

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SENATE  
MEETING AGENDA  
Friday, March 27, 2026, 1:10 p.m. via Zoom**

<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/99104854182?pwd=m3dW5n5HWkf8s7Xtfl3UOaLF2l6tHo.1>

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

**REPORT OF THE SECRETARY** – Taryn Cooper, Senate Executive Secretary

- Approval of the Agenda\* (including time limits)
- Approval of the [February 20, 2026 Senate Meeting Minutes](#)
  - Senate Social postponed to Friday May 1, 2026 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. due to weather.
  - Staff elections have been completed, and results will be posted on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Lecturer elections will be underway next week.
  - Call for [Nominations for 2026-2027 Senate Elections](#) – due Fri. April 17. A position will be added for a one-year term for NJ-MADC representative.
  - Reminder to complete USGC surveys – [Senator Elections](#), [Communication with Constituencies](#), and [Pulse Survey](#) to be taken today during meeting.
  - [President Tate's letter to the University Senate](#)
  - [Resolution on the Rutgers University Budget](#) as passed by the Executive Committee on behalf of the University Senate
  - [Senate Budget Update](#)
  - [2026-27 Senate Calendar](#)
  - Reminder to Senators log in to the website for attendance and access to voting.
  - Email Morgan Smith regarding attendance and committee activities.

**BUDGET OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION** – Michael Gower, Chief Financial Officer & University Treasurer, Cathy Brennan, Vice President for Financial Planning and Analytics – Chief Budget Officer (1:20 – 2:05 p.m.)

**NEWARK CAMPUS REPORT** – Tonya Smith-Jackson, Chancellor, Rutgers Newark (2:05 – 2:35 p.m.)

**[PRESIDENT TATE'S LETTER TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE](#)** (2:35 – 3:05 p.m.)

**[USGC PULSE SURVEY](#)** – Vice Chair Wendy Purcell (3:05 – 3:15 p.m.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS:** The report will be presented/summarized by the committee chair, then will be discussed, and acted upon by the Senate. Substantive amendments to these reports should be given to the Senate secretary in writing prior to or at the time the amendment is moved.

**[Committee Report and Recommendations \(3:15 – 3:25 p.m.\)](#)**

**Research and Graduate & Professional Education Committee-** Monica Mazurek, Enrique Curchitser (co-chairs)

[S-2331: Research Trainee Compensation and Benefits Inequity](#)

RGPEC was charged as follows:

*Investigate current practices in postdoc and current doctoral student remuneration, in particular as it relates to inequality following fellowship funding and to develop solutions to reward talent.*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS\*\***

**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** (3:25 - 3:30 p.m.) – Wendy Purcell, Vice Chair

**REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARDS OF GOVERNORS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES** (3:30 – 3:35 p.m.)

**REPORTS OF CAMPUS FACULTY AND STUDENT LIAISONS** (3:35 – 3:50 p.m.)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

\*Note: Addition of items to the Agenda requires a two-thirds vote ([Senate Handbook](#), Article III, Agenda). There is an overall time limit of 3 hours for Senate meetings. Specific time limits are set for questions and debate, not for presentation of reports ([Senate Handbook](#), Article III, Procedures). After approval, extension of time limits requires a two-thirds vote.

\*\*Note: The [Senate Handbook](#), Article IV, 1 states, “All new matters shall be referred to committee before coming to the Senate (unless extenuating circumstances apply, as indicated in Article III, Agenda, 3 above).”]

**Remaining 2025-26 University Senate Meetings**  
All meetings are on Zoom

April 24, 2026 - Organizational Meeting of the 2025-2026 Senate