

Resolution on Chat Settings During Senate Meetings

Whereas the President has withdrawn from longstanding historical presentations to the Senate, and

Whereas changes in the presentation of reports (including those of the Executive Vice-President) have been invoked, and

Whereas these changes have contributed to a reduction in the role of the Senate from partner in shared governance to a mere group of stakeholders, and

Whereas it is vital that the Senate creates the fullest commentary on all university matters of business and especially those that concern budget, finance, and infrastructure, and

Whereas it is of particular significance and urgency that the incoming presidential administration of Rutgers acquire the highest quality advice and information on all matters involving the state of the university:

Be it resolved that the “chat function” of our ZOOM meeting environment be enabled during all presentations by administrators, and

Be it resolved that a record of this “chat” material be preserved as an addendum to the minutes and made generally available, and

Be it resolved that the Senate recognizes that presenters cannot be expected to engage in “chat” spontaneously and conversantly, but are to have complete discretion over making any response without implication drawn about whether or not they make use of "chat".