

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

MINUTES: Regular Meeting of the University Senate

DATE: December 12, 2025

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

PRESENT: Agyemang, Alam, K. Anderson, C. Anderson, Anderson Eloy, Andrews, Apel, Ardeshta, Asch, Askew, Bachmann, Doug Baker, Barbarello Andrews, Bhuyan, Borie-Holtz, Boxer, Bridgeman, Brigham, Brown, Carney-Waterton, Chintala, Choron, Clarke, Collick, Cortez, Crooks, Dane, Dastjerdi, Dixit, Dock, Easley, Economou, Emmons, Everett, Everts, Fatahzadeh, Fenker, Flynn, Fortuna, Foster, Gittelman, Godoy, Gong, Gordy, Grachan, Granadeiro, Greenbaum, Gurbuzbalaban, Gursoy, Haberl, Haley, Hatefi, Haviland, Hayes, Hecht-Colsoy, Hennessy, Hoffman, Horan, Householder, Hussain, Ivasyuk, Javanmard, Jordan-McKinney, Kaback, Kelly, Kettle, Kilmurray, Kiss, Knievel, Kustka, LaMorte, Ladell, Limata, Lutz, Maeng Brown, Maerhofer, Maganti, Mao, Markowitz, Mbadugha, McCarthy, McKeever, Morales, P. Morton, C. Morton, Murphy, Ntiwunka-Ifeanyi, O'Connor, Oberle, Oliver, Oluwadare, Paris, V. Patel, G. Patel, S. Patel, Pentecost, Pichardo, Pichugin, Pierce, Pintar, Purcell, Quevado, Reynolds, Robles, Rodriguez, Rossmann-Murphy, Russ, Salas-de la Cruz, Saleh, Samavat, Santos Mendoza, Schafer, Schwartz, Scott, Searcy, Sergel, Shah, Shaikh, Shinbrot, Salman Sirajee, Sloan-Power, Smith, Sorbat, Spiero, Sriram, Stimson, Stubin, Suh, Szatrowski, Takhistov, Tirino, Torres, Wagner, White, Wirtenberg, Y. Zhang, Zhou, Zwick, Özel

EXCUSED: Boison, Borisovets, Cooper, DeMatteo, Fang, Giraud, Green-Mercado, Keates, Khan, Lobman, Maliga, Parna, Ramenzoni, Saltzman

ABSENT: Abdelfattah, Adya, Afanador, Ahammed, F. Ahmed, B. Ahmed, Ameri, Amjad, Anner, Arbuthnot, Barone, Behrmann, Berkowitz, Bond, Bredehoff, Burkheimer, Campbell, Carter, Chiricolo, Conway, Cotter, Cuitiño, Curchitser, Davis, DiGiovanni, Dinnall, Ebert, Feldman, Fine, Friedman, Georgiou, Gould, Gower, Graham, Griffin, Guo, Halkitis, Hisham Hamawy, Hart, Hussain, Johnson, Kaye, Kayyal, Ketankumar Patel, Khan, Khatal, La Vigne, Lam, Lawson, Lee, Lehman, Lei, Leibowitz, Lemish, Luciano, Mahajan, Mattis, Mazurek, McArdle, Moulton, Murtha, Nickitas, O'Connell, Pontes, Pradhan, Quincy, Rabinowitz, Ramachandran, Ramirez Polo, Reshamdalal, Robson, Rosa, Rosales, Rubin, Sarath, Sayde, Schroth, Scott, Shah, Shapiro, Smith-Jackson, Sow, Span, Spiegel, Starkweather, Strom, Syed, Tate, Tewfik, Tillis, Truschke, Van Ryzin, Vuppala, Wade, Weiss, Wolfe, Yang, H. Zhang

CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, AND CHAIR'S REPORT – Lucille Foster, Chair

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Her opening remarks included developing additional time for emergency meetings by the Executive Committee so that the full Senate can

participate in shared governance during a fast moving environment. Chair Foster wished a happy holiday season to the Senate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Morgan Smith, Senate Administrative Assistant

- **Agenda:** The meeting agenda was approved with the addition of one item for new business proposed by Senator Shinbrot: Resolution on Protection Against Threats & Harassment.
- **Minutes:** The minutes of the [November 21, 2025 Senate Meeting Minutes](#) were approved as distributed by the Executive Secretary without objections.
- **Communications**
 - Reminder to log in to the Senate website for attendance and voting access
 - Email Morgan Smith regarding attendance and committee activities

NEW BRUNSWICK CAMPUS REPORT – Francine Conway, Chancellor, Rutgers- New Brunswick

[ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO POLICY CHANGES RESOLUTION](#)

USGC co-chair Wendy Purcell presented the resolution to the Senate. It was passed with one typo correction, without objection.

[SENATOR ELECTIONS TIMELINE RESOLUTION](#)

USGC co-chair Patricia Morton presented the resolution to the Senate. An amendment to remove a word was passed by unanimous consent. The resolution was passed as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS: The reports/resolutions were presented/summarized by the committee chair, then discussed, and acted upon by the Senate.

Instruction, Curricula, and Advising Committee/Student Affairs Committee- Senator Natalie Borisovets (ICAC), Taryn Cooper (Former ICAC Senator), Senator Lisa Siebenaler Easley (SAC), Senator Consuella Askew (SAC)

[Report on S-2330-1 Expanding Access to University Libraries Across Campuses](#)

ICAC and SAC were jointly charged as follows:

Investigate current University library hours across all campuses. Determine if those hours are adequately meeting student needs (access to collections; access to study spaces; access to technology) on each campus. Make recommendations as appropriate.

Senator Easley and Askew presented the charge and recommendations to the Senate. The recommendations were adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to add a resolution for protection against threats & harassment to the agenda was adopted with unanimous consent.

Senator Shinbrot presented the [Resolution on Protection Against Threats & Harassment](#) to the Senate. The resolution was passed as amended.

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator and Vice Chair Wendy Purcell reported on the [December 5, 2025 Executive Committee meeting](#).

REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND TRUSTEES

Senator Schwartz reported on the Board of Trustees meeting. Chair Foster reported on the Board of Governors meeting.

REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS

The meeting reached its end time at 4:00 p.m. and there was a motion to adjourn without reports of the campus faculty and student liaisons.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Taryn Cooper, Executive Secretary of the University Senate