

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

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of the University Senate

DATE: November 17, 2023

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adamo, Allen, C. Anderson, K. Anderson, Ardeshtna, Ariwoola, Askew, Aubry, Axelsson, Ayorinde, Bachmann, Barbarello Andrews, Bhavaraju, Boikess, Boison, Borie-Holtz, Borisovets, Boucher, Boxer, Bridgeman, Cahill, Campbell, Caponegro, Carpenter, Chang, Chiricolo, Ciolek, Clarke, Collick, Conway, Cooper, Dai, Davis, Desir, Di Bella, Dinnall, Dock, Eastman, Esposito, Everett, Everts, Fang, Fedorko, Figueira, Foster, Fox, Fudge, Gahlawat, Garcia, Giermanski, Giraud, Glenn, Godoy, Gong, Gower, Graham, Griffin, Haley, Hisham Hamawy, Haviland, Hayes, Hennessy, Hewitt, Inman, M. Joseph, Kahanda, Kahng, Kaplan, Keates, M. Kelly, Kettle, Knievel, LaMorte, Ladell, Lamorgese, Lehman, Lildhar, Losada, Lutz, Maeng Brown, Manzini, McKeever, Meshoyrer, Moghe, Morales, Morton, Murphy, Murtha, O'Connor, O'Halloran, Oberle, Olivera, Orelus, Osorio-Fernandez, Özel, Paiste, Parsa, S. Patel, P. Patel, K. Patel, Pichugin, Pierce, Pintar, Prihoda, Purcell, Quincy, Ramachandran, Rossman-Murphy, Roth, Salas-de la Cruz, Samaan, Santos Mendoza, Sayde, Schnetzer, Schroth, Schwartz, R. Scott, Searcy, Sergel, Serrano, Shapiro, Shinbrot, Siederer, Simonds, Sloan-Power, Smart, Smith, Sonnenberg, Spiegel, Strom, Swamy, Szatrowski, Takhistov, Tewfik, Thompson, Tirino, Torres, Truschke, Volino, Wagner, Weiss, C. White, T. White, Whitehead, Winters, Wirtenberg, Wolfe, Zhou

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Apel, Bhuyan, Edelstein, Fulton, Gursoy, Javanmard, Kiss, Kolben, Kustka, Lee, Lutz, Marchetta, Merisier, Rabinowitz, Saltzman, Shaw, Vito

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abuliak, Adya, Ameri, Amin, Amjad, Eloy, Andrews, Barone, Blanchett, Bond, Cantor, Chama, Charles, Choron, Copeland, Cuitiño, Cundiff, Dane, DiGiovanni, Ditching, Easley, Eaton, Edwards, Fatahzadeh, Feldman, Flynn, Geary, Giberson, Granadeiro, Guo, Z. Guo, Habeb, Halkitis, Henderson, Hernandez, Holloway, Hong, Ibrahim, Irizarry, R. Johnson, Kamen, Kaye, Khan, Lawson, Lei, Leibman, Lemish, Levin, Levine, Markowitz, Matta, Mazurek, Mbadugha, McCarthy, Nickitas, Nucci, Papakonstantinou, Perez, Poole, Robson, Rodriguez, Sarath, Savage, Sese, Shafik, Shapiro, Shobut, Suh, Tillis, Ryzin, Wade, Yusuf, Y. Zhang

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.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary

- **Agenda:** The meeting agenda was approved.
- **Minutes:** The minutes of the [Oct. 20, 2023 Senate meeting](#) were approved as distributed by the Executive Secretary.
- **Administrative Responses:**
 - Response to [10.2.4 Units of Credit \(Clean\)](#) and [10.2.4 Units of Credit \(Changes Tracked\)](#)
 - Response to [S-2106: Office of Disability Services](#)
- **Policy Update**
 - [60.5.3 Other Academic Titles and Definitions of Academic Titles](#)
- **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:

- Rutgers Office for Research's new Research Core Services policy
- Rutgers Office for Research Community Involvement in Research Training
- Research grants and awards
- Teaching awards
- Rutgers-New Brunswick Chancellor Challenge cluster on data science and artificial intelligence
- Rutgers-Newark named Fulbright Hispanic-Serving Institution Leader
- Disability Studies minor created at Rutgers-New Brunswick and in development at Rutgers-Camden
- Educational Equity and Excellence Collaborative (E3C) hosted Rutgers Summit on Student Success on Oct. 25
- Doctor of Nursing Practice students' community engagement with public school students in Camden
- Building an Inclusive Academy: Diversity Plan Progress Summit held on Nov. 15
- Administrative Responses to Senate Reports
 - S-2101: Review of University Policy 10.2.4 Units of Credits
 - S-2106: Office of Disability Services
 - Other responses in progress
- Questions received through the Suggested Topics for the Senate Administrative Report form:
 - Questions addressed at the Oct. Senate meeting

- Questions shared with the Office of Labor Relations
 - Converting lecturers teaching full-time loads to full-time non-tenure-track positions
 - Lecturers' classes or sections cancelled
- Questions concerning the budget shared with the CFO
- Remaining questions
 - Problems with disbursement of financial aid
 - Administrative responses to Senate Resolution of a Vote of No Confidence in the Leadership of Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway
 - Integration of the medical schools
 - Leadership transition at Rutgers-Newark
 - President's engagement with the University Senate
 - Increase in tuition and fees

EVPAAs Moghe then answered questions on the following topics:

- Rutgers Foundation requests for contributions
- Student dissent and freedom of expression
- Philadelphia Inquirer interview with President Holloway
- President Holloway's engagement with the University Senate
- Support for undergraduate research
- Increase in tuition and fees
- Student involvement in the search process for the next Chancellor of Rutgers-Newark

[RBHS CHANCELLOR REPORT](#) – Brian Strom, Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences

OLD BUSINESS

[50.1.13 Policy on Policies](#)

A motion was made to add this to the Executive Committee's agenda for its next meeting. This motion was adopted.

Communications to the University Community

A motion was made to have Chair Simonds request to President Holloway that an email from the University Senate containing notification of the [Resolution of Support for Striking Nurses at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital New Brunswick](#) and of a survey and meeting concerning increases to tuition and fees be released to the University community. This motion was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary of the University Senate