I. Meeting called to order by Senate President Nancy Tomes at 3:30 PM. A motion to approve the agenda carried.

II. Welcome from Nancy Tomes, President of the University Senate
   Tomes noted one of the issues the Senate still has to face is the fate of our 2020 spring elections. The Executive Committee is rethinking the timing of these elections. Due to the pandemic crisis, the SL2 position has not yet been filled, so we have no help in preparing the ballot. Also, it is hard to do the fact checking and ID number necessary to prepare the SOLAR ballot. SoEC proposes the following:
   1. We will elect, by electronic ballot, the three Statewide Senators that we need to represent us at the SUNY University Faculty Senate.
   2. We will vote at the May 4 University Senate meeting, using the Zoom polling technology, to elect a new Secretary Treasurer of the University Senate.
   3. The rest of the election process will be postponed until early fall, including the call for nominations, the submission and vetting of candidates, and the vote on those nominated.

III. A motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2020 University Senate meeting carried.

IV. Report, Discussion and Vote on resolution regarding stopping of tenure clock.
   The resolution can be found here: https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/univ-senate/resolutions/2019/Resolution%20on%20Tenureclock%20Final.pdf
   Fred Walter discussed the resolution which stated the tenure clock for all current Jr Faculty will be extended. Faculty will have the option to opt-out and stay on schedule.
   The Senate vote will support for the provost’s office in lobbying for this change, which needs to be approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees in Albany.
   Comments:
   J. Heinz - UUP Academic Council voted unanimously to support this
   J. Sanders - Can the incoming President be asked to support this?
   P. Manning - What can we do to support Graduate Students, since this issue applies to them too?
   E. Wertheimer - We are working on adjusting considerations for graduate students too.

   The Motion on the resolution to extend the Jr Faculty tenure clock was voted via Zoom poll and carried.

V. Discussion with Interim President Michael Bernstein
The current state of affairs has changed drastically, thanks to University Administration, UPD, Student Affairs, CELT, faculty, staff, and students.

- As of 4/6, SBU has had:
  - 7,000 zoom meetings
  - 113,000 participants
  - 4.8 million meeting minutes
  - 4,000 active BlackBoard classes
  - 46,000 lecture videos watched on ECHO 360

Summary of Noteworthy Actions:
- Websites have been developed on West & HSC campus for FAQ’s for campus community.
- A triage site in the commuter parking lot of the Hospital has been established.
- The COVID test site has been established in the South P-Lot
- ACE and FEMA are building a 1,000 bed field hospital on campus.
- The majority of students have been moved off campus. Food service, etc. has been maintained for them.
- VISA/Immigration issues are being handled in non-residential setting.
- A decontamination facility is being created in conjunction with BNL.
- All elective critical care has been shut down at a significant revenue loss.
- A quarantine site has been established in the resident halls on Southampton campus.
- The University has moved to fully online academic delivery
- We are looking into how to handle out of state enrollment activities.
- We are addressing promotion and tenure policies.
- Donation of PPE for hospital employees, computers, iPads, for Telemedicine and other activities
- Food is being provided for hospital workers and staff.
- All Arts, Cultural, and Athletics activities have been shut down.
- Employee wellness programs are being provided online.
- Hand sanitizer is being produced by CHE dept.
- Engineering teams, medical leadership and SHTM are trying to develop new ventilator technologies.
- Our new University President, Maurie McInnis, has engaged in ongoing campus community projects while Interim President Bernstein works with her as she transitions into her new role.

QUESTIONS
- E. Feldman
  - Question - Cuomo says the State is now broke. Do we have any idea yet how state finances will impact our campus community
Answer - No. Our task is to track our costs and expenses and report them out. We are gathering information and will seek reimbursement.

A. Lewis - Editor from the Statesmen
- Question - Seniors are furious Commencement was cancelled. Has it changed your opinion? Will there be one later in the summer?
- Answer - Our immediate focus is on a virtual event. We will continue to research future options. I understand why folks are concerned.

