Arts & Sciences Senate Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021
3:30PM - 5:00PM
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order 3:30PM

2. Acceptance of the Agenda
   The motion to accept the agenda is carried.

3. Approval of December 2020 Meeting Minutes:
   The approval of the December 14, 2020 minutes is carried.

4. J. Torre introduced and welcomed Dr. E. Newman as Vice Provost for Curriculum and Undergraduate Education, and congratulated her on her new appointment.

5. Report of the Academic Standing & Appeals Committee (R. Kline)
   - The committee approved close to 60% of student appeals in Fall 2020.

6. Presentation from Interim Dean of University Libraries (Interim Dean Fazal)
   - Links shared by Janet Clarke, Library Associate Dean of Research & User Engagement:
     - Laptop loan program: https://library.stonybrook.edu/services/access-services/laptop-loan-program/
     - Library Liaisons: https://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/profiles
     - Upcoming events: https://library.stonybrook.edu/library-events/
     - Open access resources:
       https://library.stonybrook.edu/scholarly-communication/open-access/open-access-resources/
     - Academic Commons repository: https://commons.library.stonybrook.edu/
     - Open Educational Resources: https://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/oer/home
     - Data management plans:
       https://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/research-data-services/management
     - Digital Projects:
       https://exhibits.library.stonybrook.edu/s/digital-projects/page/welcome
     - Documenting COVID-19 Project:
     - Internships: https://library.stonybrook.edu/about-us/employment/
     - Diversity Initiatives: https://library.stonybrook.edu/equity-inclusion-diversity/
7. **Report** of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (G. Russo)

8. **Old Business:**
   - N. Goodman raised concerns over the CAS Dean not appearing and reporting at every scheduled meeting
   - Jason Torre responded that the A&S Executive Committee is scheduled to meet with all the Deans on March 11th to discuss Senate reporting, and would report back.

9. **New Business:**
   - **Spring 2021 Elections Update:**
     - Departmental Representatives.
       - Proposal to change departmental representatives’ elections from April to March as a one time only realignment.
       - Poll: 85% Yes.
     - The secretaries of both the university Senate and the A&S senate are coming together to form an ad hoc elections committee to help oversee and coordinate the elections across University, A&S, PEG, and CEAS senate as appropriate.
     - Senator At-Large Executive Committee Member
       - N. Goodman nominated J. Sanders to serve and Jonathan accepted. J. Torre will make a formal appointment in EC.

   - **2021 Bylaws Review**
     - The bylaws need to be reviewed every three years and a request was made for anyone interested in serving on a small ad hoc committee to do so.

10. **Adjournment:** 5:00 PM