

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

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

**DATE:** April 26, 2024

**TIME AND PLACE:** 10:00 a.m., Remote via Zoom

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** F. Ahmed, B. Ahmed, Allen, Anderson, Andrews, Apel, Askew, Bachmann, Doug Baker, Bhuyan, Boikess, Sai Boppey, Borie-Holtz, Borisovets, Boswell, Boucher, Bowe, Boxer, Bridgeman, Brown, Cahill, Caponegro, Carney-Waterton, Chen, Choron, Clarke, Collick, Conway, Cooper, Curchitser, Dai, Dane, Davis, DeMatteo, Diaz-Tena, Dock, Eastman, Ebert, Esposito, Everett, Fatahzadeh, Fenker, Figueira, Foster, Fulton, Giraud, Godoy, Gong, Gower, Grachan, Green-Mercado, Guo, Gurbuzbalaban, Gursoy, Haberl, Haley, Haviland, Hewitt, Hoffman, John, Kaplan, Kayyal, Keates, Kettle, Khan, Kiss, Knievel, Ladell, Lee, Lescht, Lutz, Maeng Brown, Maerhofer, Maganti, Maliga, Mao, Markowitz, Matisse, McCarthy, McKeever, Moghe, P. Morton, C. Morton, Murphy, Nucci, O'Connor, O'Halloran, Oberle, Olivera, Osorio-Fernandez, Parsa, S. Patel, A. Patel, K. Patel, Perez, Pichugin, Pierce, Pontes, Quincy, Rabinowitz, Ramachandran, Ramirez Polo, Rapciewicz, Rentzel, Robles, Rodriguez, Rokerya, Rossman-Murphy, Roth, Salas-de la Cruz, Sayde, Schroth, Schwartz, Senger, Sergel, Serrano, Sese, Shaw, Shinbrot, Silva, Simonds, Sloan-Power, Smart, Smith, Muriel Soler, Sonnenberg, Spiegel, Strom, Suh, Szatrowski, Truschke, Volino, White, Williams, Williams, Wirtenberg, Wolfe, Yusuf, Özel

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Abdelfattah, Adamo, Adya, Ameri, Amjad, Anderson, Anderson Eloy, Ardeshtna, Barbarello Andrews, Barone, Bond, Carpenter, Chama, Chiricolo, Cuitiño, Cundiff, DiGiovanni, Easley, Eaton, Edwards, Everts, Fang, Fedorko, Feldman, Firat, Flynn, Geary, Giermanski, Gnanaprakasam, Graham, Granadeiro, Griffin, Halkitis, Hisham Hamawy, Henderson, Hennessy, Holloway, Inman, Javanmard, R. Johnson, M. Joseph, Kahng, Rachel Kaye, Lawson, Lee, Lehman, Lei, Lemish, Mattis, Mazurek, Mbadugha, McCarthy, Morales, Murtha, Donna Nickitas, V. Patel, I. Perez, Pimentel, Pintar, Purcell, Ramchandani, Reshamdalal, Robson, Ruocco, Saltzman, Santos Mendoza, Sarath, Savage, Schafer, Schnetzer, Searcy, Shafik, Shah, M. Shapiro, S. Shapiro, Shobut, Syed, Takhistov, Tewfik, Tillis, Tirino, Torres, Usman, Wade, Wagner, Weiss, Wong, Yang, Zhang, Zhou

**CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM** – Adrienne Simonds, Chair

Chair Simonds called the first meeting of the 2024-25 Rutgers University Senate to order at 10:23 a.m.

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

- [Committee Preference Form](#) for New Senators
- [2024-25 Senate Calendar](#)
- SAVE THE DATE: New Senator Orientation – Fri. September 13, 2024

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING PANEL** – Adrienne Simonds, Nominating Panel Chair

Nominating Panel Chair Adrienne Simonds gave a brief overview of the nomination and election process.

Chair Simonds announced candidates for all positions, calling for nominations from the floor in each category except for Chair and Vice Chair, as mandated by USGC report S-1501.

