

Minutes of the Faculty and Staff Assembly Meeting – November 27, 2023

This meeting was recorded and available here – [Center-wide Assembly meeting with Dr. Riley on Livestream](#).

- President Riley spoke about:
 - SUNY Budget
 - The governor approved the 2023-24 budget enacted and gave the first major dollar infusion to the system in over 20 years
 - Nearly 2 billion in capital support
 - \$53 billion for new faculty salary & benefits
 - \$66 million for hospital relief, \$12 million for Downstate
 - Medicaid and other rate increases should contribute to Downstate as well
 - Net patient revenue increased 30%
 - Facilities Update
 - The cafeteria project is estimated to complete phase 1 in October 2024; full completion in June 2025.
 - The new generator fuel oil tank project is currently in progress
 - More hydration stations will be rolling out
 - MICU renovation
 - N62 conversion from 2 to 1-bed unit
 - Lactation rooms
 - Flooding offices being renovated
 - Personnel Update
 - Dr. Teresa Smith appointed as the Chair for Dept. Of Emergency Medicine
 - Downstate Honors ceremony held
 - Remembering John Zubrovich
 - Student Affairs
 - By enrollment, Downstate is the largest medical school of SUNY & NYC; 2nd largest in NYS. Enrolment total =869
 - Highest number of women (447)
 - Highest with Latinos & African Americans (96)
 - 98% matching rate
 - Faculty Data
 - Currently, 148 tenured faculty at downstate, 131 on the tenure track in the College of Medicine
 - Challenging recruiting faculty due to cost of living
 - Human Resources Update
 - Public Safety Update
 - Foundation Property Acquisitions/Projects
 - University Hospital at Downstate (UHD) Advocacy

After several updates from Dr. Riley, a questions and answer session was opened to the attendees.

- Drs. Kane Gillespie and Jeffrey Putman gave an update on the Middle States.



- Senator Ferguson reported on the previous plenary session of the senate, which occurred in October 2023.