

SECRETARY'S REPORT NO. 416

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate met in regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 3:30 PM in Saxbe Auditorium in Drinko Hall, with Interim Provost Karla Zadnik presiding. There were 125 voting senators in attendance (89%), either in person or remotely. This report, along with the agenda, materials and verbatim recording constitute the minutes for this meeting.

The Senate:

1. Approved Secretary's Report #415.
2. Secretary Gardner welcomed Provost Ravi Bellamkonda as University Senate and expressed on behalf of the body gratitude for the Provost for presiding over today's meeting.
3. Provost Bellamkonda shared his enthusiasm for joining the work of the University Senate and for having the opportunity at a future meeting to share with the body his vision for academic excellence and the path forward.
4. Secretary Gardner presented the 2025-26 Senate calendar, which was approved by the body.
5. Sabrina Durso, President of the Council of Graduate Students, presented CGS RESOLUTION 2425-FA-001: A Resolution Regarding OTDI Policy on Licensing, Technology Accessibility, and Software Updates. The resolution was approved.
6. Sue Sutherland, Chair of the Council on Academic Affairs, presented the CAA proposal to establish the Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society. During debate regarding the proposal, an amendment was proposed by faculty senator Ashley Hope Pérez (A&H) to amend the Whereas statements to include language calling for fiscal accountability, including ensuring that the center has sufficient resources to pay each scholar's salary and benefits to retirement and a commitment to the cost neutrality of the Center to the university. The amendment was discussed and then a motion to postpone vote on the amendment until the next meeting, should the proposal itself be passed, was approved. The vote on the original proposal was called, and the motion failed (final vote 57 Yes / 64 No / 4 Abstain).
7. The meeting adjourned at 5:25PM.