

RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY
UNIVERSITY SENATE

MINUTES: Organizational Meeting of the University Senate

DATE: April 25, 2025

TIME AND PLACE: 9:30 a.m., Remote via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdelfattah, Afanador, Ahmed, C. Anderson, K. Anderson, Andrews, Asch, Askew, Bachmann, Doug Baker, Berkowitz, Bhuyan, Boikess, Boison, Borisovets, Boxer, Brigham, Brown, Clarke, Collick, Cooper, Crooks, Dane, Dastjerdi, Davis, DeMatteo, Dinnall, Dixit, Dock, Economou, Esposito, Everts, Fine, Foster, Georgiou, Giraud, Gordy, Gower, Grachan, Graham, Granadeiro, Green-Mercado, Gurbuzbalaban, Gursoy, Haberl, Haley, Hayes, Horan, Householder, Hussain, Ivasyuk, Kaback, Keates, Kettle, Khan, Khatal, Kiss, Knievel, Kustka, LaMorte, Lee, Lutz, Maeng Brown, Mahajan, Markowitz, Mbadugha, McCarthy, McKeever, Morales, Morton, Murphy, Ntiwunka-Ifeanyi, O'Connor, Oliver, Olivera, Özel, Parsa, Patel, Pentecost, Pichardo, Pichugin, Pintar, Pontes, Pradhan, Purcell, Quevedo, Quincy, Rabinowitz, Ramachandran, Reshamdalal, Robles, Rosa, Rossman-Murphy, Salas-de la Cruz, Saleh, Saltzman, Santos Mendoza, Sarath, Schafer, Schwartz, Searcy, Shah, Shaikh, Shinbrot, Simonds, Salman Sirajee, Sloan-Power, Sorbat, Stubin, Suh, Syed, Sztatowski, Tirino, Torres, White, Wirtenberg, Wolfe, Zhou, Zwick

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carney-Waterton, Conway, Easley, Ladell, Lawson, Maganti, Oberle, Parna

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adya, Agyemang, Ahmed, Alam, Ali, Ameri, Amjad, Anderson Eloy, Anner, Apel, Ardeshtna, Barbarello Andrews, Barone, Behrmann, Bond, Borie-Holtz, Bridgeman, Burkheimer, Chintala, Chiricolo, Choron, Cortez, Cotter, Cuitiño, Curchitser, DiGiovanni, Ebert, Emmons, Everett, Fang, Fatahzadeh, Feldman, Fenker, Friedman, Geary, Giermanski, Gittelman, Gong, Gould, Greenbaum, Griffin, Guo, Halkitis, Hisham Hamawy, Hart, Hatefi, Henderson, Hoffman, Hussain, Javanmard, Johnson, Jordan-McKinney, Kaye, Kayyal, Khan, Kilmurray, La Vigne, Lam, Lehman, Lei, Leibowitz, Lemish, Lobman, Maerhofer, Maliga, Mao, Mattis, Mazurek, Moghe, C. Morton, Murtha, Nickitas, Oluwadare, Paris, G. Patel, Pierce, Ramenzoni, Ramirez Polo, Robinson, Robson, Rodriguez, Rubin, Russ, Sayde, Schroth, Scott, Sergel, Shapiro, Shobut, Sonnenberg, Sow, Span, Spiegel, Sriram, Starkweather, Strom, Takhistov, Tewfik, Tillis, Truschke, Verma, Wade, Wagner, Weiss, Yang, H. Zhang, Y. Zhang

CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Lucy Foster, Chair

Chair Foster called the first meeting of the 2025-26 Rutgers University Senate to order at 9:52 a.m.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary

- [Committee Preference Form for New Senators](#)
- [2025-26 Senate Calendar](#)
- SAVE THE DATE: New Senator Orientation – Fri. September 12, 2025

REPORT OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE – Robert Schwartz, Election Committee Chair

Election Committee Chair Robert Schwartz gave a brief overview of the nomination and election process.

Senator Schwartz announced candidates for all positions, calling for nominations from the floor in each category except for Chair and Vice Chair, as mandated by Senate Report S-1501.

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

Chair: Lucille Foster, Newark Staff

Vice Chair: Adrienne Esposito, New Brunswick Staff

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)

Executive Committee Newark Faculty: Paul Boxer, School of Arts and Sciences – Newark (F)

Executive Committee RBHS Faculty: Geza Kiss, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (F); Wendy Purcell, School of Public Health (F)

Executive Committee Full-Time Faculty At-Large: Robert Boikess, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (F); Wendy Purcell, School of Public Health (F)

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

Executive Committee Alumni: Rochelle Andrews, Alumni Association

Executive Committee Staff: Siatta Davis, Camden Staff

Executive Committee Camden Student: Humna Hussain, School of Business-Camden (S)

Executive Committee New Brunswick Student: Arielle Berkowitz, School of Management and Labor Relations (S); Shreyashree Pradhan, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (S); Marisa Syed, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (S)

Executive Committee Newark Student: Tiffany Olivera, Graduate School-Newark (S)

Executive Committee RBHS Student: Ashleie Gordy, School of Public Health (S)

Board of Governors Faculty Representative: Heather Pierce, Lecturer-New Brunswick (F)

Board of Governors Student Representative: Jui Khatal, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (S); Safanya Searcy, School of Criminal Justice (S)

Board of Trustees Faculty Representatives: Brian Householder, School of Communication and Information (F); Tuğrul Özel, 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: Arielle Berkowitz, School of Management and Labor Relations (S); Humna Hussain, School of Business-Camden (S); Chloe Tirino, Rutgers Business School:Undergraduate NB (S)

Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative: Kevin Hayes, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (S); Chidera Ntiwunka-Ifeanyi, School of Graduate Studies (S); Shreyashree Pradhan, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (S)

Members of the Policy Approval Committee: Siatta Davis, Camden Staff; Susan DeMatteo, RBHS Staff; Janice Fine, School of Management and Labor Relations (F); Jui Khatal, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (S); Troy Shinbrot, School of Engineering (F)

RESULTS OF THE 2025-26 ELECTIONS:

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Vicki Hewitt, Executive Secretary of the University Senate