

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

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of the University Senate

DATE: November 19, 2021

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

PRESENT: Abdel-Wahab, Alizadeh, Ameri, Amjad, Anderson, Andrews, Ardeshtna, Azer, Bachmann, Barbarese, Barlow, Bernstein, Bhattacharya, Bhavaraju, Bhuyan, Boikess, Boison, Bonne, Brienza-Arcilla, Broggi, Buyske, Castellano, Charles, Choo, Chowdhury, Clarke, Cooper, Crawford, Crews, Dane, Daughety, Davidson, Davis, Den Bleyker, Dool, Drazer, Edelstein, Esposito, Everett, Ewins, Farmer, Fatahzadeh, Field, Figueira, Foster, Fougnyes, Fudge, Garner, Gillett, Giraud, Gomes, Goonetilleke, Gower, Granadeiro, Gursoy, Haley, Halprin, Hara, Hauck, Haviland, Holloway, Hunter, Husan, Javeri, Kahanda, Kahng, Kelly, Kettle, Kiss, Kothari, Kozlosky, LaMorte, Laraia, Levine, Lino-Barbosa, Liu, Lutz, Mahajan-Cusack, Mansukhani, Manzini, Markert, Markowitz, Marsic, Matto, McKeever, Mignogna, Miller, Morton, O'Connor, Oberle, Oliver, Ozel, Parsa, Patel, Pichugin, Pintar, Pinto-Figueroa, Poole, Prihoda, Rabinowitz, Rizvi, Robalino, Roth, Sagarra, Saltzman, Schroth, Schwartz, Schwartz, Shah, Shapses, Sharma, Shawl, Shih, Shinbrot, Siederer, Simonds, Sinacori, Smith, Sonnenberg, Spiegel, Stephens, Stroiman, Struble, Sutton, Swamy, Szatrowski, Taipe, Thompson, Todorinova, Torres, Tsakalagos, Valle, Valverde, Vega, Vellangany, Virani, Volino, Wang, Warde, Westrich, White, Willett, Wirtenberg, Woortman, Yamamoto

EXCUSED: Bridgeman, Fellenz, Kovacs, Lyles

ABSENT: Abuilak, Adya, Allamand, Anderson Eloy, Aubry, Baldi, Barone, Beegan, Blanchett, Bogden, Borisovets, Boxer, Cabrera, Campbell, Cantor, Cardoso, Carrero, Chefitz, Cole, Conway, Eaton, Elsaid, Emedom-Nnamdi, Dvin English, Farris, Feldman, Fernandez, Flynn, Fox, Guo, Halkitis, Hatefi, Hein, Henderson, Hsueh, Hu, Huang, Hurd, Irizarry, Johnson, Kaye, Knode, Kukor, Kustka, Lawson, Lei, Leibman, Linardopoulos, Lopez, Maddox Douglas, Mahon, Maloney, March, Marchetta, Marchitello, Marich, Mazurek, McCarthy, Menifield, Miranti, Molloy, Moore, Mutcherson, Nath, Nickitas, Patel, Potter, Potter, Riedel-Prabhakar, Rivera, Ryan, Samlin, Scott, Shah, Shah, Shapiro, Strom, Tadros, Takhistov, Tan, Tewfik, Thakuriah, Tommasi, Whitehead

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

Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m and welcomed everyone to today's meeting. He briefly made comments on the epidemic of despair and hunger for many populations. He mentioned that NJPIRG is running a food drive for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week to fundraise for the campus food pantry.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Morgan Smith, Interim Executive Secretary

- Approval of the Agenda* (including time limits)
- Approval of the [October 22, 2021](#) Senate Meeting Minutes
- Communications:
 - The following policies have been updated in the University Policy Library:
 - [University Policy 10.1.14: Establishment of and Appointment to Endowed Faculty Positions](#) (new version) [Strike-out version](#)
 - [University Policy 60.1.33 Title IX Policy and Grievance Procedures](#) (new version) [Strike-out version](#)
 - [University Policy 40.2.7 Petty Cash Funds](#) (new version) [Strike-out version](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: President Jonathan Holloway

President Holloway delivered his Administrative Report touching on the following topics:

- The Marshall Scholarship finalist will be announced within the next few weeks
- Women’s field hockey and soccer team victories
- President Biden signed an [infrastructure build](#) for the National Transit Institute
- Upcoming commencement celebrations
- The New Brunswick Innovation Hub will become the new RWJMS home with wet and dry labs
- His visit to Tel Aviv University
- Vaccination mandating deadline for all faculty and staff by January 4, 2022
- Pay equity update and salary adjustments
- Telecommuting has been extended until June 30, 2022
- Rutgers will now observe [Juneteenth](#) as a University Holiday
- The new [Academic Freedom statement](#)
- His gratitude towards the efforts of Chair Oliver and Vice Chair Gillett at his inauguration
- Tensions in Camden relating to the Administrative Leadership
- Efforts in moving towards a tobacco free campus with advice from the Ad-Hoc Committee

President Holloway then answered questions on the following topics:

- The search for a new Dean in Camden and the issues behind how they were let go
- The number of non-aligned faculty and staff under the central administration
- RCM and the budget
- Tuition fee increases

COMMITTEE REPORT *[Please Note: Substantive amendments to these reports should be given to the Senate Executive Secretary in writing prior to or at the time the amendment is moved.]*

[S-2107 Review of the University Policy 20.1.22 – No Smoking](#) – Ad Hoc Committee Chair Kevin Schroth, Other Units, RBHS (F)

The Ad Hoc committee was charged as follows:

Review the University "No Smoking Policy". Consider renaming the policy to the inclusive all tobacco products. Make recommendations on any necessary changes. Respond to the Senate Executive Committee by, March 2021.

The current policy on No Smoking can be found [here](#).

Senator Schroth reviewed the report then answered questions from the Senate. It was voted on and the report passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Senate Vice Chair Peter Gillett reported on the November 4th Executive Committee Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS [Note: Article IV.A. of the Senate Bylaws states, “All new matters shall be referred to committee before coming to the Senate (unless extenuating circumstances apply, as indicated under section C.4...” Also, the Senate Executive Committee has authorized committee-of-the-whole discussions under New Business as appropriate, and time permitting.]

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 be December 7. There was no report from the Board of Trustees.

REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS: Senator Samuel Rabinowitz reported on the Camden faculty council meeting. Senator Zainab Rizvi reported on the student issues in Camden specifically the inequalities between campuses and controversy surrounding the firing of CCAS Dean and spoke on the mental health crisis. New Brunswick Faculty Senator Sanjib Bhuyan reported on the last New Brunswick Faculty Council meeting. Senator David Daughety spoke on Newark fall elections, food insecurities and the campus infrastructure. Senator Emmaleigh Hauck spoke on behalf of RBHS Students regarding the Hunger and Homeless awareness week. Senator Laura Willett reported on the RBHS Faculty Council current initiatives.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Minutes prepared and written by:

Interim Executive Secretary Morgan Smith