



Robert L. Barchi, President

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Ms. Mary Mickelsen
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Liberty Plaza, Suite 1200
College Avenue Campus

Dear Ms. Mickelsen:

I am writing in response to the University Senate's March 29, 2019 report and recommendations on Charge S-1804, How Student Senators Are Elected. I thank the members of the Senate's Student Affairs Committee for their work on this issue, and commend them for their comprehensive information gathering on the various methods that are employed across the academic units in managing the Student Senator election process, as well as on the issues that may impede a successful experience for those elected.

I believe the recommendations that were included in the resolution will assist the future election and orientation processes for our newest Student Senators and aid them in enjoying a productive and valuable Senate experience. I understand that all appropriate parties, including academic unit deans and student government associations, should expect to be notified by you by January 2020 of the outcome of the new Student Senator and Faculty Senator entitlement numbers, and the need for the election of these members prior to the first meeting of the 2020-2021 University Senate in May 2020.

I appreciate the time and attention the Senate has devoted to this issue.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

c: Nancy Cantor, Chancellor, Rutgers University–Newark
Phoebe Haddon, Chancellor, Rutgers University–Camden
Christopher Molloy, Chancellor, Rutgers University–New Brunswick
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