

## 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
    - Governor approved 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Department 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.



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