

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SENATE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING AGENDA  
Friday, January 9, 2026, 12:00 p.m. via Zoom**

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/98365172513?pwd=xr6B07bbtIP8RgCowUi7EETISQ3oq.1>

**Chair's Report**– Lucille Foster, Senate Chair

**Secretary's Report**– Taryn Cooper, Executive Secretary

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the [December 5, 2025 Senate Executive Committee Minutes](#)
- Communications
  - January 23, 2026 Senate Meeting- Provost's Roundtable
  - Survey for emergency EC meeting times sent
  - Senate Social February 27, 2026 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Discussion- Amy Murtha, Dean – RWJMS (12:30 – 12:50 p.m.)**

**Senate Office Budget Process (12:50 – 1:00 p.m.)**

**Standing Committees/Panels**

**Committee Report and Recommendations (1:00 – 1:05 p.m.)**

**University Structure and Governance Committee – Wendy Purcell and Patricia Morton, Co-Chairs**

**Information only :** [Report on S-2329: Senate Role in the Policy on Policies Process and Procedures](#)

USGC was charged as follows:

*Study and provide recommendation to increase University Senate's role on the Policy on Policies in the matters related academic affairs, educational and research matters.*

**Committee Report and Recommendations (1:05 – 1:10 p.m.)**

**Instruction, Curricula, and Advising Committee and Student Affairs Committee – Natalie Borisovets (ICAC), Alexander Pichugin (ICAC), Gary Santos Mendoza (SAC), Rachael Maeng Brown (SAC), Co-Chairs**

[Report on S-2304-2 Common Hour Exams](#)

ICAC and SAC were jointly charged as follows:

*Review the experiences of students, faculty, and staff with common hour exams at Rutgers University. Make any appropriate recommendations.*

**Proposed Charge (1:10 – 1:20 p.m.)**

**Review Current Senate Voting Procedures and Proposing Amendments to Formally Include an “Abstain” Option- Senator Suja Patel, Staff- Newark**

**Charge:** Assess existing Senate bylaws and standing rules to determine where the addition of an Abstain option should be codified.

**Rationale:** I have been serving on the Senate since 2017 and I watch the votes, I noticed that sometimes one charge will have a large number of votes, then less votes on the next vote, then back to a large number of votes. I at times also feel that I do not want to say in favor: of the charge but also I do not want to say not in favor;...I find myself wanting to abstain but be able to record my vote. I then wonder why some senators say not in favor when there is no reason to but perhaps, they prefer to abstain (especially when it is a topic that is not controversial).

**Open Charge Request (1:20 – 1:30 p.m.)**

ITC requests to be discharged on:

[S-2504: Implementation of Electronic Student ID Access via Mobile Credentials](#)

The nature of the charge language is not something ITC can explore and implement, but rather a solution for OIT to pursue.

**Rutgers MADC Taskforce Update (1:30 – 1:40 p.m.)**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Adjournment**