

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025 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 February 10, 2025 Meeting <u>Minutes</u> The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks & Welcome (J. Torre):
  - Thanked everyone for joining the A&S Senate meeting.
  - The Senate discussed a <u>resolution</u> recognizing a definition of workplace bullying and advocating for the development of a campus policy to address it. Vote: Passed by majority of votes.
- Report from the Provost, C. Lejuez
  - Discussed the incoming president's commitment to shared governance and engagement with the university community.
  - Emphasized the importance of strategic enrollment management, highlighting recent successes in increasing diversity and out-of-state student numbers.
  - Outlined plans to invest increased revenue in faculty hiring, student services, and facilities improvements.
  - Mentioned ongoing initiatives in AI, quantum research, and interdisciplinary studies.
  - Discussed the budget model redesign, aiming to give departments more autonomy.
  - Encouraged organic interdisciplinary hiring rather than top-down cluster hires and stressed the need to increase faculty diversity.
  - Affirmed the university's commitment to maintaining current hiring and graduate student offer levels despite external uncertainties.
  - Announced that he has withdrawn from consideration for the Chancellor position at Indiana University Bloomington.

- Old Business: No old business.
- New Business:
  - **a)** Spring Elections: J. Torre mentioned there will be changes to senator allocations to align with the constitution.
- Adjournment at 1:05pm.