



Stony Brook University

A&S Senate Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024, 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Zoom meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the [Agenda](#)
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of February 12, 2024 Meeting [Minutes](#)
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Report from A&S Senate President, F. Jason Torre
 - Interim Dean of CAS has put forward a proposal to change and elevate the program of writing and rhetoric from a program to a department.
 - Voted: Passed by 75%.
- Remarks by Dean of the University Libraries, Karim Boughida
 - Discussed about a request to change librarians titles.
 - Mentioned it will be a change in local title and Provost would like to know how Senate body feels about this change.
 - Poll provided for agreement to change in the academic rank titles for librarians: Passed by 81%.
 - Discussed about budget for collections and data, and publishing cost.
 - Mentioned the library budget is flat, so we must remove one thing to add another.
 - Explained the reasons, such as heavy fees and why SBU is not in a transformative agreement with publishers.
 - Library is building AI and data capacity as part of two national research studies managed by Ithaca.
 - Library needs new staff positions to be filled.
 - Library will publish a detailed report in July.
- Remarks by Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Amy Cook

- Presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- Mentioned about her role and mission.
- Discussed about policies and procedures, promotion and tenure processes and curricular and academic management.
- SBU is always working toward a process that is transparent, equitable, rigorous, and sustainable.
- She will speak to the Promotion and Tenure committee regarding the changes that will be made to promotion and tenure processes.
- Changes include change to the timeline, evaluation letters, a documentation for midpoint review, annual promotion and tenure workshops, and celebrations.

- Old Business:
 - a. Spring Elections Update & Slate (2nd Review)
 - i. Nancy Tomes, Vice President for the Arts & Sciences of the University Senate
 - ii. Elizabeth Fish, A&S Senate Secretary
 - iii. Jonathan Sanders, A&S Senate Executive Committee Senate-At Large
 - iv. Departmental Senator Election - Return to Staggered Terms
 - b. [2024 Arts & Sciences Senate Bylaws Review](#) (2nd Reading)

- New Business:
 - a. Elections Schedule: Spring 2024
 - i. Broadcast email will be sent out regarding elections on 3/18/24.
 - ii. Elections will open on April 18th.
 - iii. 5/1 Election Results.

- Adjournment at 1pm.