The meeting was called to order by Chair DePalma at 4 p.m. in Eberhardt Hall, NJIT Alumni Center Boardroom, NJIT Campus, Newark, N.J. In attendance were Chair DePalma, Vice Chairs DeCaprio, Garcia and Raia, Board Members Beachem, Bone, Dahms, Knapp, Sugla and Taylor. Absent: Board Members Cistaro and Poddar.

Administrative members in attendance were President Bloom, Provost and Sr. Executive Vice President Deek, Sr. Vice Presidents Bishop and Sebastian, Vice Presidents Christ and Alexo, and Vice President/Secretary Stern and Dean Boger.

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 August 9, 2017, and posted on the University website. This Schedule was also mailed and sent electronically to the County Clerk on August 9, 2017 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 Mr. Bone and unanimously approved, the Board approved the public minutes of the meeting of July 20, 2017, with abstentions from those members not in attendance at such meeting.

3. Secretary Stern noted that two members of the public registered to speak at the meeting. Mr. William Araujo, President of NJIT’s AFSCME union, Local 2282, thanked the Board for the opportunity to address the Board. Present with him were David Warrick, AFSCME Field Coordinator, Ricardo Forbes, Senior Custodian Foreperson, and Hugo Yascaribay, Senior Carpenter/Custodial Supervisor. Mr. Araujo acknowledged the cooperative labor-management effort at the university, and presented Dr. Bloom with a plaque, noting that he was honored to do so and expressed appreciation for the recently signed collective bargaining agreement. He also commended Mr. Christ for revamping the organization. Mr. Warrick also spoke to express his appreciation and support. Chair DePalma thanked Mr. Araujo and the AFSCME representatives and employees in attendance on behalf of the Board for coming to the meeting and offering their expressions of support.

4. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. BONE, SECONDED BY MR. TAYLOR AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY ’17.

5. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DAHMS, SECONDED BY MS. GARCIA AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, except with MR. BEACHEM abstaining from the vote, the
BOARD voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO REVISE THE AWARD OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE WELLNESS AND EVENTS CENTER.

6. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DAHMS, SECONDED BY MR. RAIA AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN.

7. BY A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. BONE, SECONDED BY DR. SUGLA AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, the Board voted to APPROVE RESOLUTION TO AMEND CONTRACT DOLLAR THRESHOLD REPORTING REQUIRING BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVAL.

8. Dr. Bloom deferred his remarks at this time, referencing his report in closed session.

9. Mr. Greg Sauter, from the Board of Overseers (Founder, City Works) and Chair of the planning Committee for Celebration 2017 was introduced to the Board and discussed the upcoming event. Chair DePalma thanked Mr. Sauter and the Overseers for their support. Mr. Sauter noted that he was honored to address the Board and discussed the Celebration event scheduled for the evening of November 10, 2017 at the Pleasantdale Chateau, encouraging Board support and participation. This event raises money for scholarships, and is an opportunity to hear from the students benefitted.

10. With respect to the Report on Athletics, Dr. Bloom indicated that Treasurer Bishof would discuss the report, referencing the material distributed to the Board. Mr. Bishof reviewed the Athletic revenue and expenses, noting that there was a change in NCAA accounting. Athletics expenses account for less than 1% of the total institutional budget. We have 344 student athletes, 36% of whom are women. The average SAT score for our student athletes is 1257, the average GPA is 3.25 and we have a good representation of female and out of state students. We’ve had a good success rate in both men’s and women’s soccer. Dr. Bloom thanked the Board for their continued support, and highlighted the value of the Wellness and Events Center which is soon to be open; it will be a great venue for sporting events in addition to student activity.

11. Provost Deek gave an update on Fall Enrollment Assessment, referencing his report in the Closed Session. We have met our enrollment goals at all levels, and intend to make our strategic goals, while increasing our focus to manage challenges.

12. Vice President Alexo presented the Comprehensive Campaign and Gift Report, which are contained in Board materials. For FY ’17, we raised a total of $11,978,362, which is slightly lower than the previous year, but overall higher than the average of the previous four years. For FY ’18, we have cash gifts anticipated. With respect to the Comprehensive Campaign, we are up $1.66 million, raising $187 million to date. He reviewed the Calendar of Upcoming Events, highlighting the ribbon-cutting for the Wellness and Events Center, and urging everyone to come out for the events surrounding the opening.
13. Mr. Bishof reported on the Operating Statement Year to Date and Schedule of Short Term Investments, which are in the Board materials. At this point, all indications are encouraging.

14. Mr. Christ gave a report on the Clery Crime Data, which was provided to the Board in the materials. There were no significant events in this reporting period.

15. Chair DePalma also discussed the Schedule of 2017-2018 Board of Trustees meetings.

16. Chair DePalma further discussed the Upcoming Calendar of Events, highlighting the WEC ribbon-cutting and Celebration event on November 10, 2018, and encouraging participation.

17. On behalf of the Board, Chair DePalma acknowledged the services of Anthony Slimowicz, who recently stepped down from the Board as he was appointed to the State Ethics Commission. Mr. Slimowicz served the Board with distinction, and also served for a period as Vice-Chair of the Board. The Board gratefully acknowledges his efforts on behalf of the university.

18. The Chair announced that the next regularly scheduled Closed Session would be convened on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 2 p.m. 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, November 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., Eberhardt Hall Board Room.

    The next regularly scheduled Public Session of the Board will take place on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., Eberhardt Hall Board Room, following the Closed Session of the Board.

19. The public session was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.