After nominations were completed, including those made from the floor, the resultant slate of candidates was:

**Chair:** Lucille Foster, Newark Staff; Ted Sztatowski, Rutgers Business School: Undergraduate NB (F)

**Vice Chair:** Adrienne Esposito, New Brunswick Staff; Robert Schwartz, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences At-Large (F); Ted Sztatowski, Rutgers Business School: Undergraduate NB (F)

**Executive Committee Camden Faculty:** David Salas-de la Cruz, Camden At-Large (F)

**Executive Committee New Brunswick Faculty:** Robert Boikess, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (F); Anna Haley, School of Social Work (F); Tuğrul Özel, New Brunswick At-Large (F); Troy Shinbrot, School of Engineering (F)

**Executive Committee Newark Faculty:** Paul Boxer, School of Arts and Sciences – Newark (F); Ted Sztatowski, Rutgers Business School: Undergraduate NB (F)

**Executive Committee RBHS Faculty:** Geza Kiss, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (F); Monica Roth, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences At-Large (F); Kevin Schroth, RBHS Centers, Bureaus and Institutes (F); Robert Schwartz, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences At-Large (F)

**Executive Committee Full-Time Faculty At-Large:** Robert Boikess, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (F); Geza Kiss, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (F); Tuğrul Özel, New Brunswick At-Large (F); Monica Roth, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences At-Large (F); Robert Schwartz, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences At-Large (F); Troy Shinbrot, School of Engineering (F); Ted Sztatowski, Rutgers Business School: Undergraduate NB (F)

**Executive Committee Lecturer Faculty:** Heather Pierce, Lecturer-New Brunswick (F)

**Executive Committee Alumni:** Rachel Maeng Brown, Alumni Association; Houshang Parsa, Alumni Association

**Executive Committee Staff:** Wendy Rodriguez, New Brunswick Staff

**Executive Committee Camden Student:** Nyla Boswell, School of Business-Camden (S); Joseph Lescht, Camden College of Arts and Sciences (S)

**Executive Committee New Brunswick Student:** Christopher Godoy, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (S); Kush Patel, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences (S)

**Executive Committee Newark Student:** Ángel Muriel Soler, School of Arts and Sciences – Newark (S); Tiffany Olivera, Graduate School-Newark (S)

**Executive Committee RBHS Student:** Emily Brown, School of Public Health (S)

**Board of Governors Faculty Representative:** Heather Pierce, Lecturer-New Brunswick (F); Wendy Purcell, School of Public Health (F); Robert Schwartz, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences At-Large (F)

**Board of Governors Student Representative:** Nyla Boswell, School of Business-Camden (S); Safanya Searcy, School of Criminal Justice (S)

**Board of Trustees Faculty Representatives:** Robert Boikess, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (F); James Boucher, Camden At-Large (F); Carol Lutz, School of Graduate Studies (F); Tugrul Ozel, New Brunswick At-Large (F); Wendy Purcell, School of Public Health (F); Robert Schwartz, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences At-Large (F)

**Board of Trustees Undergraduate Student Representative:** Nyla Boswell, School of Business-Camden (S); Brielle Fedorko, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (S)

**Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative:** Assa John, Graduate School-Camden (S); Nusrath Yusuf, School of Graduate Studies (S)

**Members of the Policy Approval Committee:** Faizan Ahmed, New Brunswick Staff; James Boucher, Camden At-Large (F); Siatta Davis, Camden Staff; Assa John, Graduate School-Camden (S); Carolyne White, Graduate School-Newark (F)

## **RESULTS OF THE 2024-25 ELECTIONS:**

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**Board of Trustees Faculty Representatives:** Wendy Purcell, School of Public Health (F); Robert Boikess, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (F)

**Board of Trustees Undergraduate Student Representative:** Brielle Fedorko, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (S)

**Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative:** Nusrath Yusuf, School of Graduate Studies (S)

**Members of the Policy Approval Committee:** James Boucher, Camden At-Large (F); Siatta Davis, Camden Staff

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary of the University Senate