

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

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

**DATE:** January 20, 2023

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Abdelwahab, Adamo, Allen, Ameri, Amjad, Anderson, Andrews, Ardeschna, Askew, Aubry, Bachmann, Bhattacharya, Bhuyan, Boikess, Boison, Borisovets, Boucher, Boxer, Bridgeman, Brienza-Arcilla, Caponegro, Cary, Choo, Clarke, Cooper, Copeland, Dai, Dane, Davidson, Davis, Drazer, Dyckman, Eastman, Edelstein, English, Esposito, Everett, Farmer, Fatahzadeh, Figueira, Foster, Gahlawat, Galsim, Giraud, Gomes, Gong, Gower, Graham, Granadeiro, Guo, Gursoy, Haley, Haviland, Hewitt, Holloway, Holmes, Hunter, Javanmard, Joergensen, Kahanda, Kahng, Kaplan, Kelly, Kettle, Kiss, Kolben, Kothari, Kustka, LaMorte, Ladell, Levine, Li, Losada, Lutz, Lyles, Mahajan-Cusack, Malin, Manzini, Marchetta, Meshoyrer, Miller, Moghe, Morton, Nayar, Nucci, O'Connor, O'Halloran, Oberle, Oladimeji, Oliver, Olivera, Ortiz, Osorio-Fernandez, Parsa, Patel, Pichugin, Pierce, Pintar, Pinto-Figueroa, Pistell, Poole, Pihoda, Quincy, Rabinowitz, Ramirez, Roth, Sagarra, Saltzman, Savage, Schnetzer, Schroth, Schwartz, Scott, Shapiro, Sharma, Shih, Shinbrot, Siederer, Simonds, Smith, Spiegel, Stephens, Strom, Struble, Swamy, Szatrowski, Takhistov, Tewfik, Thompson, Tillis, Tirino, Todorinova, Torres, Torres, Valverde, Van Stine, Vellangany, Volino, White, Wirtenberg, Zhang

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Bogden, Losada, Matto, McKeever, Murtha, Zolezi

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Abuattieh, Abuliak, Adya, Alkhwekhi, Allamand, Anderson Eloy, Baldi, Barlow, Barone, Bhavaraju, Blanchett, Campbell, Cantor, Carpenter, Chefitz, Cole, Conway, Crutcher, Cuitiño, Eaton, Feldman, Fellenz, Flynn, Fudge, Geary, Griffin, Halkitis, Hatefi, Henderson, Hien, Irizarry, Jaffe, Johnson, Kaye, Kazi, Kretov, Lawson, Lei, Lopez, Mahon, Mansukhani, March, Mazurek, McCarthy, Menifield, Mittal, Mukherjee, Mutcherson, Niaz, Nolan, O'Toole, Ozel, Papakonstantinou, Patel, Pedersen, C. Potter, J. Potter, Raheel, Roy, Rush, Shah, Shapiro, Shome, Smart, J. Smith, Sonnenberg, Srivastava, Tare, Vadapalli, Wang, Whitehead

**CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, AND CHAIR'S REPORT –** Adrienne Simonds, Chair

Chair Simonds called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. She welcomed senators back for the spring semester. She announced elections will be held at the February Senate meeting for the vacant position on the Executive Committee for a Student Senator from New Brunswick. Nominations can be sent to the Executive Secretary. She reminded senators that nominations will soon be requested for Senate leadership elections in April.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT – Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary

- **Agenda:** The meeting agenda was approved.
- **Minutes:** The [minutes](#) of the Dec. 9, 2022 Senate meeting were approved as distributed by the Executive Secretary.
- **Policy Updates**
  - [University Policy 80.1.5 University Visual Identity](#)
  - [University Policy 20.1.22 Tobacco Free Policy](#)
- **Communications**
  - Senators were reminded to log in to the Senate website for attendance and voting access.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Jonathan Holloway, President and University Professor

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

- Student awards
- Sandra Richtermeyer named Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost at Rutgers University-Camden
- University's [commitment to academic freedom and freedom of speech](#)

President Holloway then answered questions on the following topics:

- Potential repercussions for violations of the tobacco-free policy
- Expressions of gratitude for his collegiality engaging with the Senate
- Funding for the University Libraries
- Academic freedom for students
- Update on the Climate Action Plan
- Concerns about the proposed merger of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and New Jersey Medical School
- Concerns about resources for University Hospital

## [CAMDEN CHANCELLOR REPORT](#) – Antonio Tillis, Chancellor, Rutgers University-Camden

### COMMITTEE REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

#### **Research and Graduate & Professional Education Committee (RGPEC)**

#### [Report on S-2110: Research Information Systems](#)

#### **Detlev Boison and Monica Mazurek, Co-Chairs**

The RGPEC was charged as follows:

*Investigate the development of Research Information Systems. Determine best practices and system impacts as well as what office should lead the university to ensure that Rutgers research impact is maximized.*

Senator Boison presented this report and recommendations to the Senate. The recommendations were adopted.

**Budget and Finance Committee (BFC)**

[Report on S-2010-1: Evaluation of the RCM Implementation at Rutgers](#)

Sean Valverde and Carolyn White, Co-Chairs

The BFC was charged as follows:

*Evaluate the implementation of the RCM budget model at Rutgers University. Specify recommendations where improvements should be considered.*

Senator Troy Shinbrot presented this report and recommendations to the Senate. The recommendations were adopted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vice Chair Foster reported on the [January 6, 2023 Senate Executive Committee Meeting](#).

**REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND TRUSTEES**

Senator Rabinowitz reported on the Board of Governors meeting. Senator Amjad reported the Board of Trustees had not met.

**REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS**

Senator Olivera reported on behalf of Newark Students. Senator Boikess reported on behalf of New Brunswick Faculty. Senator Amjad reported on behalf of New Brunswick Students. Senator Roth reported on behalf of RBHS Faculty. Senator Ortiz reported on behalf of RBHS Students.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:  
Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary of the University Senate