

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

MINUTES: Special Meeting of the University Senate

DATE: April 9, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alizadeh; Aubert; Bachmann; Baldi; Barbarese; Bekdash; Bhatt; Bhattacharya; Bhuyan; Boikess; Borisovets; Brienza-Arcilla; Buyske; Castaneda; Chefitz; Chiu; Choo; Cole; Cooper; Crews; Davidson; Dool; Drazer; Eafrazi; English; Esposito; Fernandez; Arroyo; Figueira; Foster; Garner; Gillett; Giraud; Gohel; Gomes; Goonetilleke; Gower; Granadeiro; Guo; Gursoy; Hodes; Hunter; Hurd; Jarrín Montaner; Joergensen; Kettle; Kosar; Kovacs; Kustka; Lawson; Lutz; Lyles; Maglione Rico; Mahajan-Cusack; Mansukhani; Marchetta; Markert; Markowitz; Matto; Mayes; McKeever; Mendicino; Miranti; Oliver; Ozel; Parsa; Pedro-Santiago; Pichugin; Pinto-Figueroa; Piotrowski; Rabinowitz; Roth; Ryan; Sagarra; Sahota; Schroth; Schwartz; Schwartz; Shapses; Shinbrot; Shobut; Siederer; Simonds; Spiegel; Stephens; Struble; Szatrowski; Takhistov; Thompson; Trees; Valverde; Van Stine; Vellangany; Ventura-Martinez; Vidal; Virani; Volino; Ward; Warde; White; Willett; Wirtenberg; Yamaoka

EXCUSED: Avallone; Boison; Farmer; Haley; Kane; Kothari; Linardopoulos; Moghe; Oberle; Sinacori; Stephenson; Tommasi; Vargas

ABSENT: Adya; Ahmed; Albert; Alexander-Floyd; Allamand; Ameri; Anderson Eloy; Arman; Atkins; Ayad; Barone; Bator; Beegan; Blanchett; Bogden; Bridgeman; Britton; Cabrera; Cantor; Cavanagh; Chadavada; Chen; Chintalapudi; Cifelli; Coleman; Dane; Ding; Dreyer; Eaton; Ebert; Everett; Fadahunsi; Farley; Farris; Feldman; Fellenz; Flynn; Fox; Garcia; Halkitis; Hara; Hatefi; Henderson; Hicks; Holdom; Holloway; Hsueh; Huang; Hunter-Fratzola; Ibrahim; Immidisetti; Johnson; Kaplun; Kashalikar; Kaye; Kiss; Kukor; Lamar; Lei; Liu; Lopez; Maddox Douglas; Madson; Mahon; Maloney; March; Marchitello; Marsh; Marsic; Mazurek; Mena-Segovia; Menifield; Miller; Molloy; Moore; Morton; Murphy; Mutcherson; Nath; Nelson; Nickitas; O'Connor; Paskhover; Patel; Ponzio; Potter; Potter; Quincy; Rajan; Ribau; Rivera; Rizvi; Sacks; Saltzman; Sesti; Shankar; Shapiro; Silver; Song; Stern; Strom; Thakuria; Todorinova; Veysey; Walkup; Wang; X. Wang; Wayne; Williams; Winters

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Jon Oliver, Chair

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continuation from the Regular Senate Meeting on March 26, 2021)

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

The FPAC was charged as follows: *Investigate the range and awareness of health and wellness services available to part-time lecturers across the University and make recommendations.*

Senate Chair Jon Oliver reminded Senators where the March 26, 2021 meeting was left and continued the discussion on the amended report (linked above). With no objection, the report was voted on and approved in its amended form.

Student Affairs Committee [Response to Charge S-2003: Alumni Relations](#) –Sarah Shobut, SAC Co-Chair and Tom Struble, SAC Member

The SAC was charged as follows: *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.*

SAC Co-Chair Shobut and SAC Member Tom Struble summarized the work of the committee and their recommendations. After some discussion, the Senate voted and subsequently passed the report with no amendments.

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

The USGC was charged as follows: *Evaluate the formal and informal processes for the creation of student governing associations and if appropriate, make recommendations regarding the organization and recognition of SGAs.*

USGC Chair Gillett summarized the work of the committee and reviewed the recommendations of the USGC's response to Charge S-2005: Student Governance. The Senate discussed, voted on, and passed this report with no amendments.

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

The USGC was charged as follows: *Consider the duties of the Chair of the Senate in relation to its various standing committees and make any appropriate recommendations.*

USGC Chair Gillett summarized the work of the committee and their recommendations. Due to the implications of this report to the Senate Handbook and the University Policies governing the Senate, this report is to come before the Senate two times. In that light, this report was presented for information only and will be voted on at the next Senate meeting on April 30, 2021.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Senate Vice Chair Peter Gillett reported on the [March 5, 2021 Senate Executive Committee meeting](#).

REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND TRUSTEES: Board Representatives to the BOG and BOT reported on the latest activities of each organization.

REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS: The Faculty and Student Liaisons from each campus reported on their latest activities and events.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Mary Mickelsen, Executive Secretary of the University Senate