1. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Wielkopolski at 12:55 p.m. Also in attendance were Vice Chairs DeCaprio and DePalma, and Board Members Babineau, Beachem, Cistaro, Dahms, Garcia, Knapp (telephonically), O’Brien, and Sugla. Absent: Board Members Bone and Slimowicz. Administrative members in attendance included Interim President Bloom, Treasurer Mauermeyer, Secretary Stern, Provost Gatley, and Vice Presidents Dees, Johnson and Sebastian, and Interim Vice President Gentul.

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

   “Notice of this meeting was provided to the public as required by the New Jersey Meeting Act, in the schedule of meeting dates of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology which was mailed to the Star Ledger, The Herald News and Vector on April 20, 2011. The Schedule was also mailed to the City Clerk of Newark on April 20, 2011, for filing with that office and posting in such public place as designated by said Clerk.”

2. Secretary Stern noted that there were no members of the public who registered to speak.

3. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DAHMS, SECONDED BY MR. SUGLA AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, the Board voted to Approve the Public Session Minutes from December 14, 2011, December 29, 2011, January 4, 2012 and January 9, 2012.

4. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY DR. DeCAPRIO, SECONDED BY MR. SUGLA AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, the Board voted to APPROVE AY 2013 Sabbaticals, inclusive of an additional faculty member.

   Board Member Babineau stated, for the record, that it was a difficult decision to limit the number of approved sabbaticals, due to the high quality of the applicants.

5. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY DR. DeCAPRIO, SECONDED BY MR. DAHMS AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO THE M.S. IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY.

6. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY DR. DeCAPRIO, SECONDED BY MR. SUGLA AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXCLUSIVE LICENSE OF UNIVERSITY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.
7. Dr. Norbert Elliot gave a presentation to the Board on the Middles States Report. Dr. Bloom commended Dr. Elliot and noted we are in relatively good standing for the upcoming April visit. Dr. Elliot, using a power point presentation, noted that Dr. Robert Palazzo, Chair of the Middle States team has reviewed the report favorably. Approximately 20% of the faculty and staff participated in the report, and the draft is nearly final. It has been on the website for community review. Dr. Elliot thanked Dr. Bloom and key staff for their support. Dr. Elliot noted that the report was initiated in the Fall of 2009 through Spring of 2010, and is now in lock down mode. He gave an overview of the highlights of the final report, including Characteristics of Excellence; Institutional Resources, Challenges, Mission, Resource Allocation; Leadership; Institutional Assessment; Retention, Student Support Services and Faculty. The Board asked questions of Dr. Elliot, and Chairperson Wielkopolski thanked Dr. Elliot and his team.

8. Interim Vice President Gentul gave a presentation on enrollment. The total number of enrolled students is a record at 9107; this is the first time we’ve exceeded 9000 students. With respect to graduate applications we are positive in the aggregate with 507 accepts, exceeding 430 last year. There is a concern in the PhD area, as we are somewhat down from last year in our applications. We are doing very well with our first year enrollments, up from last year. Acceptance and deposits are up, although this is still in process.

9. The Board deferred discussion on the design of the Central King Building.

10. The Board referred to the reports in the Board Book concerning Operating Statement Year to Date, Schedule of Short Term Investments and the Fundraising Report/Campaign Report.

11. The Chairperson announced that the next scheduled closed session would be convened on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 8:30 AM, at Eberhardt Hall Alumni Center Board Room, to discuss personnel, real estate and contract matters. The following resolution was read and approved by all Trustees present.

WHEREAS, there are matters that require consideration by the Board of Trustees that qualify under the Open Public Meetings Act for discussion at a Closed Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees shall have a Closed Session to discuss such matters as personnel, real estate and contract matters on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 8:30 AM, Eberhardt Hall Board Room.

The next Public Session of the Board will take place on Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 11:00 AM, Eberhardt Hall Board Room, following the Closed Session of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.