Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026

12:30PM - 1:50PM
Virtual Meeting

- Call To Order at 12:30pm.

- Acceptance of the Agenda
  The motion to accept the agenda is carried.

- Approval of December 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  The approval of the minutes is carried.

- Opening Remarks & Welcome (J. Torre):
  - Welcomed attendees to the A&S Senate meeting.
  - Thanked members for serving and provided updates on ad hoc committee appointments and current membership.
  - Discussed the Spring 2026 elections, highlighted the new nomination form for Senate positions, that all information contained on the University Senate, A&S Senate and PEG Board websites is up-to-date, and that the new nominations form places Stony Brook in compliance with SUNY University Faculty Senate's guidelines on the election of campus senators. Provided updates on ad hoc committee appointments.
  - Address concerns raised by Senators at the University Senate Meeting regarding Federal Enforcement on Campus.
  - Noted University Senate [Executive Committee] will meet with the provost and vice provost after today's A&S Senate meeting to discuss promotion and tenure guideline revisions, ADA updates, AI statement of values, and course duplication across colleges.
  - Reported that the provost will be attending the March 9th A&S Senate Meeting.
  - Reported that the University Senate is completing the former Bylaws work by reviewing and reinstating the Faculty Rights & Responsibilities Council.
  - Reported that the Arts and Sciences Executive Committee will be meeting on March 6th with A&S Senate Affiliates' Dean to discuss topics of mutual concern around promotion and tenure.

- A&S Senate Committee Reports
    a. Committee on Academic Standing and Appeals – No report.
    b. [Committee on Advocacy for Shared Governance report](#) - Presented by the Committee Chair.
    c. Membership Committee - The Committee Chair encouraged faculty and staff to run for open positions in university governance, emphasizing the importance of diverse voices and service as part of tenure packages.
    d. Promotion and Tenure Committee – Junior – Report made by the Chair of the meeting. Presented that the PTC-J is scheduled to review 10 cases this spring.
    e. Promotion and Tenure Committee – Senior – Report by the Chair of the meeting. Presented that the PTC-S has reviewed expedited cases this year already, and is poised to review cases for promotion this spring.
    f. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Report presented by the Committee Chair:
        - Reviewed 152 proposals from CAS, SoMAS, and the School of Communication and Journalism in Fall 2025.
        - Discussed the coordination of Climate and AI curricular proposals across campus and worked with the Lichtenstein Center in their efforts to create a BA in Filmmaking.

- Old Business:

    a. 2nd Reading & Review: [P&T Track Changes Based on the Resolution In](#)
    a. [Support of Diverse…](#)
        i. Senator shared contextual resources for the update to the PTC Guidelines:
            1. [Readings, Resources (Public Scholarship)](#)
            2. [Article on "AI Slop" from Guardian News](#)
            3. [SUNY's "University for Public Good" conference](#)

    The Arts and Sciences Executive Committee will solicit feedback from faculty representing diverse backgrounds on the proposed language supporting diverse scholarship in the Promotion and Tenure (PTC) guidelines, with the goal of receiving input prior to the March meeting. The Committee will also meet with the Provost and Arts and Sciences affiliated deans on March 6 to discuss promotion and tenure matters, including the resolution in support of diverse scholarship.

    The Committee will incorporate into the PTC guidelines a section outlining rights to appeal and the Chancellor's review process, including relevant links, for consideration at the March meeting.

    A concise statement addressing AI and scholarly responsibility will be

drafted for possible inclusion in the promotion and tenure guidelines. The broader need to update the guidelines to address the role of AI in research was also discussed.

Concerns were raised about inconsistencies in evaluation and promotion processes between the East and West campuses, particularly regarding the School of Medicine, suggesting a need for standardization to ensure equity.

- New Business:
  The President made a call for New Business. Senators raised concerns and offered comments:

  o The importance of students developing AI skills to remain competitive in the job market was emphasized.

  o The need for consistent AI policies across courses was highlighted to reduce confusion and ensure fairness for students.

  o Concerns were raised about ICE's presence and access to campus, as well as the absence of a clear hotline or reporting system.

  o Participants stressed the need for improved communication and stronger institutional support for vulnerable students and faculty.

  o Making the campus gun-free was proposed as an additional safety measure.

  o The need for more transparent and proactive communication from the administration regarding campus safety and facilities issues was discussed.

- Adjournment at 2:03pm.