

University Senate Meeting Minutes

Reorganization Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

All attachments are in the link below:

[2025 May SM Docs- Reorg](#)

I. Meeting Called to Order

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

Zoom test successful

Meeting agenda approved

- Meeting minutes of April 21st approved

[01aSM Minutes April 2025.pdf](#)

II. University Senate President's SACC Report

SACC Meeting – Wednesday, April 30, 2025

- Academic Standards Committee – Recommendation: The current policies entitled “Academic Honors and Graduation with Honors” and “Dean’s List” appear to contain duplicate language. Recommendation: Combine the three policies under a new policy heading – under consideration.
- Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs Committee: Motion to amend the Emeritus Status Policy (wording and/or) friendly amendment – Community service advances the University’s mission.
- Two Program Proposals Approved:
 - The Minor in Finance
 - The proposed name change of M.S. in Accounting and Analytics

End of SACC report

III. Senate Committee Reports

Academic Standards Committee

Ms. Theresa Spataro, Chairperson

[02aASC Year-end report May 2025.pdf](#)

Academic Support & Services Committee

Ms. Isabel Casais, Co-Chair; Dr. Zhimin Wang, Co-Chair

[02bASSCyear-end report 5-2025.pdf](#)

Community Engaged Learning Committee

Dr. Nava Cohen, Chairperson

[02dCELC Report - Faculty Guidelines 5-2025.pdf](#)

Curriculum & Instruction Committee

Dr. Corey Frost, Co-Chair; Dr. Michelle Rosen, Co-Chair

[02eC&I Report May 2025.pdf](#)

General Education Committee

Dr. Zui Chih (Rick) Lee, Director; Dr. Caroline Wilkinson, Chairperson

[02fGenED Report - May 2025.pdf](#)

Graduate Studies Committee

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

Motion to approve the Master of Science in Social Work (MSW), proposed by Dr.

Jennifer Pax – Passes

[02gGSC Report May 2025.pdf](#)

Honors Program Committee

Dr. Reed Carroll, Director/Chair

[02hHonors Program Year-End Report May 2025.pdf](#)

Planning, Development & Budget Committee

Dr. Hanae Haouari, Chairperson

[02iPD&B Report - May 2025.pdf](#)

IV. Elections Committee – Reorganization

Dr. Lijun Ruan, Co-Chair; Dr. Wei Zhang, Co-Chair

[03a2025 Reorganization - Nominees - Bulletin.pdf](#)

Results

Senate Executive Committee

John Donnellan, President – SOB

Hanae Haouari, Chemistry – Vice President – CAS

Moitrayee Chatterjee, Secretary – CAS

Eun Su Lee, Management – SOB

Christopher Shamburg, Ed. Technology – COE

Joyce Wright, Nursing – CPS

Academic Standards Committee

Katrina Harb, Learning Commons – PS

Academic Support & Services Committee

Isabel Casais, PS – SOB

Committee on Instructional Technology

Michael Wiltsey, Professional Security Studies

Community Engaged Learning Committee (CELC)

Jacqueline Ellis, Dept. of Gender, Africana, and Latin American Studies – CAS

Venessa Garcia, Criminal Justice – CPS

Curriculum & Instruction Committee

EunSu Lee, Management – SOB

Zhimin Wang, Finance – SOB

Elections Committee

Lijun Ruan, Accounting – SOB

Faculty and Professional Staff Committee

Meriem Bendaoud, Biology – CAS

General Education Committee

Caroline Wilkinson, Chairperson (English Dept representative) – CAS

Emily Alequin, PS – CPS

Kathleen Banks, Academic Advising – PS

Wayne Eby (Math Dept representative)

Graduate Studies Committee

Juste Codjo, Professional Security Studies – CPS

Martha Mooke, MD&T – CAS

Theresa Spataro, PD - CPS

Sachie Tsumura-Tmart, PS

Xiaodi Zhu, Finance – SOB

Honors Program Committee

Martha Mooke, MD&T – CAS

Erin O'Neill, Health Sciences – CPS

William Westerman, Sociology, Anthropology, & Social Work – CAS

Ling Yang, Accounting - SOB

Planning, Development & Budget Committee

Ruth Ortiz, PS

Student Affairs Committee

Anthony Esposito, Biology – CAS

Debra McClary, PS – SOB

V. Motions on Principles to Protect Mission

Motion to Approve the Suggested Principles to Protect the Integrity of Our Mission for This Institution, introduced by Venessa Garcia, Senate Vice President [04aNJCU Principles - suggested.pdf](#)

- Principle One passes.
- Motion to remove last sentence of Principle Two: “The merged institution should adopt and enforce these standards to ensure academic excellence.” – Motion passes.
- Principle Two passes.
- Motion to remove “and personnel” from Principle Three – Motion passes.
- Motion to revise Principle Three to include “teaching, research, and public expression” – Motion passes.
- Motion to postpone the motion on the Principles of our Mission, form an Ad Hoc

Committee dedicated to this, open to all volunteers represented by the Senate, and call a special meeting of the Senate on Tuesday, May 27th – Motion passes.

VI. University Senate President's Report

Dr. Fran Moran

As my term as President comes to a close, I would like to thank Venessa and Chris for providing support and advice. I would like to thank the entire SEC—Joyce, Eun Su, and John—and our Student Representative Jeremiah. Of course, nothing truly works without Donna Piscopo's patience and goodwill, and I want to give her a massive thank you. I leaned on my committees heavily, and I want to thank the chairs, co-chairs, and members who took on the extra work. This is especially true of the ad hoc committees. At my first Senate meeting, we adopted a motion of no confidence in our president. That motion was predicated on defending the mission and vision of our university. At this last meeting we had an extensive debate on how this body can defend the mission and vision of the University. I can't be prouder. This is an amazing group of people to work with. This has been a really difficult time and I think we've done our best to make sure the leaders of this institution remain focused on our mission. Speaking personally, the last four years have been tough, but they remain a high point of my time here. I became involved in the Senate very early in my career, and I had the great good fortune to work closely with a string of good presidents who taught me everything I know about this gig. I want to give props to Jack Egan, Julio Guen, Debbie Bennett, Karen Morgan, Joe Riotto, and Chris. Thank you all for putting your faith and trust in me. I humbly pass the gavel to John—you're going to be great.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 PM.