



Stony Brook University

Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes March 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 February 9, 2026 Meeting [Minutes](#)
The approval of the minutes is carried.
- Opening Remarks & Welcome (J. Torre):
 - Welcomed attendees to the A&S Senate meeting.
- Remarks by Provost, Stony Brook University, Carl Lejuez
 - Discussed enrollment challenges and strategic initiatives.
 - Mentioned about recruitment strategies, including the FLY program which allows international students to begin their studies at partner institutions in China, South Korea, and potentially Singapore before transferring to Stony Brook. The program logistics and course articulation issues will be discussed in the next senate meeting.
 - Discussed plans to establish a Manhattan-based program using space in the former Lichtenstein Center.
 - Addressed academic momentum initiatives.
 - Proposed an intra-SBU sabbatical program.
 - Acknowledged the need for additional support regarding AI implementation in classrooms.
 - Encouraged members to bring specific ideas or initiatives to address AI-related faculty needs to the next meeting.
- Old Business:
 - a. Spring Elections
 - i. [Departmental Reps](#):

Department chairs were asked to notify the Arts and Sciences Senate of any changes to their departmental senator representation before the August University Senate meeting. Currently, departmental senators serve on both the University Senate and the A&S Senate. If departments decide to

separate these roles, they should inform the Senate.

Members were encouraged to submit nominees for open A&S Senate officer positions to the Senate president, secretary, or Membership Committee.

ii. Executive Committee Members

Nominations for various leadership roles were announced.

There will be a meeting in April to discuss splitting the position of Arts and Sciences Senate President from the Arts and Sciences Vice President to the University Senate.

The A&S Senate Secretary agreed to continue serving and be nominated for another term.

The elected senator At-Large will remain the same.

The Office of President Pro Tempore will be reinstated to avoid any meeting cancellations.

As all nominees for Vice President and President-Elect declined, J. Torre offered to be nominated for President.

b. 3rd Reading & Voting: [P&T Track Changes Based on the Resolution In 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 next set of PTC guideline edits will be prepared for future review after finalizing and incorporating the approved guideline language.

Amendments to the PTC guidelines incorporating language in support of diverse scholarship was approved with 96% support.

- New Business:
 - No new business.
- Comments/Concerns:
 - Concerns were raised about class sizes, AI policy development, ICE raids, and housing challenges, with particular discussion about the delayed

Seawolves Village project.

- Provost response:

- Will discuss concerns about ICE and university response and bring findings back in a later meeting.
- Will discuss AI issues in the senate meeting in April.

- Adjournment at 1:50pm.