

Executive Committee
A G E N D A
April 7, 2022 – 12:00 noon

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Chair's Report– Jon Oliver, Senate Chair

Secretary's Report– Vicki Hewitt, Senate Executive Secretary

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the [March 4, 2022 Senate Executive Committee Minutes](#)
- Communications
 - Call for Nominations for Senate Leadership Positions – Fri. April 22, 2022

Administrative Report– Prabhas Moghe, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

[2022-2023 Senate Calendar Approval](#)

Standing Committees/Panels

Proposed Charges:

Proposed Charge to the Student Affairs Committee on Resolution to Allow Students' Ability to View Their Own Work – Submitted by Senator Omer Abdel-Wahab, School of Pharmacy (Student)

Charge: *What can be done to prevent professors from disallowing students from viewing their exams after they have been graded so that they may see what they got wrong.*

Background: Exams are a critical part of a students work-life. The ability to learn from one's mistakes is even more critical. Unfortunately, many students are prevented from viewing their exam results after taking exams. The rationale appears to be that professors would like to reuse questions for the next academic year without exam questions being compromised. This is a very backwards practice that does not promote student learning. I recommend the senate should research what legislation exists giving professors the ability to hide exam results and how we can amend this legislation to give students the ability to view their own work.

Committee Reports/Resolutions:

Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) [Recommendation to Upgrade/Update the Presentation of Rutgers University's Annual Budget](#)

Information Technology Committee (ITC) [Response to S-2201: Approved Electronic Notebook Programs](#)

The ITC was charged as follows: Investigate the use of electronic lab notebooks. Review the current policies and practice of notebook creation and cloud storage. Recommend the best practices for maintaining the security, integrity, and accessibility of these notebooks.

University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC) [Response to S-2112: Free Speech Issues at Rutgers and the University Senate's Role](#)

The USGC was charged as follows: *Consider the most effective mechanism to enable the University Senate to provide the administration with feedback and advice from the Rutgers University community relating to statement, policy, and implementation on matters of free speech. Look at peer best practices. Make any appropriate recommendations.*

Old Business

None

New Business

Proposed Resolution on Academic Freedom and Racial, Gender, and Social Justice – Submitted by Robert Boikess

Background: Below is a [Resolution on Academic Freedom and Racial, Gender, and Social Justice](#) adopted by the Executive Committee of the Rutgers AAUP/AFT. It calls on the University Senate to adopt a similar resolution.

March 24, 2022

Whereas Rutgers University has made the advancing of diversity, equity, and inclusion a key strategic priority; and

Whereas in a nation that has for centuries struggled with issues of racial inequity and injustice, many students do not have adequate knowledge of BIPOC and LGBTQI history and the policies that contributed to inequities, Rutgers faculty have a responsibility and opportunity to help build equity and social justice;

Therefore be it resolved that the Executive Committee of Rutgers AAUP-AFT resolutely rejects any attempts by bodies external to the faculty to restrict or dictate university curriculum on any matter, including matters related to racial, gender, and social justice, and will stand firm against any encroachment on faculty authority; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee of Rutgers AAUP-AFT stands with our K–12 colleagues throughout the country who may be affected by this pernicious legislation; and

Be it further resolved that the Executive Committee of Rutgers AAUP-AFT affirms the Joint Statement on Efforts to Restrict Education about Racism, authored by the AAUP, PEN America, the American Historical Association, and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, endorsed by over seventy organizations, and issued on June 16, 2021; and finally

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee of Rutgers AAUP-AFT urges the University Senate and the Faculty Councils to adopt a similar resolution and calls upon President Holloway and EVPAA Moghe to affirm that they reject any attempts by bodies external to the faculty to restrict or dictate university curriculum on any matter, including matters related to racial, gender, and social justice, and will stand firm against any encroachment on faculty authority.

Potential Merging of the M.D./Ph.D. programs at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and New Jersey Medical School – Submitted by Laura Willett (with Senator Monica Roth invited for the discussion)

University Senate April 29, 2022 Agenda

- 2022-2023 Organizational Meeting via Zoom – starting at 10:00 a.m.
- Regular Senate Meeting in person and via Zoom – last meeting of 2021-22
- Administrative Report – President Jonathan Holloway
- Report on Rutgers Research – Michael E. Zwick, Senior Vice President for Research, and José Miguel Román, Vice President, Research Administration
- S-2108: Senate Procedures for Debate, Amendment and Voting

Adjournment