

**RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY
UNIVERSITY SENATE**

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of the University Senate

DATE: January 21, 2022

TIME AND PLACE: 1:10 p.m., Remote via Zoom

PRESENT: Abdel-Wahab, Abuilak, Alizadeh, Allamand, Ameri, Amjad, Anderson, Andrews, Consuela Askew, Aubry, Azer, Bachmann, Barbarese, Barlow, Bernstein, Bhattacharya, Bhavaraju, Bhuyan, Bogden, Boikess, Boxer, Bridgeman, Brienza-Arcilla, Broggi, Buyske, Cantor, Castellano, Choo, Chowdhury, Clarke, Cooper, Crawford, Crews, Dane, Davidson, Davis, Den Bleyker, Dool, Drazer, Edelstein, Esposito, Everett, Ewins, Farmer, Fatahzadeh, Fellenz, Field, Figueira, Foster, Fougnyes, Fudge, Garner, Giraud, Gomes, Goonetilleke, Gower, Granadeiro, Guo, Gursoy, Haley, Haviland, Holloway, Huang, Hunter, Hurd, Husan, Javeri, Kahanda, Kahng, Kelly, Kettle, Kiss, Kothari, Kovacs, Kozlosky, Kustka, LaMorte, Laraia, Lawson, Levine, Linardopoulos, Lino-Barbosa, Lutz, Lyles, Maddox Douglas, Mahajan-Cusack, Mansukhani, Manzini, Marchetta, Markert, Markowitz, Marsic, Matto, McKeever, Mignogna, Miller, Molloy, Morton, O'Connor, Oberle, Oliver, Ozel, Parsa, Patel, Pichugin, Pintar, Pinto-Figueroa, Poole, Prihoda, Rabinowitz, Rizvi, Robalino, Roth, Ryan, Sagarra, Saltzman, Schroth, Schwartz, Schwartz, Scott, Shapses, Sharma, Shawl, Shih, Siederer, Simonds, Smith, Sonnenberg, Spiegel, Stroiman, Struble, Sutton, Swamy, Sztatowski, Taipe, Takhistov, Tan, Tewfik, Thompson, Todorinova, Torres, Tsakalacos, Valle, Valverde, Vega, Virani, Volino, Willett, Wirtenberg, Woortman, Yamamoto

EXCUSED: Baldi, Hara, Levine, Shinbrot, Sinacori, White

ABSENT: Adya, Anderson Eloy, Ardeshta, Barone, Beegan, Blanchett, Boison, Stphanie Bonne, Cabrera, Campbell, Cardoso, Carrero, Charles, Chefitz, Cole, Conway, Daughety, Eaton, Elsaid, Emedom-Nnamdi, English, Farris, Feldman, Fernandez, Flynn, Fox, Halkitis, Halprin, Hatefi, Hauck, Hein, Henderson, Hsueh, Hu, Irizarry, Joergensen, Johnson, Kaye, Knode, Kukor, Lei, Leibman, Liu, Lopez, Mahon, March, Marchitello, Marich, Mazurek, McCarthy, Menifield, Moore, Mutcherson, Nath, Nickitas, Patel, C. Potter, J. Potter, Riedel-Prabhakar, Rivera, Samlin, Shah, Shah, Shah, Shapiro, Stephens, Strom, Tadros, Thakuriah, Vellangany, Wang, Warde, Westrich, Whitehead

CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CHARGES, AND CHAIR'S REPORT – Jon Oliver, Chair

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 1:12pm on Friday, January 21 and welcomed everyone for joining. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and gave well wishes towards the Spring 2022 semester. Chair Oliver then gave his sentiments regarding the loss of three senators. He went into detail about the impact of our past chair, vice chair, chair of USGC and Parliamentarian Peter Gillett and the significance he had on the Senate and his life personally. Jon then added specifics about a scholarship that The Rutgers Business School has set up in his

memory, including purchasing a Scarlet dogwood tree and bench on Livingston Campus. Chair Oliver also mentioned the passing of Alumni Senator Bruce Marich and Senator Paul Miranti. He spoke on their dedication to shared governance and Rutgers and wished he was able to have known them better. The Senate then took a minute to reflect on the passing of these three senators and Jon continued his report. He let everyone know that the Executive Committee has nominated Senator Adrienne Simonds as the new Vice Chair Pro Tem and Senator Lucille Foster as the new Parliamentarian. Chair Oliver also announced the new USGC co-chair Senator Kevin Schroth. He went on to give the Senate an overview of today's meeting including who will be presenting and reminded everyone of the process during Q&A. Jon continued his report with mentioning the Susman Award and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Part-Time Lecturer including the hard work of Senator and PTL Karen Thompson. Lastly, Chair Oliver mentioned that the Campus Faculty Councils have officially been added into the University Policy Library. He congratulated the Senate and faculty councils for their hard work and their work and recognition in shared governance.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – Morgan Smith, Interim Executive Secretary

- **Agenda:** The meeting's agenda including time limits, was approved by the Senate
- **Minutes:** The [minutes](#) of the December 10, 2021 Senate meeting were approved as distributed by the Interim Executive Secretary
- **Communications:**
 - Smith then reported that the following policy has been updated/added in the University Policy Library:
 - [University Policy 50.5.1: Membership and Organization of the Campus Faculty Councils](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Jonathan Holloway, President of the University

President Jonathan Holloway provided the Administrative Report consisting of the following topics:

- The delayed start to the semester for undergrad in-person classes
- Omicron variant and the importance of boosters
- The compliancy percentage of all faculty, staff and students with vaccinations and boosters
- Athletics following state guidelines for games indoors
- Updates on the Fulbright Scholarship
- Details on his next report

President Holloway then answered questions on the above topics as well as:

- Concerns for removing COVID testing for essential employees

- Mental health concerns among students – having guests on campus, collaborating with peers, and building a community amongst themselves
- Student vaccination rate
- An update on any proposed plans to merge the medical schools
- Ordering tests for students using USPS
- The search for a new University Librarian
- Controversies among students surrounding the university's involvement with Tel Aviv University

[NEWARK CHANCELLOR'S REPORT](#) – Nancy Cantor, Rutgers-Newark Chancellor

[REPORT OF THE CLIMATE TASK FORCE](#) – Professor Bob Kopp and Associate Professor Kevin Lyons, Co-Directors of the Climate Task Force

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Standards, Regulations and Admissions Committee (ASRAC) [S-2101 Units of Credit](#) – Lucile Foster ASRAC Co-Chair

ASRAC was charged as follows: 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.

Co-Chair Lucile Foster went over the work of the committee, it was discussed by the Senate and ultimately it was voted to be tabled until February.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Senate Vice Chair Adrienne Simonds reported on the January 7, 2022 Senate Executive Committee Meeting

REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND TRUSTEES: Senator Samuel Rabinowitz notified the Senate that the Board of Governors next meeting will in February. There was no report from the Board of Trustees.

REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS: Senator Sanjib Bhuyan reported on the New Brunswick Faculty Council meeting that will be held next Friday, January 28 and spoke on a few topics including the food pantry and KN95 masks. RBHS Senator Laura Willett reported on RBHS current initiatives including their meeting with Brian Strom regarding COVID, vaccinations, lack of PPE and the joint chair issue.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Morgan Smith, Interim Executive Secretary of the University Senate