

## Messages From Philippe Abraham and Ezra Zubrow

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“Serving on your college governance body mutually benefits you as a member of the campus community and your institution. So, get involved!”

— Philippe Abraham  
UUP VP for Professionals

”Shared governance is the future of SUNY. It is critical that the sharing is shared and that the governance governs.”

— Ezra Zubrow  
UB Faculty Senate Chair

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TOGETHER  
WE MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE



UUP President Fred Kowal addresses the Faculty Senate at Maritime College in October 2013.

## What do your campus Faculty Senate and the University Faculty Senate do?

“... faculty of each college shall have the obligation to participate significantly in the initiation, development, and implementation of the educational program.” [Article X, Section 4 of the Policies of the Board of Trustees (2006)]. In general, the Faculty Senate and SUNY University Senate are responsible for the shared governance of the academic mission of the educational program.

## Why should I get involved with my Faculty Senate and/or the SUNY University Senate?

**STAY INFORMED:** Issues affecting SUNY, your campus, your colleagues—and ultimately you!—are discussed at campus Senate and SUNY University Senate meetings. It’s also a great way to get to know your colleagues.

**BE HEARD:** Campus senates and the SUNY University Senate often discuss and make recommendations on actions, programs or curricula that could impact union members

and alter the working conditions of campus employees. As a Senate member, you will have a say in how those changes are shaped.

**SHARED GOVERNANCE:** College senates and labor unions should support each other. One way to accomplish that is by union members serving on their campus Senate or the SUNY University Senate.

## How do I get involved?

Run for a position on your Senate. Your college Senate or Council may have committees made up of professionals and academics just like you who have volunteered to serve. Reach out to the chair of your college body about participating.

You must be elected by your fellow UUPers (the voting faculty on your campus) to serve as a senator or representative at the local or statewide level, just as you would if you were running for a UUP position such as delegate or officer. Visit your campus senate website for more information about running as a senator or representative.

Anyone who wishes to serve on a SUNY Faculty Senate committee is encouraged to nominate themselves. Information is available each spring on the University Faculty Senate website at <http://old.suny.edu/facultysenate/>; also on the site is a list of Faculty Senate standing committees. Current senators and committee members are urged to contact fellow UUP members and encourage them to get involved.

Remember, most faculty, professional and/or college Senate meetings are open to the public. If you don’t wish to serve on those panels, you can still take part by attending the meetings to learn what’s going on at your campus.



**It’s YOUR Faculty Senate. Make the most of it by getting involved.**