Faculty Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2010

I. Convening of the Meeting

Professor Ali Akansu

The meeting was convened at 2:40 pm

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of May 5, 2010 were approved by a voice vote.

III. Faculty Council

Professor Ali Akansu

Professor Akansu welcomed the faculty for the first meeting of the academic year. He presented slides of the listing of the members of the Faculty Council and the working committees. He did research on NJIT’s history and its national standings. Some highlights of this research are as follows:

- NJIT has 130 years of academic tradition, from 1881-2011
- The current faculty total 5,000 years of service to NJIT
- The national rankings in doctoral programs have NJIT ranked high. A selected listing of the slides is shown in Appendix A.

IV. Motion to Approve the New Section of the Faculty Handbook 2.24

Restructuring of Academic Units

Professor Dale Gary

After much discussion, and an attempt to table the motion (which failed) the motion was passed with two amendments. A copy of the new section 2.24 is included in Appendix B.

V. Old Business – Updates in Council Work in Progress

Faculty Handbook Revisions - Professor Andrew Klobucar

The committee is working on Section 2.2-2.3, and hope to finish their updates by the end of the semester.

Evaluation of Senior Administrators – Professor Michael Bieber

The committee is reviewing procedures used at other universities.

Section 2.3.2 – The Department Committee on Promotion and Tenure, and the Role of the Deans – Professor Mill Jonakait
Section 2.4 – Departmental Chair Appointment Procedures - (Mill Jonakait)

The current procedure of Chair Selection requiring at 2/3 majority for internal candidates could hinder the department’s ability to agree on a chair.

On-Line Course Evaluation - A detailed presentation was made by Professor Priscilla Nelson

Slides are included in Appendix C. The motion will be offered for a vote in the next meeting.

New Course Scheduling System – Professor Richard Sher

The concerns of the committee have still not been addressed. The faculty and students are unhappy with the scheduling system. A new hope is the Provost is willing to step in and help!

VI.  New Business

University Committee on Evaluation, Self Assessment and Rankings – Professor Ali Akansu

The Faculty Council is in the process of setting up this new committee.

VII.  Enrollment Statistics – Dr. Joel Bloom

We have seen a continued growth in our undergraduate enrollment, but our graduate enrollment has been flat. Strategies include efforts to further increase undergraduate enrollment. Our incoming freshmen have a combined average SAT score of 1140, with 27% in the top tenth of their class. Our goal is to have 11,000 total students in the year 2015.

VIII. Report from the Provost – Dr. Ian Gatley

The Provost welcomed the faculty. His strategy is first to Listen and then to Act. He was impressed with the Middle States report, and the efforts to review and update the Handbook. He spoke about the Learning Committee Model.
IX. Report from the President

Dr. Robert Altenkirch

The President spoke about the following major activities:

- NJIT Campus Gateway Project
- NJIT Partnership with St. George’s University
- Financial Planning including the Faculty Separation Program
- Central High School Maintenance and Financing

A copy of his slides can be found on the Internet under Presidents Reports.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20pm

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Dr. Harold Deutschman
Appendix A

Faculty Council Chair Report – Ali N. Akansu


Appendix B

NJIT FACULTY HANDBOOK ADDENDUM (10/27/2010)

2.24 Restructuring of Academic Units