J. Dubnau: is there a commitment from the admin to return to full face-to-face education as soon as the crisis has receded?
- Answer - We are committed to returning to normal as soon as we can. We recognize this will look different in the future. It could be a hybrid model; we don’t know what the next few months looks like.

F. Walter
- Questions - When will we learn how the Fall semester teaching will be conducted?
- Answer - I don’t have a deadline at the moment. We are proceeding to plan for a normal fall semester but the next few weeks will determine things. We would all like to see a normal on-time fall semester.

A. Lewis: there are 21 confirmed COVID-19 cases at SBU right now. Are they students? Where are they? Are they isolated?
- Answer - I don’t have that information available right now.

Senior VP for Government and Community Relations/Chief Deputy to the President, Judith Greiman discussed the State Budget as passed by the legislature and noted the following:
- budget was completed at the end of last week.
- State was experiencing a financial gap before COVID-19, with the gap significantly widening.
- it is unique in that it has provided significant broad authority to the Governor for 3 distinct time periods.
- budget cuts are supposed to be across the board and may be made up to 3 different times throughout the upcoming year.
- legalization of marijuana did not make budget
- K-12 aid received an increase with no change in allocation and adjustments may be made during the year.
- a redesign team was created for Medicaid and most recommendations have been enacted with a delayed date.

Impact on Stony Brook
- Share payments not cut for our hospital
- Gov. proposed tuition increase over 5 years, not passed
- Opportunity programs funded at same level
• Gov proposed to change the way Centers for Excellence are funded, not fully supported
• Secured 9 million dollars from the Stadium - redirected to Engineering Bldg.
• Hospital secured 50 million in capital funding, state does not pick up debt service funding
• 200 million capital matching program secured

V. Discussion with Interim Provost Minghua Zhang
Provost Zhang thanked faculty and staff for accommodating online education. He noted CELT has responded to “Zoom bombing” concerns and was addressed under the charge of Patricia Aceves.

Laura Littlefield will lead the COVID Task force, charged with making policy recommendations related to academic affairs during this crisis addressing:
- Lab courses
- Online exams and assessment
- Technologies
- Faculty affairs
- Tenure Policy
- Graduate affairs
- Research policy and academic implications
- Clinical affairs
- Online pedagogy and standards.

All undergrad instruction for Summer Session II & II will be done remotely. No high school instruction will be held this summer. The Provost asked for patience and ideas as we grow through this process together.

Q: Axel Drees- Graduate students were told they would not be able to return to campus to do research in labs. There is a lot of anxiety here for students and faculty
A: - This information relates only to online instruction.
    - Eric Wertheimer, Dean of Graduate School - message will be going out to GPCs soon on how graduate students can remain active outside the lab and meet research grant needs.

Q:A. Lewis- for the COVID-19 Task Force, are contingency plans being handled if the fall semester is offered online?
A: We are thinking about this; it is being worked out. It will be communicated to the campus community once we know. We need to make contingency plans in the event people can't return for the fall.

Q: Thomas Sanford, Graduate Student- Students are concerned about how pass/no credit will affect graduate students. Does Stony Brook have a stance on this?
A: from Eric Wertheimer - it’s a difficult decision for grad students to make. We encourage them to work closely with advisors to figure out what is best for their standing. Whatever happens this semester should not count against you for your standing. We are trying to limit that effect.
A: from Minghua Zhang - We won’t hold a student back based on their decision of pass/no pass.

VI. Discussion with Senior Vice President of Health Sciences Kenneth Kaushansky


Clinical situation / HOSPITAL STATUS
- 400 patients have been identified as having COVID-19 (⅓ of normal hospital capacity)
- ½ in ICU, and 100 on mechanical ventilation
- we have 20 or 25 ventilators left
- 26 patients were discharged last week, we also have patients passing away
- There is an increase of curve in those staying, patient stays averaging about 15 days
- NYC admissions curve has begun to flatten
- our PPE is in better supply and we are able to sterilize N95 masks for reuse
- the temporary hospital being built on the north side of campus is still new and no plans have been set yet

Education / MEDICAL SCHOOL
- The School of Medicine is graduating students 7 weeks early in 2 days via a virtual graduation so they are able to work for SBUH during this crisis.
- We are working with Deans in SHTM to get students out early to work, but accrediting agencies are bringing up compliance issues.
- All east campus courses are online and we have obtained software to do virtual anatomy.
- Experiential learning via Telehealth is challenging.

