

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes December 12, 2022 11:30AM - 1:00PM Virtual Meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the <u>Agenda</u> The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of <u>November 12, 2022 meeting minutes</u>. The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks: K. Lindblom, A&S Senate President
 - Welcomed everyone to the last Fall 2022 A&S Senate meeting.
- Report from Provost, C. Lejuez
 - Presentation can be viewed <u>here</u>.
 - Discussed Stony Brook University budgetary challenges.
 - Explained the processes for the senior leadership positions searches.
 - Appointed four deans this semester.
 - Looking for ways to empower deans while also increasing accountability.
 - Talked about enrollment planning, economic development, and budgetary approach.
 - Discussed opportunities such as project REACH, IDEA, PIE funds, and Simon's STEM.
 - Explained the process of allocating faculty responsibilities.
 - Mentioned efforts to limit factors impacting student retention.
 - Discussed graduate students' stipend.

Question – J. Sanders – Why are we spending money on the Football team which is a dangerous sport, while it could be used towards graduate students stipend?

Answer – I can't give you an answer on that as Athletics don't report to me.

Question – K. Lindblom – Under President Kenny, the University had an annual Stony Brook Day, in which we could go to the State Capital to lobby directly for SBU budget. This was discontinued under President Stanley. Could this be reinstated by President McInnis?

Comment – M. Rafailovich - We need for Albany to be aware of our challenges and what we're facing.

Answer – I can bring it to her attention.

Question – K. Lindblom – Why is the proposed leader of the School of Professional Development going to be a Vice Provost, but not a Dean? Answer – I think the opportunity of empowering faculty and the department is greater in the Vice Provost structure.

- Old Business
 - The next semester's A&S Senate meeting time will remain at 11:30am based on the result of the survey.
- New Business
 - <u>Faculty workload balance statement</u> passed by 96% vote.
- Adjournment at 1pm.