

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SENATE

MEETING AGENDA

Friday, March 26, 2021 – 1:10 p.m. via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, AND CHAIR'S REPORT – Jon Oliver, Senate Chair

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Mary Mickelsen, Senate Executive Secretary

- Approval of the Agenda* (including time limits)
- Approval of the February 19, 2021 Senate Meeting Minutes
- Communications:
 - [President Holloway's response](#) to the Senate's report and recommendations on charge [S-1905: Normal Teaching Loads](#)
 - [President Holloway's response](#) to the Senate's report and recommendations on charge [S-2001: Re-evaluation of Student Fee Consolidation](#)
 - [President Holloway's response](#) to the Senate's report and recommendations on charge [S-2016: Lessons Learned from University-wide Online Learning](#)
 - [President Holloway's response](#) to the Senate's report and recommendations on charge [S-2017: Evaluation of the University's Continuity of Operations](#)
 - [President Holloway's response](#) to the Senate's report and recommendations on charge [A-2021: Re-Examination of the Add/Drop Period During COVID-19 Crisis and Beyond](#)
 - [Call for Nominations](#) for 2021-2022 Senate Officers and Executive Committee Members, and Representatives to the Boards of Governors and Trustees –
 - Send nominations to Senate Secretary Mary Mickelsen. While unit elections for next year are pending, continuing Senators or those who are likely to be elected to the Senate may be nominated. Click the link for additional instructions and information.
 - [Schedule of 2021-2022 Senate and Executive Committee meetings](#) has been approved by the Senate Executive Committee. Continuing Senators please add the Senate dates to your schedules.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Jonathan Holloway, University President

NEW BRUNSWICK CHANCELLOR'S REPORT – Christopher Molloy, New Brunswick Chancellor

COMMITTEE REPORTS [*Please Note: Substantive amendments to any resolutions should be provided to the Senate Executive Secretary in writing prior to or at the time the amendment is moved.*]

University Structure and Governance Committee [Response to S-1908: Honorary Degree and Commencement Speaker Selection Process](#) – USGC Chair Peter Gillett

The USGC was charged as follows:

S-1908: *Consider possible improvements to our policy and processes for selection of recipients of Honorary Degrees and Commencement Speakers.*

University Structure and Governance Committee [Response to S-1904: Review of Proposed Resolution on Rutgers' Faculty Councils Inclusion in the University Policy Library](#)– USGC Chair Peter Gillett

The USGC was charged as follows:

S-1904: Consider and recommend appropriate policy changes relating to the role and status of faculty councils at Rutgers.

Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee [Response to S-1910: Grade Inflation](#) – ASRAC Co-Chairs Lucille Foster and Robert Schwartz

The ASRAC was charged as follows:

S-1910: Investigate the extent of grade inflation at Rutgers over the past 20-years. Determine what factors contributed to whatever grade inflation exists and make appropriate recommendations.

Faculty and Personnel Affairs Committee (FPAC) [Response to S-2007: PTL Health and Wellness](#) – FPAC Co-Chairs Farid Alizadeh and Joseph Markert

The FPAC was charged as follows:

S-2007: Investigate the range and awareness of health and wellness services available to part-time lecturers across the University and make recommendations.

Student Affairs Committee (SAC) [Response to S-2003: Rutgers-Alumni Relations](#) – SAC Co-Chairs Elizabeth Matto and Sarah Shobut

The SAC was charged as follows:

S-2003: Evaluate alumni engagement and provide recommendations as to what changes could be made, if necessary, particularly while students are still enrolled, to further Rutgers-Alumni relations.

University Structure and Governance Committee [Response to S-2005: Student Governance](#) – USGC Chair Peter Gillett

This report is being presented for information only.

The USGC was charged as follows:

S-2005: Evaluate the formal and informal processes for the creation of student governing association and if appropriate, make recommendations regarding the organization and recognition of SGAs.

University Structure and Governance Committee [Response to S-2014: Standing Committees and the Chair of the Senate](#) – USGC Chair Peter Gillett

This report is being presented for information only.

The USGC was charged as follows:

S-2014: Consider the duties of the Chair of the Senate in relation to its various standing committees and make any appropriate recommendations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Peter Gillett, Senate Vice Chair

NEW BUSINESS [Note: Article IV.A. of the Senate Bylaws states, “*All new matters shall be referred to committee before coming to the Senate (unless extenuating circumstances apply, as indicated under section C.4...*” Also, the Senate Executive Committee has authorized committee-of-the-whole discussions under New Business as appropriate, and time permitting.]

REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND TRUSTEES

REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS

ADJOURNMENT

*Note: Addition of items to the Agenda requires a 2/3 vote. There is an overall time limit of 3 hours for Senate meetings. Specific time limits are set for questions and debate, not for presentations of reports. After approval, extension of time limits requires a 2/3 vote.

Remaining 2020-2021 University Senate Meetings

[**Fall 2020/Spring 2021**: All meetings will be held virtually in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines set forth by President Holloway in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.]

April 30, 2021

(The April 30 meeting may convene at 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. This meeting is the last of this year’s Senate, but will begin with the first meeting of next year’s Senate, at which Senate officers, Executive Committee members, and board representatives will be elected. The start time will be determined by the Senate EC in April 2021.)