



Arts & Sciences Senate

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2026

12:30PM - 1:50PM

(Virtual Meeting via Zoom)

1. Meeting Called To Order at 12:34 PM
2. Agenda was reviewed & approved as distributed.
3. [May 11, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#) and [August 17, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes](#) reviewed & approved as distributed.
4. Welcome & Remarks from A&S Senate President, F. Jason Torre
 - a. Thanks were extended to members for their understanding regarding the cancellation of the September meeting due to the Nor'easter.
 - b. Appreciation was expressed to members answering the call to shared governance service.
5. Presentation & Proposal for SOMAS Name Change, Invited Guest, Dean P. Shepson
 - a. Presented a proposal to change the name of the school to the School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Sustainability Sciences, while retaining the acronym SoMAS
 - b. Motion in support of the SOMAS name change approved by unanimous vote.
6. Discussion: [Stony Brook Guidelines on Promotion & Tenure](#) Impact
 - a. Shared governance survey results and feedback regarding the draft guidelines were reviewed.
 - b. Discussion took place regarding the function and composition of the proposed University-Wide Advisory Committee and its role relative to current PTC standing committees.
 - c. A&S PTC Guidelines Updates
 - i. Timeline Proposal: A proposal was presented to shift the submission due dates for the 2027–2028 cycle (moving the December deadline to align with September) to allow adequate review time across all levels.

d. Bylaws Amendments

i. [Suggested Amendments](#)

- Add Expedited Review at Assistant and Associate level to the PTC-J
- Reduce the Associate rank member's term on the PTC-S from 3 years to 2 years
- Suggestion was made to re-insert the previously included clause recognizing high-impact teaching/curriculum development into section 2.4.3.5 proposed language.

7. Old Business

a. Fall Meeting Schedule,

i. Second Monday of the month at 12:30 - 1:50pm

- September 28 (canceled)
- October 19 (current meeting)
- November 9
- December 14

8. New Business

- a. ASCC Update - K. De Riesthal, Chair: reported on ASCC processing and reminded departments to consult with the Registrar's and Dean's offices regarding policies (for example in-person exams for online classes).
- b. Enrollment Growth Discussion: A senator recommended holding a future open discussion with administration regarding the university's *growth plan*, focusing on infrastructure and classroom space availability.
- c. [A&S Senate Website](#) has been updated & any suggestions were welcomed.

9. Meeting Adjourned at 1:46 pm

In Attendance (53)

Adryan Wallace	Margaret Schedel
Ahmad Pratama	Mariana Torres
Alissa Betz	Marissa Levien
Amalia Napoli	Michael Boerner
Andreas Mayr	Moira Chas
Andrew Flescher	Oleg Smirnov
Andrew Nicholson	Paul Shepson
Anna Maria Gounaris	Paula Di Pasquale-Alvarez
Benedict Robinson	Robert Aller
Bonita London	Robert Gerath
Braden Brinkman	Rosabel Ansari
Carla Caglioti	Sarah Naqvi-Syed
Ceania Gonzales	Sheri Levy
Christina Dahl	Shyam Sharma
Christopher Percival	Sophie Leroy
Clara Tran	Theresa Spadola
David Wrobel	Vick Quezada
Deirdre Dolan	
Diane Bello	
Erika Supria Honisch	
F. Jason Torre	
Jacques Keubeung Fokou	
James Rossie	
Jean Graham	
Jennifer DeVito	
Joanna Kiryluk	
John True	
Jonathan Sanders	
Kaitlin Giglio	
Karim Boughida	
Karin Wilkins	
Katherine Johnston	
Kathleen De Riesthal	
Laurel Scheinfeld	
Leslie Marino	
Madeline Turan	