

University Senate Meeting Monday, 24 March 2025 Minutes

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - Via Zoom

All attachments are in the link below:

[2025 March 24 Senate mtg docs](#)

Meeting called to order at 2:01 pm by President Fran Moran

I. Test Zoom Voting—Zoom Test Successful

II. Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Agenda with change to postpone the presentation on Veterans Affairs to the next meeting—Motion Approved

[01aSM Agenda 3-24-2025.pdf](#)

III. Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Minutes of the February 24th meeting—Motion Approved

[01bSM Minutes Feb 2025.pdf](#)

IV. University Senate President’s Report, Dr. Fran Moran

SACC Meeting – Thursday, 6 March 2024

- Academic Standards Committee – Recommendation to change time period for academic appeal from two weeks to seven (7) calendar days – approved
- SEC Motion to form an AI Ethics Advisory Board at NJCU – approved

End of SACC Report

There is progress on the memorial plaques for Raines Plaza

The mini-grant awardees have been notified—thank you to the Provost Office for re-instating the award and to the Faculty and Professional Staff Affairs Committee for reviewing the applications.

End of Senate President’s Report

V. Senate Committee Reports

a) Academic Standards Committee

Ms. Theresa Spataro, Chairperson

[02aASC Report - March 2025.pdf](#)

b) Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs Committee

Dr. Meriem Bendaoud, Co-Chair and Ms. Anna Scanniello, Co-Chair

Motion to Revise the Emeritus Policy:

The Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs (FPSA) Committee moves to amend the eligibility criteria for emeritus status by removing the restriction that prohibits recipients of the Distinguished Service Award from being considered for emeritus status. The revised eligibility criteria will state: "Officially retired or retrenched members of the university community are eligible for emeritus status. Any faculty member, administrator, or librarian who meets all of the criteria listed below is eligible."

Motion to Amend by adding "A person cannot be awarded both in the same year."

Motion to Amend Seconded

Motion to Amend Passes

Motion to Revise the Emeritus Policy, as Amended, Passes.

[02bFPSA Report March 2025.pdf](#)

c) Graduate Studies Committee

Dr. Juste Codjo, Co-Chair and Ms. Sachie Tsumura-Tmart, Co-Chair

[02cGSC Report March 2025.pdf](#)

d) Planning, Development & Budget Committee

Dr. Hanae Haouari, Chairperson

[02dPD&B Report March 2025.pdf](#)

VI. New Business

A thoughtful expression of unity and encouragement from Dr. Meriem Bendoud.

Meeting adjourned 2:36