

THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Agenda for the 181st Meeting of the Faculty Senate

Thursday, May 15th, 2025 from 3:30 to 4:25pm in 1P-119.

- I. Approval of the proposed agenda
- II. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Senate on April 24th, 2025
- III. Provost's Report
- IV. Executive Committee Report
- V. Consent Agenda:

DEGREE CHANGES

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Department of Chemistry
 - a. Change in existing minor: Chemistry
 - b. Change in existing degree: Chemistry BS and MHC Chemistry BS
 - c. Change in existing degree: Chemistry BA and MHC Chemistry BA
2. Department of Chemistry and Department of Biology
 - a. Change in existing degree: Biochemistry BA and MHC Biochemistry BA
3. Department of Political Science & Global Affairs and Department of Philosophy
 - a. Change in existing minor: Legal Studies

GRADUATE – N/A

NEW COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE

1. Department of Performing and Creative Arts and Program in African and African Diaspora Studies
 - a. New course: ART/AAD 2XX Topics in African Art
2. Department of Chemistry
 - a. New course: CHM 2XX Chemical Calculations

GRADUATE

1. Department of History
 - a. New course: HST 7XX Archaeology and History

CHANGES IN EXISTING COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE

3. Department of Media Culture
 - a. Change in existing course: COM 328 Sports Media

b. Change in existing course: COM 204 Introduction to Online Journalism

GRADUATE – N/A

- VI. University Faculty Senate Report (Prof. John Verzani)
- VII. Reports of the Committees of the Faculty Senate
 - 1. Report from Admissions Committee
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
 - 1. Proposed resolution from the Faculty Senate regarding the creation of a mutual defense pact (Appendix A)
- X. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Faculty Senate Exec Committee

Appendix A: Proposed resolution from the Faculty Senate regarding the creation of a mutual defense pact

WHEREAS we, the Faculty Senate of the College of Staten Island of the City University of New York, believe that institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good, and

WHEREAS the success of the common good depends on the production and dissemination of knowledge and that the accumulation of knowledge requires an environment allowing for a critical, open, unending process conducted with discipline and rigor; and

WHEREAS, the fruits of knowledge are wisdom, respect for justice, and an appreciation of civic duty and that a student-centered urban university system requires a focus on access, affordability, academic excellence, and research and innovation; and

WHEREAS, only by preserving all these qualities can CUNY remain an engine of equity and upward mobility able to advance the well-being of all residents of the City and State of New York; and

WHEREAS we join with faculty colleagues throughout higher education in a call for unity to preserve the central role higher education plays in civic society. Together we stand; divided we fall.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that we urge the CUNY Board of Trustees and the CUNY Chancellery to propose and take a leading role in establishing an alliance among the public colleges and university of New York State in defense of higher education, research, and academic freedom. Under this alliance, all participating institutions would cooperate to support any member institution under direct political or legal infringement. Such support would come by mobilizing constituencies to preserve the institutions and resources they have built to further the common good and to recognize and respond to attacks on the fundamental right to higher education.

THEREFORE, Let it be further resolved that, in instances of direct political interference, participating institutions would make available the combined services of their legal counsel, governance experts, and public affairs officers to coordinate a vigorous and unified response. We further call on the state to engage in necessary legal actions and provide financial support to CUNY and SUNY to defend the integrity and principles of higher education in the State of New York.

FINALLY, Let it be resolved that we call on the City University of New York to refuse to comply with illegal governmental overreach that undermines a university's academic decision-making and self-governance; defend freedom of inquiry; refuse to share student records with federal authorities seeking to suppress dissent that is protected within the law, unless required to by a judicial warrant; engage with media at all levels to shed a light on these issues; lobby legislators at all levels to assert their constitutional powers; resist attacks on sanctuary cities, which are defended by New York State law; and engage alumni to support the institution that supported them.