Highlights of Research Side of East Campus
- We are working to better understand and treat the virus.
- We are conducting clinical trials
  - A new drug designed during Ebola epidemic is being used in trials
  - Inflammation is a major part of COVID 19, and once targeted is a critical component of treatment.
  - The most promising way to treat this, going back to a treatment used in the 1890’s, is plasma from those who have had COVID-19 and collect antibodies.
  - Hydroxychloroquine & Azithromycin are in clinical trials to prevent healthcare workers from developing the infection, as well as studying if we can prevent progression of COVID-19.
- SOM, SHTM and CEAS are working together to produce PPE. CEAS has designed face shields, ventilator splitters, and are building new ventilators while applying for approval.

E. Feldman-Thank you for your comprehensive report to the Senate. It was very useful.
Q: Patients on ventilators, are they on them longer now, and what is the success rate of being taken off them?
A: Some get off the ventilator for 1 week, some in excess of 2 weeks. It varies greatly. Many patients are being extubated more frequently, which is a good sign.

Q: K. Masterson- Can you tell us more about the Hydroxychloroquine study? Do you have experience in trials/usage?
A: No, we don’t have experience in trials. Studies are for both inpatient and outpatient. Healthcare worker trials are randomized and the Gates foundation is considering similar studies. Results should be evident in about 1-2 months.
Comment: T. Sanford - Pass thanks on to doctors working in this area.

Q: J. Dubnau - Can recovering COVID patients go to SBUH to donate plasma/antibodies?
A: We are working on it, pending IRB approval

Q:A. Lewis- How many doctors were added by SOM seniors graduating early?
A: 50-60 new graduates are working in the hospital with more stable COVID-19 patients.

Q: C. Kube -Are we going to be able to get the 15 minute COVID test?
A: FDA just approved the test, and yes we are going to be using it as we were part of the study.

Q: T. Wilson- How fast is the test you have now?
A: There are 2 tests: a limited number of nasal tests with a 2-3 day turnaround time and we have rapid tests for healthcare workers.

Q: A. Lewis- How will the temporary hospital operate?
A: It was built before we were asked what we will need it for. We hear it will be for non-COVID patients. They said the same thing about the Javits Center, which is now taking COVID folks. We don’t know for sure.
Q: Will it be staffed by SBUH?
A: Not sure

VII. UUP Report (C. Kube and J. Heinz)

East Campus - C. Kube, HSC Chapter President
The UUP HSC Chapter has suspended all activity since we are in a state of flux. She note all Educational schools are working remotely and virtual workshops will be available at the end of April.

West Campus - J. Heinz, VP Academics
Jeff noted hundreds of requests from members are being addressed by Membership, Communications, and Grievance & Workplace Concerns Committees. UUP West has addressed the requests for more communication from the administration, a work from home policy, etc. They are also addressing hazard pay for those working on campus. During the initial crisis 50-60 graduate students were without housing and UUP partnered with the GSO. UUP found temporary housing for them in the meantime and provided financial aid in getting them temporary housing.

UUP Academic Council has been meeting regularly for a few weeks to deal with the current and future crisis and want to work with the Senate on these issues. There are concerns with what will happen in the fall with budget ramifications and are hoping the faculty need to come together to work with the administration and advocate for public education. Adjuncts and other UUP members who are working overtime are encouraged to document any extra work they are doing. UUP is working to negotiate extra compensation with SUNY.

VIII. Old Business - none

IX. New Business - none

A motion to adjourn at 5:13 PM carried.