

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

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of the University Senate

DATE: October 20, 2023

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adamo, Adya, Allen, K. Anderson, C. Anderson, Andrews, Apel, Ardeszna, Ariwoola, Askew, Aubry, Axelsson, Ayorinde, Bachmann, Barbarello Andrews, Bhavaraju, Boikess, Boison, Borie-Holtz, Borisovets, Boucher, Boxer, Bridgeman, Cahill, Campbell, Caponegro, Carpenter, Chama, Chang, Charles, Chron, Clarke, Collick, Cooper, Dai, Dane, Davis, Desir, Dinnall, Dock, Eastman, Esposito, Everts, Fang, Fatahzadeh, Figueira, Foster, Gahlawat, Giberson, Giermanski, Giraud, Godoy, Gong, Gower, Graham, Granadeiro, J. Guo, G. Guo, Gursoy, Haley, Haviland, Hayes, Henderson, Hennessy, Hewitt, Hong, Ibrahim, Javanmard, Kamen, Kaplan, Keates, Kelly, Kettle, Khan, Kiss, Knievel, Kustka, LaMorte, Ladell, Lawson, Lehman, Li, Losada, Maeng Brown, Markowitz, Manzini, Marchetta, Mbadugha, McKeever, Merisier, Moghe, Morales, Murphy, O'Connor, O'Halloran, Oberle, Osorio-Fernandez, Parsa, Patel, Pierce, Poole, Prihoda, Purcell, Quincy, Rabinowitz, Ramachandran, Rodriguez, Rossman-Murphy, Roth, Salas-de la Cruz, Saltzman, Samaan, Santos Mendoza, Sayde, Schwartz, Scott, Searcy, Sergel, Shinbrot, Siederer, Simonds, Sloan-Power, Smith, Sonnenberg, Spiegel, Swamy, Sztatowski, Takhistov, Tewfik, Thompson, Tillis, Tirino, Torres, Truschke, Wagner, White, Winters, Wirtenberg, Wolfe, Yusuf, Zhou, Özel

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Amin, Fedorko, Hernandez, Hong, Kahng, Kolben, Lamorgese, Olivera, Paiste, Schroth, Serrano, Shaw, Siederer, Smart, Volino, White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abuliak, Ameri, Amjad, Eloy, Barone, Bhuyan, Blanchett, Bond, Cantor, Chiricolo, Ciolek, Conway, Copeland, Cuitiño, Cundiff, DiGiovanni, Easley, Eaton, Edelstein, Edwards, Everett, Feldman, Flynn, Fox, Fudge, Fulton, Garcia, Geary, Griffin, Habeb, Halkitis, Hamawy, Holloway, Inman, Irizarry, Johnson, Joseph, Kahanda, Kaye, Kazi, Lee, Lei, Leibman, Lemish, Levin, Levine, Lutz, Matta, Mazurek, McCarthy, Meshoyrer, Morton, Murtha, Nickitas, Nucci, Orelus, Papakonstantinou, Perez, Pichugin, Pintar, Raheel, Robson, Sarath, Savage, Schnetzer, Shafik, M. Shapiro, S. Shapiro, Sharma, Shobut, Strom, Suh, Tare, Torres, Van Ryzin, Van Stine, Vito, Wade, Weiss, Whitehead, Zhang

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

Chair Simonds called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m. She asked the Senate for a moment of silence to honor former senator Joseph Markert.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary

- **Agenda:** The meeting agenda was approved, with the addition of two items of New Business.
- **Minutes:** The [minutes of the Sept. 22, 2023 Senate meeting](#) were approved as distributed by the Executive Secretary.
- **Policy Update**
 - [University Policy 50.1.13 Policy on Policies](#)
- **Communications**
 - There is a vacancy on the Executive Committee for an RBHS Student Representative. Please contact the Executive Secretary if you would like to be on the ballot for this position.
 - Reminder to log in to the Senate website for attendance and voting access.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Prabhas Moghe, Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

EVPAAs Moghe provided the Administrative Report consisting of the following topics:

- Growth in sponsored awards to research faculty
- Renovations to the New Jersey Medical School Science Building in Newark
- Rutgers Research Council Awards program
- Philanthropy and fundraising updates
- Increasing the amount of solar power generated across the university
- Fiserv-Rutgers-Newark Program for Inclusive Innovation
- Scarlet Raptor's Nest food pantry at Rutgers-Camden
- Discovery Advantage
- Rutgers University Libraries' Open and Affordable Textbooks Program
- U.S. News and World Report rankings
- Community health and vaccinations
- Link to submit questions and comments for the Administrative Report
- President's Stakeholder Address
- Conflict in the Middle East
- Small group meetings for senators with the President
- Sharing consultant reports with the University community
- Spending of strategic funds
- Payments to students from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
- Per diem funds for students who participate in intercollegiate athletics
- Rutgers Scarlet Service Internship program

EVPAAs Moghe then answered questions on the following topics:

- Financing the costs of renovations in Newark
- Administrative map of the University

- Presentation of the President’s Stakeholder Address on Zoom
- Concerns about small group meetings with senators and the President
- Mechanism to view questions submitted in advance for the Administrative Report
- Providing responses to Senate resolutions, including the Resolution of a Vote of No Confidence
- Request that the President meet with students at Newark and Camden concerning the conflict in the Middle East
- Pay equity
- Raises for postdocs with independent funding
- Role of shared governance in mergers of schools

CAMDEN CHANCELLOR REPORT – Antonio Tillis, Chancellor, Rutgers University-Camden

[DISCOVERY ADVANTAGE PRELIMINARY REPORT](#) AND [DISCOVERY ADVANTAGE SYNOPSIS REPORT](#) – Kathleen Scott, Discovery Advantage Chair

OLD BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF, AND COMMENTS BY, STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

RESOLUTION TO RE-INSTATE A STANDING COMMITTEE ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION
– Submitted by Senator Ronald Quincy, School of Graduate Studies, Faculty

This resolution was adopted by the Senate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS

Budget and Finance Committee
Report on [S-2307 RCM Detailed Recommendations](#)
Abdelrahman Ibrahim and Carlyne White, Co-Chairs

The BFC was charged as follows:

Examine and propose detailed recommendations for implementing two central elements of the 1/20/2023 Senate-approved resolution on S2010-1: “transparency” and “shared governance” in University budget preparation and reporting.

Senator Shinbrot presented this report and recommendations to the Senate. The recommendations were amended as follows:

- The second bullet was amended to: “Major deviations from the budget shall be presented to the Senate in a timely fashion.”
- A bullet was added: “A copy of this report will be forwarded to the N.J. office of the attorney general.”

The amended recommendations were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

The two items of New Business were postponed to the November Senate agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary of the University Senate