

Faculty Senate Meeting November 20, 2025
Minutes

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

1. Welcome and Chair's Report
 - 1.1. Welcome to FS meeting
 - 1.2. Agenda approved, Minutes from 10/23/25 approved
 - 1.3. Agenda minutes are available and posted on FS website
 - 1.4. Discussed meeting date changes for Faculty Senate for Spring 2026
 - 1.4.1. Q&A and second to last FS meeting changed
 - 1.4.2. website will be updated to reflect
 - 1.5. Discussion on Minor discontinuations
 - 1.5.1. FSEC's decision on 5 discontinued minors presented
 - 1.5.2. Faculty Senate does not need to vote on these
 - 1.5.3. Report to the Dean and Provost will be sent from FSEC
2. President Suzanne Smith reported on
 - 2.1. Process followed for discretionary increase distributions, equitability across the system, follow up with Dean or your Vice President with any questions
 - 2.2. Professional days planned on Jan 12 and 13th
 - 2.3. Association of Colleges and State Universities meeting topics DEI, AI, Finances, Presentation on Creativity and Imagination, and conference theme Imagine the Possibilities
 - 2.3.1. No questions asked from floor
3. Provost Susan Perkins reported
 - 3.1. Follow up on Academic Momentum
 - 3.1.1. Thank you to those attending meetings and providing information on forms, we are collecting information
 - 3.2. 5 will be heading to Albany on December 8th
 - 3.3. Title 2 compliance, web compliance, accessibility, still have a deadline, and primary focus is on retraining and creating content the right way
 - 3.4. Spring will be a period of training, best practices, will be woven into our professional development days
 - 3.5. Winter Holiday Book club, reading and panel discussion during Professional development days
 - 3.6. Shiho and Arts and Sciences awarded grant to embed professional credentials into Bachelor's degree involving Psychology, Politics, and English
4. Grant awarded for the Rural Student Success Network
5. A&S academic division model update reported by Shiho Imai
 - 5.1. First division leaders, Second division leaders, Third Division leaders reported
 - 5.2. For questions please reach out to Shiho Imai
6. ACTION ITEMS

- 6.1. Discussed deactivation of International Studies Program
 - 6.1.1. Discussed downsizing, elimination of majors, and offering enough classes for a minor
 - 6.1.2. Discussed making major viable again in the future
 - 6.1.3. Vote taken on **"Regarding the motion on the floor, the deactivation of the International Studies Program, how do you vote?"** and motion passes; in favor 87% (35), Opposed 12 % (5) (40 votes total)
- 6.2. Discussed MS Curriculum Studies as a new degree created from existing, program that will be moved online, reduces number of electives by 1/3
 - 6.2.1. Discussed MEd Curriculum and Instruction
 - 6.2.2. Graduate Affairs Committee approved programs
 - 6.2.3. Business Affairs Committee approved programs
 - 6.2.4. Vote taken on **"Regarding the motion on the floor, the revision to the MS Curriculum Studies, how do you vote?"** and motion passes; in favor 100% (42), Opposed 0 (0) (42 votes total)
 - 6.2.5. Vote take on **"Regarding the motion on the floor, distance delivery proposal for MS Curriculum Studies, how do you vote?"**and motion passes; in favor 97% (38), Opposed 2% (1) (39 votes total)
 - 6.2.6. Vote taken on **"Regarding the motion on the floor, a distance delivery proposal for MEd Curriculum & Instruction, how do you vote?"** and motion passes; in favor 95% (39), Opposed 4% (2) (41 votes total)
- 7. Standing Committee Reports
 - 7.1. Academic Programs and Curriculum (APCC) reported on two charges
 - 7.1.1. PEHW attributes changes, and would like to see some wording changes regarding students with disabilities
 - 7.1.1.1. FSEC sent question to group to consider
 - 7.1.2. Looking at curriculum impact that A&S restructuring will have and what impact it will be to the council representation, and will be writing and submitting a report to FSEC
 - 7.2. Admissions committee reported on numbers close to last year as 18 deposits, 2500 applications, and up numbers compared to 2024
- 8. New Business
 - 8.1. See Links below for Electronic & Information Technology and announcements (also see the "Agenda" for these same links)
 - 8.2. Please nominate students for Chancellor Award for Students
 - 8.3. Please nominate faculty for awards

Call to adjourn meeting from Jess Pearson

Meeting adjourned 4:45 pm - by Jess Pearson



Notes by Sheila Rae Neal, Faculty Senate Secretary
Announcements

[EIT \(Electronic & Information Technology\) Accessibility Questions – Fill out form](#) - If you have any questions or comments regarding the implementation of the new EIT accessibility requirements, please let us know here.

[SUNY EIT Accessibility Resources Webpage](#)

[SUNY Universal Design for Learning \(UDL\) website](#) – Seminars for making documents, Brightspace, PowerPoints accessible. The three presentations from this semester (videos [video 20](#), [video 21](#), [video 22](#), 23) are very specific to those needs, the link to video 23 won't be available for a few days (seminar was yesterday!).