



Stony Brook University

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

11:30AM - 1:00PM

Virtual Meeting

- Call To Order at 11:30am.
- Acceptance of the [Agenda](#)
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of November 18, 2024 Meeting [Minutes](#)
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks & Welcome (J. Torre):
 - Thanked everyone for joining the A&S Senate meeting.
 - Announced resignations of Dr. Tomes and Elizabeth Fish. Introduced the proposed appointment of Sarah Naqvi-Syed as the new Secretary of the Arts and Sciences Senate.
- [Presentation](#) & Voting on the establishment of the Department of Communication (C. Gilbert & M. Salzano).
The School of Communication and Journalism at Stony Brook University is proposing the creation of a new Department of Communication. This move aims to align with the school's vision and acknowledge the diverse disciplines within the school. The establishment of a communication department will enable better management of resources, streamline operations, and improve communication between faculty and administration. The proposal has received support from the provost, who has confirmed that funds are available to support interim chairs as the new department structures are launched.
Vote: Passed by majority of votes.
- [Presentation](#) & Voting on the establishment of the Department of Journalism (B. Hoffman & H. Schneider).
Vote: Passed by majority of votes.

- Incidental Motion & Voting (If prior motions pass, a separate vote requiring $\frac{2}{3}$ is needed to update the bylaws): Update [section 2.B.2](#) School of Communication & Journalism
- Old Business: Shared Governance Models - Options 3 & 1 Proposals - Initial Presentation (J. Torre)
 - i. [Resolution](#) 2025-01 in Support of the Establishment of an Academic Senate at Stony Brook University (Voting)
 - ii. [Resolution](#) 2025-02 in Support of the Stony Brook University Senate's Establishment of a Constitutional Review (Voting)

Resolutions were presented by J. Torre and passed by majority of votes. He will forward the resolutions to the University Senate.

The proposal would see the University Senate as an umbrella organization, with an Academic Senate, a Professional Senate, and Student Governments. The proposal would also change the cognate administrator that the academic senate would meet with from the President to the Provost.

- New Business: Voting on:
 - i. Motion to amend: Section 2.B.2 School of Communication & Journalism of the A&S Senate Bylaws (incidental motion)
Vote: Passed by majority of votes.
 - ii. Resolution 2025-01 in Support of the Establishment of an Academic Senate at Stony Brook University
Vote: Passed by majority of votes.
 - iii. Resolution 2025-02 in Support of the Stony Brook University Senate's Establishment of a Constitutional Review
Vote: Passed by majority of votes.
 - iv. Motion is in support of A&S President F. Jason Torre serving out the remainder of the term of VP for A&S to the University Senate, Nancy Tomes
Vote: Passed by majority of votes.
 - v. Motion is in support of Sarah Naqvi-Syed serving out the remainder of the term of A&S Secretary, Elizabeth Fish (9/26)
Vote: Passed by majority of votes.
- Adjournment at 12:45pm.