**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
M I N U T E S  
December 3, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Boikess, Ewins, Foster, Gillett, Giraud, Hauck, Oliver, Schwartz, Simonds, Struble, Thompson, White, Willett

**ALSO ATTENDING**: *A. Azer (BOT Graduate Student Representative), G. Bachmann (BOT Faculty Representative), P. Moghe (EVP Academic Affairs), S. Rabinowitz (BOG Faculty Representative), M. Smith (Senate Interim Executive Secretary), M. Sutton (BOG Student Representative)*

The regular meeting of the University Senate Executive Committee was held on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. remotely via Zoom.

1. **Chair’s Report**– Jon Oliver, Senate Chair

Senate and Executive Committee Chair Jon Oliver called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. He welcomed all to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy Holidays. Oliver spoke about the passing of Alumni Senator Bruce Marich and requested a moment of silence to remember him and his dedication to Rutgers and the Senate.

Chair Oliver then asked for the Executive Committee’s approval for the following additions to the agenda:

* Discussion of remaining virtual until at least March 2022
* Reintroduction of the Add/Drop recommendations from ASRAC to be re-considered
* Student Affairs charge S-2115 Academic Freedom extension to February 2022

The Executive Committee approved the three additions unanimously.

1. **Secretary’s Report**– Morgan Smith, Interim Executive Secretary of the Senate

* Approval of Agenda
  + Agenda was approved with the three additions from Chair Oliver
* Approval of the [November 4, 2021 Senate Executive Committee Minutes](https://senate.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/November-4-EC-Minutes.pdf)

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

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Prabhas Moghe presented an administrative report, which included comments on:

* The Women’s Soccer Team victories
* [The Build Back Better](https://eda.gov/arpa/build-back-better/) regional cluster projects in New Jersey
* [President Holloway’s visit to Tel Aviv University](https://www.rutgers.edu/news/rutgers-and-tel-aviv-university-enter-partnership-boost-research-collaboration) in discussion of their partnership to boost research collaborations
* Confirmation about the Administration receiving 2-2107 Review of the University Policy 20.1.22 – No Smoking report from the Ad-Hoc Committee and their efforts to implement their recommendations
* The University’s extension on telecommunicating until June 30, 2022
* Continuous efforts to developing the first award for PTL’s

He then answered questions on the following topics:

* Merger plans
* Impacts on remote learning for spring
* Comments on the Pharmacy school and their exceptional service and efforts for vaccinations

1. **Standing Committees/Panels**

**Committee Reports:**

**Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee (ASRAC)** [**Response to S-2101 Review of University Policy 10.2.4 Units of Credit**](https://senate.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Final-ASRAC-Response-to-Charge-S-2101.docx) **–** ASRAC Co-Chairs Robert Schwartz, NJMS (F) and Lucile Foster, RBS: UNB (F)

**The ASRAC was charged as follows:**

***S-2101:*** *Determine the current viability of University Policy 10.2.4 - Units of Credit and propose changes as appropriate to make the definition consistent with its use in current practice. Respond by November 2021.*

The Executive Committee reviewed the report, and it was decided that it was not ready for docketing and was sent back to ASRAC for further review.

1. **Old Business**

* Follow up discussion: Feedback from RWJMS and NJMS re joint chairs
* Recent RBHS strategic plan including statements about increasing links between the two schools
  + The EC discussed both items, and it was decided that Chair Oliver and Vice Chair Gillett will request a meeting with President Holloway and Chancellor Brian Strom to get their thoughts and comments on both points

1. **New Business**

* Student Affairs charge S-2115 Academic Freedom extension to February 2022 was approved
* Virtual meetings until March was approved
* Reintroduction of the Add/Drop recommendations from ASRAC to be re-considered
  + This was discussed under great lengths and the following resolution was passed by the Executive Committee to be brought to the Senate at the December 10th meeting:

*Be it resolved by the Rutgers University Senate that 1. With effect from Spring 2022, the Add period each semester be nine calendar days, with the Drop extended to nine calendar days, making the periods coterminous. On a tenth day, which we term a “switch day,”, a student may add a course only if the same student is also dropping a course, and vice versa. Permission of the instructor or school is required in order to add a course after it has already met twice.*

1. **University Senate December 10, 2021 Agenda**

* Regular Senate Meeting via Zoom
* Administrative Report by University President Jonathan Holloway
* New ASRAC Resolution to be presented by Co-Chair Lucille Foster

1. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Minutes written and submitted by,

Morgan Smith

Interim Executive Secretary of the University Senate