award one campus every year. There are two categories: Sustained Excellence and Improvements in Shared Governance. Two years ago we applied for the Improvements award. We did not win but the feedback we got was very good. Presider and president put the paperwork forward. A committee has to be put forward to fill out the application. Application is due November 11, 2025.

Lisa T.: Speaking in favor of proposal. We have more ground now and more things to put in as far as resolutions now to provide evidence.

Heather S.: Is this something we should share out to see if others want to be part of the committee? What is the timeline on that?

Alice K.: We will take a look at who we have to have on it first and share out from there.

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

Announcements:

Doug H.:

Senate Trainings (Shared Governance and Robert's Rules)

Attendance (Absence: no more than 2/year w/o proxy; Proxy: 3 times/semester) and Committee Work

Nazely K.: We will be hosting Robin Oakes who is a renowned bisexual activity on Tuesday September 23, 2025. Details and times are still being worked out. Please share it out to your classes.

Shai B.: Wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who participated in any of the welcome week events. There was a lot of energy and excitement on campus and we really appreciate everyone's involvement. If you are still looking for ways to connect to students, we are looking for club advisors. We will provide trainings. Reach out to Larry at the Center for Student Engagement if you are interested.

Leslie Barger Memorial Trees – Collecting funds for memorial trees. Thank you to those who contributed. If you have interest in contributing, please contact me. Would like to continue to collect until the end of this week. Contact me if you want to make a contribution.

Senate Social Thurs., Sep. 4 at President's House (4:30 pm)

Mary B.: Will need faculty and staff reps for the search committee for the CDO.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 5:31 PM.