



**Faculty Senate Meeting October 23, 2025**  
**Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Jessica Pearson at 4:04 p.m.

1. Welcome and Chair's Report
  - 1.1. Thank you for being here
  - 1.2. Agenda approved
  - 1.3. Minutes from 9/25/2025 approved
  - 1.4. Agenda minutes are available on FS website
2. President Suzanne Smith reported
  - 2.1. Hello everyone
  - 2.2. Commencement ceremony at Riverview Correctional
  - 2.3. Announced the hiring of a new first year experience director
  - 2.4. Foundation board/alumni board on campus and events this weekend
  - 2.5. Tomorrow 11:45 Dunn Hall ceremony and reveal of time capsule
  - 2.6. Call for questions
    - 2.6.1. Question asked on role of first year experience and what is occurring on campus already
      - 2.6.1.1. Response by President Smith regarding role of connections, working with student affairs, student advisors, orientation, and job
    - 2.6.2. Question asked regarding role with WAYS
      - 2.6.2.1. Response and discussion followed regarding WAYS working in partnership
3. Provost Susan Perkins reported
  - 3.1. Comment on RCF event, thank you to all and RCF staff
  - 3.2. Comment on Wonderful Open House last Saturday, students seem committed
  - 3.3. Comment on yesterday's educational advisory group and K-12 moving to a new model aligning with competencies and SUNY Potsdam working on seamless flow
  - 3.4. Comment on tomorrow hosting authors of "Hacking College" way of advising students in Lougheed 204 at 9:00am
  - 3.5. Comment on 3 Dean searches now live and committee members listed can be reached out to if needed
  - 3.6. Comment on SUNY Academic Momentum initiative update, planning team announced, campus involvement, and opportunities to share ideas
  - 3.7. SUNY Seamless transfer initiative discussed and forging real partnerships
  - 3.8. Comment on SUNY initiative regarding EOP practice, internships, and capstones
  - 3.9. Follow up from Q&A, EIT compliance, trainings this semester at the end of the semester and Brightspace compliance
    - 3.9.1. Further discussion regarding EIT
4. UFS Faculty Senator reported on FS meeting on October 9-11, 2025, Fall Plenary, slides available in meeting materials

- 4.1.1. Commented on Chancellor King's four Pillars discussed FASFA completion, ASAP and ACE, support for students, academic momentum campaign, research and scholarship related to AI/ethical use and leadership opportunities, DEI campus maintaining where we are, Prodigy program, Title 2 and EIT, Outdoors for all, Nursing scholarships, nursing simulations, upstate/downstate capitol projects, SUNY's fiscal strength/situation and fiscal responsibility; Federal shutdown impact and related issues; Academic Affairs Fellows programs and initiatives; General Ed conference proposals due, Partnering with Google, and google ai more into the SUNY system; credit for prior learning guidance addendum General Ed conference proposals due, Provost initiatives to focus on Sector Distinction, programs not competing
- 4.1.2. Comment on ADA Compliance deadline and EIT compliance more discussion on this
- 4.1.3. Comment on Academic Momentum Campaign more discussion on this
- 4.1.4. Comment on Seamless transfer initiative more discussion on this
- 4.1.5. Comment on the following resolutions from the floor which were the following:
  - 4.1.5.1. 201-01-01 Governance: adoption of handbook
  - 4.1.5.2. 201-03 Support for Title II Preparations
  - 4.1.5.3. 201-04 Resolution Supporting FCCC - supporting SUNY FCCC
    - 4.1.5.3.1.1.1. Resolution passed
  - 4.1.5.4. 201-05 Defending Shared Governance in Texas
    - 4.1.5.4.1.1.1. Resolution passed
  - 4.1.5.5. 201-06 Defending not signing Petitions of "Loyalty Oaths"
    - 4.1.5.5.1.1.1. Two petitions were listed (links in the Powerpoint)
  - 4.1.5.5.1.2. 201-07-01 Doxing Policy and Photography and Recording Policy - resolution passed
  - 4.1.5.5.1.3. 201-08-03 Safeguarding Free Expression Peaceful Assembly, and Privacy, resolution called for refinement of content, will be more on this resolution
- 4.1.6. Call for questions, none asked
- 4.1.7. Call for support regarding resolutions
- 4.1.8. Discussion of resolution 201-03 regarding Title 2 preparations resolution
  - 4.1.8.1. Poll launched for Title II preparations how do you vote? resolution in support of the UFS resolution
    - 4.1.8.1.1.1. **In Favor 100% (38), Opposed (0), resolution in favor of Title II preparations passes**
- 4.1.9. Discussion of resolution 201-04 Resolution Supporting FCCC
  - 4.1.9.1. Call for discussion around endorsement of resolution
  - 4.1.9.2. Poll launched for Supporting FCCC, how do you vote?

- 4.1.9.2.1.1.1. In Favor 100% (38), Opposed (0), resolution in favor of supporting FCCC passes
- 4.1.10. Discussion of resolution 201-06 rejecting loyalty oaths
  - 4.1.10.1. Call for comments and questions
  - 4.1.10.2. Poll launched for Governance in Texas, how do you vote?
  - 4.1.10.3. In Favor 100% (37), Opposed (0), resolution in favor of supporting Governance in Texas passes
- 4.1.11. Discussion of resolution 201-05 Defending not signing Petitions of "Loyalty Oaths"
  - 4.1.11.1. Call for comments and questions
  - 4.1.11.2. Poll launched for signing petition of "Loyalty Oaths"
  - 4.1.11.3. In Favor 100% (38), Opposed (0), resolution in favor of defending not signing Loyalty Oaths passes
- 4.2. Accommodative Services revised language proposal
  - 4.2.1. Discussion of Proposal by APSA and from floor
    - 4.2.1.1. Document in FS meeting materials, discussion of policy would make an accommodated services statement required, and use of standard language
    - 4.2.1.2. Concern mentioned regarding syllabi statements and how statement protects faculty; will ensure students will see this the same way everywhere, would give students access to forms
    - 4.2.1.3. Discussion regarding what is in italic being what is put in syllabi
    - 4.2.1.4. Call for questions and comments from floor, none heard
    - 4.2.1.5. Poll launched regarding the motion on Accommodative Services revised language proposal, how do you vote?
      - 4.2.1.5.1.1. In favor 100% (36) Opposed (0)
- 5. Announcements
  - a. Banner 9 roll-out was discussed and BearPAWS end of life and link shared in chat
  - b. President's and Chancellor's Award nominations
    - i. Discussed nominations are live, deadline Dec 1st
  - c. Teaching Effectiveness Conference is on November 15, 2025, at SUNY Potsdam, please [register here for the Teaching Effectiveness Conference](#) (or email [acs1v@potsdam.edu](mailto:acs1v@potsdam.edu))
    - i. For more information, email [acs1v@potsdam.edu](mailto:acs1v@potsdam.edu)
  - d. Trio and services discussed regarding support for students, foundation of program; referring students to please fill out cards on website; announcement of a program and luncheon Friday November 7th, in the Student Union 12-2pm.
- 2. Call for anything from floor
  - a. Crane self-study and visits to campus; thank you and kudos to faculty
  - b. October is Breast Cancer awareness month



Call to adjourn meeting from Jess Pearson

Meeting adjourned 5:33 pm - by Jess Pearson

Notes by Sheila Rae Neal, Faculty Senate Secretary