Minutes of Faculty Meeting
December 7, 2011

I. Convening of the Meeting

Professor Mill Jonakait

The meeting was convened at 2:40 p.m.

II. Report of Faculty Council Chair

Professor Mill Jonakait

Professor Jonakait introduced the members of the Faculty Council for 2011-2012:

- Baltzis, Basil (CBPE)
- Bieber, Michael (IS)
- Cho, Cheul (BME)
- Gary, Dale (Physics)
- Gerbessiotis, Alexandros (CS)
- Hubbi, Walid (ECE)
- Jonakait, Mill (Biological Sciences)
- Kimmelman, Burt (Hum)
- Kondic, Lou (Math)
- Nelson, Priscilla (Civil)
- Pemberton, Stephen (Federated History)
- Qiu, Zeyuan (Chemistry & Environ. Science)
- Schuman, Anthony (CoAd)
- Sengupta, Arijit (Engineering Technology)
- Somers, Mark (SOM)
- Tricamo, Steve (Mech & Ind. Eng)

III. Report of Interim President

Dr. Joel Bloom

Academic Planning

A hiring plan will be brought to the Board of Trustees on December 14, for discussion. We are looking towards 30 positions and a budget for 30 million dollars over 3 years. Priority will be across the entire university.
Additional Residential Housing
For Greek Village and the Honors College, we are planning for residence halls with a total of 600 beds.

Developing Corporate Relationships
Panasonic – North American will be moving to Newark in 2013. We will be exploring programs with Panasonic on Design contests, Co-op, Internships, Employment opportunities for our graduates, R&D partnership, continuing education and donor dollars.
Other corporations include AECOM and Next.

Next Campaign
We have a goal of 150 million dollars, with 62 + million already in house.

NJ State Strategic Plan
We have held meetings to develop strategies, including Economic Development, Targeted Economic Growth, and Talented and Well Educated Workforce.

Middle State Report/Visit
Middle States praised us on our self study, including a 5 year student learning programs. Dr. Bloom asked the faculty to review the report and recommendation from Middle States.

IV. Provost Report
Provost Ian Gatley

The Provost spoke about the technology needs on campus. Details are on the Website. The T/A, R/A and PhD students are unionizing, and a fair contract will be signed in the next few weeks.

V. Report on Presidential Search

There will be a 20 person search committee, with 5 faculty members. The first meeting will be on December 16. On January 2-6, there will be a review of applications; on January 9-13 will be off campus interviews, and on January 23-27 on campus interviews.
VI. Shared Governance

A motion was made and passed to accept the concept in principle of the proposed system of shared two senate governance. The faculty would have an opportunity to vote on the details at a later date.

VII. Revisions of Course Evaluations

Professor Priscilla Nelson

Professor Nelson led a discussion of the revisions of course evaluations. There was a motion to pass the proposed revisions for the student course evaluation survey as developed by the standing committee. The motion approved by a voice vote.

VIII. Pre-Health Committee

The committee was established in the fall 2008 to assist undergraduates who are preparing for careers in the health professions. We now have a website, a set of FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) students clubs and an advisor on campus.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Dr. Harold Deutschman