



# Stony Brook University

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2025  
12:00PM - 1:30PM  
Virtual Meeting

- Call To Order at 12:00am.
- Acceptance of the Agenda  
The motion to accept the agenda is carried.
- Approval of May 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks & Welcome (J. Torre):
  - Welcomed everyone to the A&S Senate meeting.
  - Announced that Provost would be joining the November meeting to discuss research and higher education.
  - J. Torre would continue serving in N. Tomes' role as Vice President for the A&S in University Senate through the 2025-2026 academic year unless objections are raised.
  - Mentioned ongoing efforts to fill A&S Senate open seats.
  - Reminded attendees about an upcoming meeting with President Goldsmith.
  - S. Sharma shared concerns about SUNY's approach to AI education, noting that a Google partnership for AI literacy was not a serious proposal and that the issue should be faculty-driven.
- Report from Associate Provost, A. Cook
  - The presentation can be viewed [here](#).
  - Will Continue improving the promotion and tenure process to make it more transparent, equitable, rigorous, and sustainable.
  - Provided updates on the promotion and tenure process, highlighting improvements in timelines and the clarification of expedited tenure procedures.
  - Discussed plans for the upcoming year, including another celebration of newly tenured and promoted faculty, pre-tenure workshops, and the development of additional resources for faculty and staff.
  - Touched on curricular and academic management initiatives.

- C. Percival Asked about the composition of a proposed university-wide advisory committee for promotion and tenure. A. Cook explained it would be faculty-led and distinct from the existing Senate Promotion and Tenure Committee.
- M. Boerner raised concerns about the sudden implementation of policy changes and suggested forming a shared governance committee to improve communication and organization of information on the faculty pathways website. A. Cook acknowledged these concerns and agreed to consider more collaborative approaches in the future.
- Report from Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, David Wrobel:
  - The presentation can be viewed [here](#).
  - Provided an update on the College of Arts and Sciences, highlighting new faculty and staff hires, increased student enrollment, and ongoing research activities.
  - Outlined three strategic goals: improving student success and engagement, expanding research and creative activity, and enhancing infrastructure.
  - Mentioned recent advancements in fundraising and that the college is working on various infrastructure projects and initiatives to support student success and faculty research.
  - Encouraged everyone to support the upcoming Dean's Challenge event, offering incentives for the department or center that brings the most people.
  - Mentioned that the Provost's committee is working on improving active learning spaces.
- Old Business:
  - a) [Resolution 2025-06 Resolution Supporting Diverse Forms of Scholarship for Tenure and Promotion](#) (2nd Reading)
    - The resolution was drafted by S. Sharma to highlight the importance of various academic contributions beyond traditional metrics.
    - The resolution was read and discussed.
    - Encouraged providing comments before the next A&S Senate meeting.
- New Business:
  - a) [2025 Arts & Sciences Senate Bylaws Amendment to Section 8.A.4](#) (1st Reading)
    - Reviewed proposed bylaws changes to update PTC standing committee membership to include representatives from the School of Communication and Journalism and the Libraries.
    - The next reading of these changes is scheduled for October.
  - b) [2025 PTC Guidelines Revision Review - Expedited Review](#) (1st Reading)
    - The Arts and Sciences Executive Committee discussed updates to the policy on expedited tenure reviews.
    - A. O'Byrne recommended members of the A&S Senate add their suggestions to the file.
    - S. Sharma emphasized the need to clarify that tenure promises should not be made but rather that an expedited review process is available.

- The vote on this resolution is pushed to the October meeting, allowing time for further input from department chairs and deans.
- Adjournment at 1:30pm.