

University Council Minutes

April 28, 2023

Two publicly noticed locations were used:

4 Park Ave. New York, NY 10016 &

AppleTree Business Park; 2875 Union Road, Suite 34, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Non present members attended via Microsoft Teams

Presiding Meeting: John Maggiore, Chair; President Lisa Vollendorf

Members Present: John Maggiore

Members Virtual: Roberta Reardon, Arlene González-Sánchez, Donna Luh, Patricia Salkin, Albert Culler

Administrative Staff: Matthew Barron, Marly Norris

Call to Order 11:00a.m. - Chairman John Maggiore

John Maggiore made a motion to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously.

Council Business

- I. Report from the President Vollendorf:
 - a. Resolution brought forward to change from a College Council to a University Council.
 - i. Motion made by Patricia Salkin, seconded by Roberta Reardon. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. President Vollendorf thanks everyone for being a part of her Inauguration in March. Mentioned it was the first inauguration for new SUNY Chancellor, John King, Jr.
 - c. On March 22, 2023, officially changed to University status.
 - d. Launched strategic plan, called “Elevate 28”, and debuted new Mission Statement during that time as well.
 - i. Around 4,200 different inputs from numerous University components to create the strategic plan framework.
 - e. Motion made to endorse the Strategic Framework and Mission Statement
 - i. Motion made by Roberta Reardon, seconded by Albert Culler.
 - ii. Discussion closed; Motion passed unanimously.
- II. Report from Student Senate, Thalia MacMillan
 - a. The Student Senate has met four times since the last Council meeting.
 - i. Numerous updates have been discussed:
 1. SUNY General Education policy was updated, so they had to update their policies as well.
 2. New pathways for bachelor’s degrees to master’s degrees.

3. Evaluated their governance structure and submitted their report.
- III. Report from Student Government President, Matthew Berge
 - a. SGA Elections are underway, and there is more participation than in the Fall of 2021 which had the strongest ever turnout for SGA.
 - b. SGA Student Survey is out, and a report will be made available on May 9th.
 - IV. New Business:
 - a. Discussion of Next University Council dates.
 - b. Three spring commencements are coming up, and Council is invited to attend.
 - V. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn meeting made by Arlene Gonzalez-Sanchez, seconded by Patricia Salkin. Motion passes unanimously.
 - b. Meeting adjourned at 11:40am

Council meeting note:

The Executive Order that governed open meetings laws has expired, however, based on updates to the Open Meetings Law, we can now hold University Council meetings in multiple locations, if they are open to the public and noticed ahead of time.

“Any member who participates at a physical location that is open to in-person physical attendance by the public (and which location has been included in the meeting notice) may count toward a quorum and may fully participate and vote in the meeting. If there is a quorum of members at a physical location open to the public, the public body may properly convene a meeting.

A member who is participating from a remote location that is not open to in-person physical attendance by the public may not be counted toward a quorum of the public body (but may participate and vote if there is a quorum of members at a physical location open to the public).”