

Faculty Senate Meeting April 16, 2026
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Jess Pearson at 4:03 p.m.

1. Welcome and Chair's Report
 - 1.1. Agenda for April 17, 2026 meeting approved, no changes
 - 1.2. Minutes approved from 03/05/26, no changes
 - 1.3. Agenda minutes are available and posted on FS website
 - 1.4. Kadi Palmer will speak from SGA today
2. President Suzanne Smith reported
 - 2.1. Discussed thank you to everyone for support during a difficult time
 - 2.2. Discussed thank you to faculty for bringing students to campus, examples of recruiting
 - 2.3. Discussed upcoming events on campus
 - 2.4. Discussed evaluation
 - 2.5. Call for questions for the President, none asked
3. Kadi Palmer, SGA President reported
 - 3.1. Announced full e-board coming up for next year
 - 3.2. Discussed attending SUNY Student Assembly
 - 3.3. Discussed upcoming campus events
 - 3.4. Call for questions, none asked
4. Provost Susan Perkins reported
 - 4.1. Discussed thank you to faculty for outreach events
 - 4.2. Discussed campus upcoming events, Accepted Student Days
 - 4.3. Announced new Dean of Crane, Andrew Mast
 - 4.4. Discussed not choosing a Dean of School of Education & Professional Studies, search will be repeated, two deans in place now
 - 4.5. Discussed Re-entry simulation workshop
 - 4.6. Discussed upcoming campus event on April 24th showcase
 - 4.7. Call for questions, none asked from the floor
5. Jacqueline Richardson-Melecio, Chief Diversity Officer reported
 - 5.1. Discussed thank you for support of Student Success Equity Initiative events and Student Journey Mapping initiatives on campus, and upcoming meeting on campus on May 7th, and virtual confidential focus groups on April 21st
 - 5.2. Discussed First Generation program, and looking for volunteer faculty and staff to assist
 - 5.3. Discussed DEI Symposium in the Fall, October 15th and October 16th, announced speaker and call for papers
6. Laura Brown, reported on Adolescent in Education Program Revision in English Language Arts and Social Studies
 - 6.1. Discussed changes to program name, Adolescence for Science and Math, and BS Adolescence for English and Social Studies

- 6.2. Discussed, does not change setup of courses or programs
- 6.3. Discussed changing of the name only
- 6.4. Call for Discussion from floor made by Jess Pearson before vote
- 6.5. Call for Vote on program
 - 6.5.1. **Vote on Revision of the BS in Adolescent Ed- English, Language, Arts and Social Studies motion passed, 36 votes in favor (97%), 1 vote opposed (2%)**
- 6.6. Call for Discussion on program from floor made by Jess Pearson before vote
- 6.7. Call for Vote on program taken
 - 6.7.1. **Vote on Revision of the BS in Adolescent Ed- Science and Mathematics motion passed, 34 votes in favor (97%), 1 vote opposed (2%)**
- 7. Stephanie Claxton reported on Posthumous Degree Policy
 - 7.1. Discussed Posthumous degree policy alignment with SUNY policy
 - 7.2. Discussion and questions from floor
 - 7.3. Call for Vote on policy
 - 7.3.1. **Vote on Posthumous Degree Policy passed, 33 votes in favor (94%), 2 votes opposed (5%)**
- 8. Liberty Stanavage reported on Academic Integrity Process
 - 8.1. Discussed Academic Integrity policy, and no changes to formal policy, call for more clear reporting and data, and clarification
 - 8.2. Patrick Meldrim reported on process
 - 8.3. Discussion from floor
 - 8.4. Call for Vote on policy
 - 8.4.1. **Vote on Academic Integrity Process passed, 35 votes in favor (94%), 2 votes opposed (5%)**
- 9. Stephanie Claxton reported on Liberal Arts Requirement Policy
 - 9.1. Discussed policy in catalog not in alignment with SUNY and NYSED
 - 9.2. Liberty Stanavage reported APSA in support of policy
 - 9.3. Call for discussion, no more from floor
 - 9.4. Call for Vote on policy
 - 9.4.1. **Vote on Liberal Arts Requirement Policy passed, 35 votes in favor (97%), 1 votes opposed (2%)**
- 10. Gordon Plague reported on Credit load policy
 - 10.1. Discussed overloads policy in catalog versus credit load policy on the web page inconsistency
 - 10.2. Discussed change to add no failing grades or U grades if a student takes a class SPU
 - 10.3. Discussion on language
 - 10.4. Discussion from APSA regarding making changes, adding language to policy, fees, and putting a cap to the number of semester overloads by a student
 - 10.5. Discussion on floor regarding policy
 - 10.6. Motion made on floor to propose to postpone this policy to next meeting
 - 10.7. Second from floor on motion

- 10.8. Call for discussion from floor on motion
- 10.9. Jess Pearson to call for discussion only on postponement not on policy
 - 10.9.1. Discussion from floor regarding moving the motion to April 30th
 - 10.9.2. Last motion on floor [to postpone this to April 30th], 34 votes in favor (94%), 2 votes opposed (5%)
- 11. Standing Committee Reports
 - 11.1. Student Affairs Committee chair Maria Freitas Ladouceur reported Faculty Award student candidates, Chancellor Award Candidates
 - 11.2. Nominations Committee, Blair Madore reported

Call to adjourn meeting from Jess Pearson

Meeting adjourned 5:47 pm by Jess Pearson

Notes by Sheila Rae Neal, Faculty Senate Secretary