

University Senate Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026, 3:30-5:00 PM (Hybrid Meeting – Wang Theater & Zoom Meeting)

Meeting called to order by Dr. Brenda Anderson, the University Senate President, at 3:30 PM. A link to the meeting recording will be provided upon request. A motion to approve the agenda and the minutes from December 1, 2025 carried. List of attendees can be viewed on the University Senate [website](#).

Greetings from Brenda Anderson, University Senate President

- Welcomed everyone to the first Spring 2026 University Senate meeting.
- University Senate President [report](#) was presented at the meeting.
- The Senate Executive Committee agreed to develop five ad hoc committees to address strategic planning topics.

[Report from President, Andrea Goldsmith](#) was presented.

- Will meet with each ad hoc committee as they finalize recommendations for the strategic vision.
- Addressed concerns about ICE activities on campus, stating that the university would follow legal protocols if ICE agents were to visit.
- ICE agents cannot enter any restricted or locked space without a warrant.
- Will follow up regarding whether the university would notify students if their information were surrendered to ICE.

[Report from Provost, Carl Lejuez](#) was presented.

[Report from EVP HSC, William Wertheim](#) was presented.

Comments and concerns from senators:

- Concerns were raised about ICE activities in the broader Long Island community, highlighting the fear and anxiety felt by many students and residents.
- Concerns were raised about funding for research grants, particularly regarding the increased costs of RA salaries, noting that funding agencies may not accommodate these additional expenses.

Reports from UUP

- B. Kube - East campus President
 - Announced the start of UUP New York State negotiations.
 - Will present findings from the professional staff survey in upcoming senate meeting.
- [Report from L. Melious](#) – West Campus UUP President was submitted electronically.

Old Business:

- No old Business.

New Business:

- A. Opening Nominations for Secretary/Treasurer
 1. Description of role: Rich Stein discussed the election of a new Secretary-Treasurer for the University Senate.
- B. New Guidelines for Election of Statewide Senators: New guidelines for statewide senator elections including the elimination of write-in candidates were discussed.
- C. [SUNY University Faculty Senate Plenary Report](#) was presented by Michael Boerner. He will distribute the Executive Budget Resolution Open Letter to Governor Hochul for the next Senate meeting.
- D. [GUIDELINES ON EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS](#)

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Senate President: Brenda Anderson

Senate Secretary: Richard Stein