

**Date:** June 25, 2025

**Time:** 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**Location:** Via Zoom

**Agenda**

- Presiding Officer's welcome remarks
- Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business.
- Good and Welfare
- Adjourn

**Present:**

Allen Norin	Daniel Ehlke
Edeline Mitton	
Vikram Pagpatan	Veronika Arikian
Lori Hoepner	Mark Stewart
Ramaswamy Viswanathan	Chella Kamarajan
Natalie Ferguson	Nicholas Penington
Nkiruka Nwokoye	Joanne Ritter-Teitel
Adiebonye Jumbo	Alithia Alleyne
	Katherine Perkins

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order: 4:32 pm. PO Norin opened the meeting, noting it as the final executive committee meeting of the academic year.

**II. Agenda Overview**

PO Norin reviewed the agenda, which included his final report, old business, new business, and remarks from incoming officers.

**III. Presiding Officer's Report**

- PO Norin expressed appreciation to the Elections and Nominations Committee, especially Chair Joanne Ritter-Teitel, and to the Bylaws Chair, member Perkins, for

conducting a successful election with over 400 participants, approximately 20% more than usual.

- He shared insights from President Riley, who praised faculty governance's pivotal role in the hospital development initiative but expressed concerns regarding future political and administrative support tied to the upcoming gubernatorial election.
- PO Norin emphasized the need for ongoing vigilance and engagement by the Assembly, particularly under incoming leadership.

#### **IV. Acknowledgments**

- Member Penington praised PO. Norin's steady leadership highlighted faculty governance as a stabilizing force.
- Member Jumbo expressed gratitude for being nominated and emphasized pride in advocacy work in Albany.
- Member Viswanathan noted significant improvement in Assembly activity and cohesion, contrasted with years when the body did not meet.
- Ms. Alleyne delivered a heartfelt tribute, referencing a pivotal moment during a UFS plenary when PO Norin confidently defended Downstate, inspiring unity. Advocated for a SUNY Shared Governance Award nomination due to demonstrated institutional cohesion.
- Secretary Mitton commended PO Norin's mentorship and leadership and expressed readiness for continued involvement.

PO Norin reflected on his term, emphasizing collaborative success and continuing challenges ahead. The unexpected responsibilities during his term included frequent interaction with the Chancellor, the Commissioner of Health, and key administrators. PO Norin also mentioned the success of indirect faculty actions that advanced the institution's standing, including collaborations with UUP.

#### **V. Old Business**

No items were raised.

#### **VI. New Business**

- Members emphasized the importance of maintaining strong inter-campus communication during the summer, particularly in light of possible research funding cuts.
- Member Hoepner raised concerns about a lack of structured summer engagement and advocated for aligning more closely with SUNY-wide governance efforts.
- Member Viswanathan proposed regular pre-senate meetings between the SUNY Senators and President Riley to improve strategy alignment and ensure shared awareness of institutional priorities.
- Discussion ensued on whether the Executive Committee should meet in July or August. Historically, July was a recess period, with meetings resuming in August.
- Incoming Presiding Officer Roman will determine final scheduling. Administrative support will follow up.

## **VII. Remarks by Incoming Officers**

- Member Stewart, the incoming Presiding Officer-Elect, expressed appreciation and readiness to support governance efforts.
- Secretary Mitton plans to follow up with PO Roman regarding meeting agendas and communication plans.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by member Viswanathan, seconded by member Penington. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.