



Senate Meeting Minutes May 5, 2025

Present: Genevieve Salerno, Barbara Davies, Erin Wagner, Lauren Sloane, Megan Wolfe, Dan Gashler, Shannon Shoemaker, Cheri Rossi, Carrie Fishner, Alice Krause, Brian Bean, Lisa Tessier, Michael Tweed, Lesle Barger, Beth Boyd, Nazely Kurkjian, David Brower, Heather Shwartz, Josh Gregory, Jason Cash, Sanum Shafi, Lori Ciafardoni, Marc Evans, Max Denhe, Chelsea Mathieu, Jack Tessier, Mary Bonderoff, Lori Tremblay

Proxies: Lisa T. for Lori Tremblay

Meeting called at 4:32 PM

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

Approval of Apr. 21, 2025 meeting minutes

Motion to approve made by Sanum S., second by Barbara D.

Discussion: none

Vote taken: 15 Yes, 0 no. Minutes approved .

Updates: Provost, Presider

Provost Brower – Busy time of year with enrollment and in academic affairs. Email came out from admissions that we have reached our capacity for next Fall. A great thing that comes with many challenges. This comes specifically for in person programs. The online programs have space most likely but they might now be a good fit. Any questions please reach out to Kevin Sobers, Josh Gregory, me, or Nazely K. We continue to work on creative solutions to expand capacity. Working with criminal justice to create a direct entrance online program for their bachelors. Looking at housing options so we can make sure we have enough room to house. NISS – making headway there. Campus stakeholder interviews will be coming up next. Two part process – the first is diagnostic and the second is the playbook. Job Fair was a huge success – the first of this size and magnitude. Hosted almost 50 employers and over 200 students were in attendance. SUNY Delhi has entered in Onondaga community college to promote enrollment in our online veterinary science program. Sanitary Process Pipefitting demonstration was very good. We are the only welding school that has a sanitary pipe fitting program. Tri campus AI popup being launched. SUNY Oneonta May 29 11 to 1 pm lunch meet. Conversations in the Disciplines funding has been awarded. Will have more information on that shortly. New SUNY System liaison – Susan Hall comes to us by way of Monroe Community College.

Presider Update – Doug Holub – Informational sessions with HR, potentially Chelsea Mathieu and Mary Bonderoff to discuss the process for complaints against staff. Potentially May 22, 2025 in the morning. Meant to help people understand what's being done and how the process occurs. Went to UFS faculty senate plenary in Oneonta. Many resolutions and many were passed. We will be passing these around for feedback and endorsement soon. SUNY is doing the best it can to continue to support the Four Pillars.

Committee Updates

Doug H. – Any updates by any of the chairs at this time?

Dan G. – Equity Council Strategic Plan is done including a Week of Belonging and Who Am I talks.

Lisa T.—On campus interviews for VP of Student Life have been completed and sent to the hiring manager.

Marc E. – Assessment Day is Wednesday June 4, 2025. Lunch and donuts provided by Sodexo. Sign up on Bronco Connect!

Faculty Promotion Policy – David B. – Thank you to Ruth Ehrets, Erin and the many others that helped this process along.

Erin W. – Senate had voted on these changes in Spring of 23. Negotiations between Spring of 23 and 25 and now new guidelines will go into effect in the fall of 25. Changes in the committee names, promotion timeline shortened from 3 years to 2 years, formalized response times, ADSS not necessary anymore, also negotiated the points review systems, formalized the point system and made it cumulative.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Academic Policy Proposals – Lauren S. –

§ ELL Policy – Used to have a program for them and it went away, but now it is back. Carlo Vidal is the ELL advisor and has put together testing accommodations with Nikki Hoffman that students can use.

Motion to approve made by Heather S., second by Jason C.

Discussion –

Shannon S. – What’s the mechanism to know if a student needs this accommodation and what should be done if we don’t have the time and space? Is this something that will go through the AEO?

Lauren S. – students will have to self identify. They are given this information and what to do to request. This is different from AEO because different kinds of documentation is required.

Vote taken: 16 yes, 0 no. Policy passes.

§ Graduate Transfer Residency Policy – making graduate degree residency requirement consistent throughout the handbook.

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

Nazely K. – Just to clarify so I can share with Kara our online admission counselor, 50% of the credits must be taken at SUNY Delhi?

Lauren S. – Yes, this change has come about based on our work with the criminal justice and nursing programs.

Beth B. – Question about “in residence”. This is a little confusing because it seems to suggest that students will have to live here?

Lauren S. – No this means they have to take classes through us.

Vote taken – 17 yes, 0 no.

Bylaws Proposal (1st presentation): Additional Proposed Changes To Parliamentary Role

Cheri R. – Just cleaning up language that should have cleaned up from when we did away with the “parliamentarian” role.

Doug H. – Please take this back to your areas for feedback.

Announcements

College Senate Nominations/Elections – Elections are now occurring. This current week is time for nominations if your term is up! You may nominate yourself to run! Next week will be election. Please encourage people to run for elections!

Faculty representative (does not need to be a senator) for Campus Life Committee needed

Academic Program Assessment Committee Academic Senator Representative needed

Budget and Planning Committee Academic Senator Representative needed

UFS Senator and Alternate needed starting Fall 2025 (election in May 2025)

Discussion about what serving on SUNY UFS entails.

Lisa T – Star is Thursday and it starts at 4 and then at 5 is the oral presentations.

Adjourn 5:31 PM