



Stony Brook University

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2025

12:00PM - 1:30PM

Virtual Meeting

- Call To Order at 12:00pm.
- Acceptance of the Agenda
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of November 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks & Welcome (J. Torre):
 - Welcomed everyone to the A&S Senate meeting.
- 3rd Level of Academic Review: University Advisory Committee on Promotion & Tenure, Vice Provost A. Cook
 - Vice Provost Cook presented a proposal regarding academic review processes, focusing on the establishment of a new university-wide advisory committee to review promotion and tenure cases. The proposal noted that 79.5% of AAU public flagship institutions have similar committees.
 - The committee would serve in an advisory capacity to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Stony Brook Medicine (EVP SBM), reviewing cases in early 2026? and providing recommendations within 10 days.
 - Emphasized that while the committee would not make final decisions, it would offer an additional layer of faculty input and shared governance.
 - The committee would be selected based on disciplinary perspective rather than department affiliation and would consist of 12 members, each, reviewing 3-4 cases each.
 - Vice Provost Cook indicated that a more detailed written proposal would be prepared and circulated, including information on resubmission, appeals, and contractual issues, along with a proposed implementation date, to be brought forward in the new year.

Q&A/Comments:

- Senator: Raised questions about recusal policies and representation of clinical scientists.
 - Senator: Expressed concerns about the workload and timing of reviews.
 - Senator: Raised concerns about potential "washback" effects on PTC deliberations.
- [College of Arts & Sciences Administrative Appointments & Responsibilities](#), CAS Dean D. Wrobel
 - Dean Wrobel highlighted the success of recent alumni donations and emphasized the broad support for various academic areas.
 - He discussed ongoing infrastructure challenges, including issues with the Chemistry and Life Sciences buildings, but also noted positive developments such as renovations to the Social and Behavioral Sciences building and improvements to common areas.
 - Dean Wrobel outlined changes to the college's associate dean team, moving from four associate deans and two faculty fellows to five associate deans, to better address the college's needs.
 - He addressed the new economic framework, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and long-term success over short-term gains.
 - Faculty and staff were encouraged to provide feedback on graduate stipends, as the provost and graduate school dean continue to work to address funding issues. Dean Wrobel emphasized that operational changes are designed to advance student success and faculty and staff needs.
- [P&T Track Changes Based on the Resolution In Support of Diverse...](#)
 - Proposed changes to the PTC guidelines, which were approved in a previous session, were reviewed and discussed.
 - The group discussed allowing editors to make minor punctuation and syntax edits to the document, with no objections raised.
 - S. Sharma provided context on the updates to the PTC guidelines, emphasizing the importance of recognizing diverse forms of scholarship and impact.
- Old Business:
 - Open Discussion Continuation: How can we strengthen shared governance and better support participation?
 - The need for efficient and effective structures to support shared governance and encourage participation was discussed.
- New Business: No New Business
- Adjournment at 1:30pm.