

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

**MINUTES:** Regular Meeting of the University Senate

**DATE:** April 30, 2021

**TIME AND PLACE:** 1:10 p.m., Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alexander-Floyd, Alizadeh, Allamand, Ameri, Arman, Aubert, Avallone, Bachmann, Baldi, Barone, Bekdash, Bhatt, Bhattacharya, Bhuyan, Bogden, Boikess, Boison, Borisovets, Bridgeman, Brienza-Arcilla, Britton, Buyske, Castaneda, Chefitz, Chintalapudi, Choo, Clarke, Coleman, Cooper, Crews, Dane, Davidson, Dool, Drazer, Dreyer, Eafрати, Esposito, Ebert, English, Esposito, Everett, Ewins, Farmer, Fernandez Arroyo, Foster, Garner, Gillett, Gohel, Gomes, Gould, Gower, Granadeiro, Guo, Gursoy, Haley, Hara, Holloway, Huang, Hunter, Hurd, Ibrahim, Jarrín Montaner, Joergensen, Kettle, Kiss, Kovacs, Kustka, Lamar, Lawson, Linardopoulos, Lutz, Maddox Douglas, Maglione Rico, Mahajan-Cusack, Mansukhani, Marchetta, Markert, Markowitz, Marsic, McKeever, Mena-Segovia, Menifield, Mickelsen, Miller, Moghe, Morton, Oliver, Ozel, Parsa, Patel, Pichugin, Pinto-Figueroa, Piotrowski, Potter, Quincy, Rabinowitz, Rivera, Rizvi, Roth, Ryan, Sacks, Sagarra, Sahota, Saltzman, Schroth, Schwartz, Schwartz, Shinbrot, Shobut, Siederer, Simonds, Sinacori, Song, Spiegel, Stephens, Stephenson, Stroiman, Struble, Szatrowski, Tadros, Tewfik, Thompson, Todorinova, ario Tommasi, Torres, Trees, Valverde, Vellangany, Vidal, Virani, Volino, Wang, Ward, White, Willett, Winters, Wirtenberg, Yamamoto, Yamaoka

**EXCUSED:** Fox, Tabayoyong

**ABSENT:** Adya, Ahmed, Albert, Anderson Eloy, Atkins, Ayad, Barbarese, Bator, Beegan, Blanchett, Cabrera, Cantor, Cavanagh, Chad Alvada, Chen, Chiu, Cifelli, Cole, Ding, Fadahunsi, Farley, Farris, Feldman, Fellenz, Figueira, Flynn, Garcia, Giraud, Goonetilleke, Halkitis, Hatefi, Henderson, Hicks, Hodes, Holdom, Hsueh, Hunter-Fratzola, Immidisetti, Johnson, Kane, Kaplun, Kaye, Kosar, Kothari, Kukor, Lei, Liu, Lopez, Lyles, Madson, Mahon, Maloney, March, Marchitello, Marsh, Matto, Mayes, Mazurek, Mendicino, Miranti, Molloy, Moore, Murphy, Mutcherson, Nath, Nelson, Dnna Nickitas, O'Connor, Oberle, Paskhover, Pedro-Santiago, Ponzio, Potter, Rajan, Ribau, Sesti, Shankar, Shapiro, Shapses, Silver, Stern, Strom, Takhistov, Tan, Tavarez, Thakuriah, Van Stine, Vargas, Ventura-Martinez, Veysey, Walkup, Wang, Warde, Wayne, Williams

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY:** Faculty: Of 122 total: 96 present (62%), 1 excused (1%) 45 Absent (37%); Students: Of 42 total: 21 present (50%), 1 excused (2%), 20 absent (48%); Administrators: Of 38 total: 3 present (8%), 1 excused (3%), 34 absent (89%); Staff: Of 18 total: 18 present (90%), 0 excused (0%), 2 absent (10%); Alumni: Of 5 total: 5 present (62.5%), 0 excused (0%), 3 absent (37.5%)

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

Senate Chair Jon Oliver called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m. via Zoom. He welcomed all to the final meeting of the 2020-21 Senate. He thanked all Senate members for their dedication to the Senate's mission sending a special thanks to the committee chairs, the Executive Committee, Senate Parliamentarian and Vice Chair Peter Gillett, Senate Executive Secretary Mary Mickelsen and Senate Administrative Assistant Morgan Smith. He looked forward to the day we are able to gather in-person and was hopeful for the development of a plan toward a hybrid environment, in order to create a more accessible Senate to the University community.

