The meeting was called to order by Chair DePalma at 4:25 p.m. in Eberhardt Hall, NJIT Alumni Center Boardroom, NJIT Campus, Newark, N.J. In attendance were Chair DePalma, Vice Chairs Cordes, DeCaprio and Garcia, Board Members Beachem, Bone, Cistaro, Knapp, and Slimowicz. Absent: Board Members Dahms, Raia, Sugla and Taylor. Administrative members in attendance were President Bloom, Provost and Executive Vice President Deek, Sr. Vice President Sebastian, Vice Presidents Christ, Dees, Fey and Turner, Sr. Vice President and Treasurer Mauermeyer and Secretary Stern.

1. In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Chair DePalma read the following statement:

   “Notice of this Meeting was provided to the public as required by the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, in the Schedule of Meeting Dates of the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology which was mailed and sent electronically to the Star Ledger, the Herald News and the Vector on November 20, 2013, and posted on the University website. This Schedule was also mailed and sent electronically to the County Clerk on November 20, 2013 for filing with that office and posting in such public place as designated by said Clerk.”

2. By a motion duly made by Dr. DeCaprio, seconded by Ms. Garcia and unanimously approved, with Board Member Slimowicz abstaining, the minutes of the public meeting of February 5, 2015 were approved.

3. By a motion duly made by Mr. Bone, seconded by Mr. Cistaro and unanimously approved, the minutes of the meeting of March 18, 2015 were approved.

4. Secretary Stern reported that no one registered to speak in the public comments portion of the meeting.

5. The Board recognized Dr. Taha Marhaba, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, for his election as a fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). This prestigious honor is held by fewer than 4% of ASCE members who have made “celebrated contributions and developed creative solutions that change lives around the world”.

   The Board of Trustees of New Jersey Institute of Technology recognizes Dr. Marhaba for his accomplishment and salutes him for his distinguished contributions.

6. Associate Vice President of Communications Lauren D. Ugorji was welcomed by the Board, and she thanked the President, Provost and the Board for their support. She joins NJIT from Princeton University, where she served as the Assistant Vice President for Communications;
she also worked for the Department of State as the Assistant Secretary of State. She attended Princeton University and Columbia University as an undergraduate, and received her MS in journalism from Columbia University.

7. Provost Deek discussed the resolution to award Honorary Degrees to Dr. Charles Elachi, Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA and Dr. Irving Pressley McPhail, President and CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME).

BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY DR. DeCAPRIO, SECONDED BY MR. BEACHEM AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO AWARD HONORARY DEGREES TO CHARLES ELACHI AND IRVING PRESSLEY McPHAIL.

8. Provost Deek discussed the next resolution, which would convert an existing program into a degree program, as described in the Statement accompanying the resolution.

BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR.KNAPP, SECONDED BY MR. CISTARO AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CONCRETE INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT.

9. Vice President Christ discussed the resolution to award the construction management contract for the University Heights Science & Technology Parking Garage.

BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. CORDES, SECONDED BY MS. GARCIA AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, with Mr. Beachem abstaining, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PARKING GARAGE.

10. Vice President Christ discussed the next resolution, which would allow for a more economic facility and the potential for future expansion.

BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. CORDES, SECONDED BY MR. BEACHEM, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE INTEGRATED LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING.

11. With respect to the Resolution for Amendments to the BOT Bylaws, Chair DePalma read the following statement:

“The Board has received the concerns expressed by the Faculty Senate leadership with respect to the proposed amendments to the Board Bylaws that are on the agenda for today’s meeting. The Board will table the Resolution on today’s agenda to amend the Board Bylaws for consideration at a future meeting as it reviews these recommendations, in the context of the Policy on Shared Government, as well as a legal review of the Board’s statutory responsibilities.”
BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY DR. DeCAPRIO, SECONDED BY MR. BONE AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the Board voted to approve a motion to table the RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE BOT BYLAWS for the reasons stated by the Chair.

12. Dr. Bloom gave his report to the Board. Yesterday, he was invited to present before the State Assembly Budget Committee. He had the opportunity to address the function of the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII). The feedback was positive with regard to engaging industry and government. He completed a trip to China at the invitation of Ying Wu, an alum of NJIT, and visited with the Vice President of China National Building Materials. There were important fundraising opportunities with individuals, some of whom will be present at Commencement.

13. Dr. Deek gave a report on the 2020 Vision Strategic Plan. We are close to the launch date; we are asking for comments and suggestions. The final document is anticipated to be approved by the Board in June.

14. Dr. Sebastian gave a Report on Intangible Assets. Referring to the materials in the Board Book, he noted that we utilized comparables provided by the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM). We are good stewards of public funds in that we are among the national leaders in invention disclosures per dollar, ranking 7th overall. We are focusing on intellectual property and marketing, and Dr. Sebastian described present and future licensing and research collaboration activities.

15. Senior Vice President and Treasurer Mauermeyer gave a report on the Operating Statement Year to Date, referring to the materials in the Board Book. He noted we are on target for our revenue, and we are monitoring the funds carefully, as there is little additional revenue this time of year. With respect to short term investments he referred to the materials in the Board book and invited any questions.

16. Chair DePalma reminded the Board of the Calendar of Events on page 56 of the Board book, adding that Commencement 2015 will be held on May 19, 2015 in the Prudential Center.

17. Board Member Cistaro gave a Report on the Status of the Comprehensive Campaign and Gift Reports, referring to the materials in the Board book. It is our intention to declare victory with respect to the Campaign by the end of the year. So far, we have raised $140 million as of March 31st, and are anticipating another $2 million, plus $500,000 in pledges. He thanked Dr. Dees and his team for their successful work.

18. Chair DePalma discussed the Schedule of Meetings and Events in the Board book, reminding the Board that the date for the November meeting is November 12th. The Scholarship Brunch is on the 24th of April and all are welcome. Dr. Bloom discussed the upcoming Alumni weekend and encouraged everyone to participate in the ongoing activities. The Celebration event will be on Friday, November 13th, the date following the Board meeting.

19. The Chair announced that the next regularly scheduled Closed Session would be convened on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 9:00 AM at Eberhardt Hall Alumni Center Board Room, to
discuss personnel, real estate, legal and contractual 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 matters involving personnel, real estate, legal and contractual matters on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 9:00 AM, Eberhardt Hall Board Room.

The next regularly scheduled Public Session of the Board will take place on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 11:00 AM, Eberhardt Hall Board Room, following the Closed Session of the Board.

20. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.