

University Senate Meeting Minutes Monday, 24 February 2025

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Via Zoom

All attachments are in the link below:

[2025 February Senate Mtg docs](#)

Meeting called to order at 2:02PM

Test Zoom Voting – Successful

Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Agenda—Motion Passes

**Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Minutes of the December 16th Meeting--
Motion Passes**

[01aSM Minutes Dec 2024.pdf](#)

University Senate President's Report

Dr. Fran Moran

A belated welcome to the Spring 2025 semester. I have a fairly brief report here and then we can get to the main business of the meeting.

SACC Report

SACC met on Thursday 19 December and discussed two items of Senate approved business:

- SACC endorsed our C&I committee recommendations for dual degree course sharing.
- SACC expressed admiration for the report from our Ad Hoc Committee on reorganizing the colleges/school structure of the University and accepted its recommendation to delay until our future was clearer.

End of SACC Report

In other news that we discussed at last week's Senate Executive Committee meeting:

- The Provost's office reached out about perhaps incorporating a role for the Senate in the Program Review Process. Discussions are very preliminary (I had phone call and shared a

couple emails a few weeks ago) and everything remains nebulous at this time, but I thought it worth noting the commitment to shared governance.

- On a more solid foundation, we have a motion today at the end of the agenda related to requesting administration to create a University-wide committee related to Artificial Intelligence. The idea to have the Senate advance the request came from the Provost's office as well, and again speaks eloquently to the commitment of shared governance
- Speaking of shared governance, considering the frequency with which the current administration extols its commitment to that idea, we did think it rather striking that neither SEC nor the University Senate was invited to any of the presentations related to the future of this institution. All of us on SEC believe that much as it would have been helpful to have senate involvement and perspective to rein in many of the decisions that led to the circumstances requiring a rescue, it would have served the institution well to have our perspective included as we consider which lifeline to grab.
- For what it's worth, since the current New Jersey State Constitution was adopted in 1947, no political party has held the governorship for more than 2 consecutive terms. This is Murphy's second term and he won that term with less than 3% margin of victory over Republican challenger Jack Ciattarelli.. Ciattarelli is running again and currently leads the New Jersey GOP polls comfortably over 4 other challengers. No clear leader has emerged in the crowded Democratic field.

While we're still here, our Senator-at-Large elections are in April so be on the lookout for the call for nominations in the coming weeks.

Finally, in looking over the minutes from the December meeting, I think we need to revisit the vote to hold meetings virtually or in person this semester. I neglected to ask for debate (so public apologies to Meriem for bringing it up at the end of the December meeting).

That concludes my report and we'll move to the next item on the agenda.

Motion from Senate Executive Committee:

Motion to have the rest of the Senate meetings on Zoom for Spring 2025.

Discussion: Suggestions were for at least one meeting. The problem for employees who worked at the School of Business was noted. The benefits of improved communication and collegiality at in-person meetings were highlighted. Time management for multiple responsibilities was a rationale for continuing on Zoom.

Motion Passes

Update

Dr. Erin McCann, Vice President of Student Development and Community Engagement

[Presentation Linked Here](#)

Senate Committee Manuals

a) Academic Standards Committee Manual (action item)

[02aASC Manual - Feb2025.pdf](#)

Motion to Approve the Academic Standards Committee Manual--Motion Passes

b) Committee on Instructional Technology Manual (action item)

[02bComm Instructional Tech Manual 2-25.pdf](#)

Motion to Approve Committee on Instructional Technology Manual--Motion Passes

Senate Committee Reports

a) Academic Standards Committee

Ms. Theresa Spataro, Chairperson

[02cASC Report - Feb2025.pdf](#)

[02dASC List of Policies Feb2025.xlsx](#)

Motion to approved change in student dismissal appeal policy:

Students under academic suspension or dismissal may appeal the classification within two weeks of receipt of the official notice by completing an appeal application. Change “two weeks” to “seven (7) calendar days.”

Discussion: We should consider moving the notice of suspension or dismissal. However, this procedure is dependent on the date that grades are due.

Motion Passes

b) Community Engaged Learning Committee

Dr. Nava Cohen, Chairperson

[02eCELC Report Feb2025.pdf](#)

c) General Education Committee

Dr. Zui Chih (Rick) Lee, Director

Dr. Caroline Wilkinson, Chairperson

[02f GE Report with rubric Feb 2025.pdf](#)

d) Honors Program Committee

Dr. Reed Carroll, Chairperson

[02gHonors Program Comm Report - Feb2025.pdf](#)

e) Planning, Development & Budget Committee

Dr. Hanae Haouari, Chairperson

[02hPD&B Report 2-24-2025.pdf](#)

Discussion: Restoring funding for scholarly travel is something that the administration is actively looking into.

Motion to create a University-Wide Ethics Advisory Board on the Use of Artificial Intelligence on Campus

[03aMotion - AI Advisory Board - 2-25.pdf](#)

Discussion: It would be helpful to add three at-large faculty members to open representation throughout the University. Motion to amend proposal to add three at-large faculty members—

Motion Passes

Amended Motion Passes

New Business

There was a question on the dissolution of the CAS Curriculum Committee. There was a vote among the CAS chairs to dissolve the committee. The procedure was to have this approved by the Provost and sent to the Senate office for notification, which was done on Feb 13. For the expediciencies of CIM, the Dean of CAS will approve as Dean and CAS Curriculum and Instruction Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18PM