Faculty Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2006

I. Convening of the Meeting

Professor M. Ala Saadeghvaziri

The meeting was convened at 2:35 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of May 10, 2006 were approved by a voice vote.

III. Report from Faculty Council

Professor M. Ala Saadeghvaziri

Professor Saadeghvaziri introduced the Faculty Council members. He described the mission of the Faculty Council and its functions. The status of the prior actions (that of Family Leave Policy and University Lecturers) were discussed. The pending action of The Teaching Assignment Process (TAP) will be voted on by electronic voting. Ongoing action and initiatives under consideration were discussed. The slides of the Faculty Council presentation are included in the Appendix.

IV. Report from the President

Dr. Robert Altenkirch

The results from the faculty evaluation of senior administrators have been received and reviewed. A summary of the major strengths and weaknesses included need for improvement in security, distribution of resources, and financial planning. We need a system to produce better communications, more opportunities for faculty and better visibility of faculty.

Major efforts are underway for the Village at Newark including the Greek Village and the Campus Gateway.

We are looking into a MS Engineering Management program at Beijing Tech.

Central High School is now ready for a sale and is being considered by NJIT.

The State Legislative Task Force is considering a merger of NJIT, Rutgers Newark and the Medical School.

There is a redevelopment plan of Martin L. King Blvd. to include the closure of 240 King Blvd., and the Warren Street Property demolition (formerly the “Pizza Parlor”) property. Town houses are being considered for this location.
V. Report from the Provost Dr. Priscilla Nelson

Accreditations include a six year accreditation for Engineering Technology and accreditation visits for NCE in October 2007, SOM in November and for the Middle States Periodic Review Report in May 2007.

Other topics included Academic Planning, Academic Themes and Priorities and Strategies to grow enrollments both undergraduates and graduate students. The slides of the provost’s presentation are included in the Appendix.

VI. New Business

MS in BioInformatics Dean Narain Gehani
Professor Jason Wang

A proposal was made by Dean Gehani and Professor Wang for a MS program in Bioinformatics. The motion was approved.

VII. Open Forum

An open forum included a discussion of Computer Services Quality and Feedback.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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Dr. Harold Deutschman