## **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY – Mary Mickelsen, Executive Secretary**

- **Agenda:** The meeting's [agenda](#) including time limits, was approved by the Senate.
- **Minutes:** The minutes of the March 26 and April 9, 2021 Senate meetings were approved as distributed by the Executive Secretary.
- **Communications:** The following communications were presented by the Executive Secretary:
  - The following polices have been updated/added in the University Policy Library:
    - [University Policy 70.1.7: Rutgers Provisioning/Deprovisioning Policy](#)
    - [University Policy 10.3.14: Interim COVID-19 Immunization Record Requirement for Students](#)
    - [University Policy 40.2.24: Leasing of Real Estate](#)
    - [University Policy 70.1.3: Incident Management](#)
  - The following responses from President Holloway's Responses to Senate Reports were communicated to the Senate:
    - [ASRAC Report on Charge S-1910: Grade Inflation](#)
    - [USGC Report on Charge S-1904: Review of Proposed Resolution on Rutgers' Faculty Councils Inclusion in the University Policy Library](#)
    - [USGC Report on Charge S-1908: Honorary Degree and Commencement Speaker Selection Process](#)
  - Mickelsen also asked any seasoned senators who were interested in volunteering at the New Senator Orientation on September 17, 2021 to please contact her via email.
  - Senators were asked to make note of the [2021-22 Senate Calendar](#), which is posted online.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Jonathan Holloway, University President**

**SCARLET AND BLACK PRESENTATION** - Jonathan Holloway, University President and Deborah Gray White, Distinguished Professor

Scarlet and Black is the title of the project undertaken by the [Committee on Enslaved and Disenfranchised Populations in Rutgers History](#), created in 2015 by Rutgers University–New Brunswick Chancellor Richard L. Edwards. With his guidance, the committee was charged with seeking out the untold story of disadvantaged populations in the university’s history and recommending how Rutgers can best acknowledge their influence.

The committee is chaired by Board of Governors Distinguished Professor of History Deborah Gray White and composed of prominent faculty, staff, and students. Its exploration has resulted in an initial work, *Scarlet and Black, Volume 1: Slavery and Dispossession in Rutgers History*, published by Rutgers University Press.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC) [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 association and if appropriate, make recommendations regarding the organization and recognition of SGA’s.*

Senator Gillett summarized the background and work of the committee, then read the corresponding resolutions. There was some discussion, however no amendments were proposed, and the resolution was then voted on by the Senate and ultimately passed.

### **University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC) [Response to Charge S-2104: 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 recommendations.*

Senator Gillett summarized the work of the committee and the USGC’s response to Charge S-2104: Standing Committees and the Chair of the Senate. Gillett read the resolutions and answered related questions. There were no amendments proposed and the report was then voted on and passed.

### **Instruction, Curricula, and Advising Committee (ICAC) [Response to Charge S-2105: Exam Conflicts](#)** – Natalie Borisovets, ICAC Chair

The ICAC was charged as follows: *Review Rutgers University policies regarding final exam conflicts and possible impacts on students with disabilities. Make recommendations as appropriate.*

Senator Borisovets summarized the work of the committee and the ICAC’s response to Charge S-2105: Exam Conflicts. After reviewing the committee’s

resolutions and answering related questions, the report was voted on and passed.

**NEW BUSINESS** – no new business

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** – Senate Vice Chair Peter Gillett reported on the April 16, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

**REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND TRUSTEES:** There was no report from the Board of Governors or Board of Trustees representatives.

**REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS:** Camden Faculty Senator Samuel Rabinowitz reported on the last Camden Faculty Council meeting. New Brunswick Faculty Senator Tugrul Ozel, New Brunswick Faculty Council Chair, reported on the April 2021 meeting of the New Brunswick Faculty Council. Newark Senator Sarah Shobut reported on the recent activities of the Newark students and Senator John Kettle reported on the Newark Faculty Council's current discussions and agenda. Senator Laura Willett reported on the RBHS Faculty Council's current initiatives.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Mary Mickelsen, Executive Secretary of the University Senate