



Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00-11:00 AM

Online, Zoom

Professional Employees Governance Board Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Michael called the meeting to order.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda: Tracey, seconded by Glen.
- Tracey requests addition of e. Governance and Campus Elections to New Business. Michael accepts as a friendly amendment.

3. Approval of Minutes (from 11/24/25 PEG meeting)

- Michael called for comments, questions or revisions. No responses from group. Minutes accepted as is.

4. Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

a. Co-Chairs, Glen Itzkowitz (east) and Michael Boerner (west)

- Michael: Reported that the U Senate exec board met with provost several times, primary topic is the new president & the transition. Provost but announced at senate meeting that he withdrew from consideration at Indiana. CAPRA & ARC presented at last U Senate meeting. Michael will share the notes from the ARC report. Main challenges continue to be parking, facilities, campus maintenance and operations, understaffing.
- Glen: Reminded group that UUP elections are coming up and announced that he is running for VP professionals. Reported that senate exec met with Pres McCormick several times and that leadership is focused on transition.

(fire drill in SBS - Michael turns meeting over to Glen, Glen calls for UUP reps to present while we wait for Michael to return)

c. UUP reports by UUP HSC & UUP Campus Center chapters

- Bruce reports that ballots for UUP elections will be mailed out this week. Folks that do not receive a ballot should contact the chapter office. Completed ballots must be received by the UUP office by 5PM on 4/18. (Not postmarked, received). HSC UUP is working with statewide on a survey documenting workload creep. Statewide will use the data in contract negotiations. HSC UUP assessing the impacts of NIH funding cuts.

- Glen - Calls to group - Does anyone have information about financial impacts of NIH grant cuts? Please share.
UUP Campus Center
- Michael reports that election dates/process for west campus UUP are the same as HSC side. Michael will check with UUP West president regarding West campus chapter's participation in statewide workload creep survey. Michael reports that UUP West Campus bylaws were recently amended to add AVP professionals positions.
b. University Senate and A&S Senate standing committee reports
- CAPRA - Michael reminds that all reports can be found on U Senate [website](#) under "Spotlight" Michael shared an update from Erica (only PEG member currently sitting on most recent CAPRA meeting. Main topic of discussion was west campus facilities. Did not discuss new budget model/timeline. (Michael shared that provost told CAS senate that shadow year for budget model has been pushed back).
- ARC - Presented results of annual survey (2023-4) at U senate meeting. Report and summarized results can be also found on U senate [website](#).
- ARC - Tracey - next survey will be more expansive. She will bring PEG concerns about survey back to ARC.
- UAC Pamela (University Affairs Committee) - Pres. McCormick & Braden Hosch reported that HR will be distributing a survey on workplace satisfaction.
- SLC David (Student Life Committee) - Met with athletics who may be facing deep cuts in funding due to recent rulings/NCAA rules.

5. Special Orders - nothing

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Professional Staff Senate constitution, bylaws, and operating procedures.
 - Michael reported that drafting remains unfinished and that he will be in touch with the bylaws committee soon.
 - Michael reports that he held 2 election info sessions and several MC folks who were interested in joining PEG/running for the senate attended the sessions. This relates back to earlier discussions of the constituency of the proposed professional senate. Michael asked that suggestions and comments be emailed to the cochairs inbox.
 - Questions and comments were welcomed by Michael.

7. New Business

- a. New University President: [Dr. Andrea Goldsmith](#) -
 - Michael reported on his initial meeting with Dr. Goldsmith at the recent senate meeting.
 - Glen reported on concerns expressed by some folks that Dr. Goldsmith's membership on certain boards will need to be reviewed by COI committee.
 - There was a discussion about Dr. Goldsmith's responses to faculty questions about DEI, campus protests, and immigration raids.
- b. Federal updates/actions

i. <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/federal-updates>

ii. <https://www.rutgers.edu/federal-actions>

c. SUNY Responses

i. 2/10/2025 - SUNY Protocols for Interacting with External Law Enforcement ii. 2/24/2025 - SUNY President's Meeting "No Anticipatory Over-Compliance"

d. 2025-2027 East Campus Co-Chair election - May meeting or later in May? ([Bylaws IV. D.](#))

- There was a discussion of changing titles related to DEI positions.
- There was a discussion of shared governance as it relates to the administration's responses to federal updates and actions.

e. Governance and elections

- There was a discussion of the bylaws related to the timing of upcoming nominations and elections. After discussion, Paula made a motion to present nominations at the final meeting (May) after which electronic ballots will be circulated. (Theresa will manage). Motion seconded by Keri. Motion passes.

8. Announcements

a. University governance elections

i. Nominations - 2/24 to 3/7 (closed)

ii. CAE ballot eligibility review - by 3/31

iii. Voting through SOLAR - 4/7 to 4/18

- There was discussion about the opportunities for greater staff buy in given the transitional period we are in and the importance of getting more staff involved in shared governance. Michael said that he would reach out to Nazanin to get the final list of nominees and remaining vacancies and see if we can encourage folks to run if vacancies still remain.

b. Final Spring PEG business meeting - 5/6/25 at 10am

i. East Campus Co-Chair election will follow (electronic)

9. Adjournment Katelyn Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Theresa. Meeting adjourned.

Helpful links:

PEG Bylaws: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/pegboard/bylaws.php> PEG

Constitution: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/pegboard/constitution.php> PEG

Membership: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/pegboard/Membership.php>

In Attendance:

Michael Boerner
Tracey Iorio
Dominique Barone
Richard Tomczak
Victor Santiago
Scott Campbell
Theresa Spadola
Chris Bill
Kimberly Bell
Philip Doesschate
Kaitlin Giglio
Amanda Flanagan
Jackie Donnelly
Bruce Kube
David Ecker

Keri Hollander
Catherine Gropper
Glen Itzkowitz
Diana Voss
Paula Di Pasquale-Alvarez
Rosalia Davi
Tiffany Friedman
Martha-Ruth Zadok
Wesam Hassanin
Sarah Battaglia
Amy Prokop
Rosalia Davi
Pamela Wolfskill
Avrum Musetti
Odalís Hernandez