1. The meeting was called to order by Interim Chairperson Bone, at 9:10 a.m. Also in attendance were Acting Chair Wielkopolski, Vice Chairs DeCaprio and DePalma, and Board Members Babineau, Beachem, Cistaro, Garcia, Knapp, and Slimowicz and in telephonic attendance, Dahms, O’Brien, Sugla and Wolff. Board Secretary Stern was in attendance.

   In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, Secretary Stern Chairperson read the following statement:

   “Notice of this special meeting was provided to the public as required by the New Jersey Meeting Act, by regular and electronic mail to the Star Ledger, The Herald News and Vector on September 22, 2011. The Schedule was also mailed to the City Clerk of Newark on September 22, 2011, for filing with that office and posting in such public place as designated by said Clerk.”

2. Interim Chairperson Bone delegated authority to conduct the meeting to Acting Chairperson Wielkopolski.

3. Dr. Mill Jonakait addressed the Board at the public portion. She stated that she was the Chair of the Faculty Council, a distinguished professor of biological science, and the former Dean of the College of Science and Liberal Arts. Last May, we were charged with putting together a shared governance structure. As part of the shared governance structure, the Faculty Council was eager to have a conduit to the Board. She spoke with Chairperson Wielkopolski about her concerns, and added that she does not speak for the entire faculty. She was very pleased that the Princeton Review had included NJIT in the top 340 plus colleges. There was a dark side to the Princeton Review report, in that we were listed as being number one in the least happy students; in the worst classroom experience, and number two in the least accessible professors. She was eager to have some of these sorts of issues addressed. She noted that the University of Medicine and Dentistry Advisory Committee’s Interim Report recommended that NJIT not start its own medical school, and that the Committee believed that there was too much divergence from NJIT’s mission. She stated that we should seek to improve our academic areas comparable to other technological universities. We do need to improve areas of academic training. In searching for a new president, we should look around and see who can push the academic mission ahead in our choice of an interim president and ultimately, a president. She urged the Board to reach out to the faculty leadership and work together in the spirit of shared governance.
4. BY A MOTION MADE BY MR. CISTARO, SECONDED BY MR. KNAPP AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, the Board voted to go into closed session at 9:25 a.m.

5. The Board reopened the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

6. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. SLIMOWICZ, SECONDED BY MR. BONE AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN INTERIM PRESIDENT.

7. The meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.