Faculty Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2008

I. Convening of the Meeting

Professor Anthony Rosato

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

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of December 5, 2007 were approved by a voice vote.

III. Faculty Council

Professor Anthony Rosato

- Graduate Faculty Status – Proposal to be sent to faculty by e-mail for electronic vote.
- Emeritus Faculty – Policy statement-Awarded by Provost upon recommendation by Departmental P&T Committee, Department Chairperson and Dean. Motion to approve. Approved by voice vote.
- Faculty Handbook – Provost has asked Bob Lynch to undertake the task of rewriting the handbook. Chapter II – Policy and Procedure regarding Faculty and Instructing staff to be distributed to faculty for approval.
- On Line Student Evaluation System – Information will be e-mailed to the faculty on pros and cons before any faculty vote.
- SOM – Interim Dean – The faculty council is accepting nominations with a closing date of February 16, 2008.
- Proposal to change the name of the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering to the Department of Industrial and Management System Engineering. Motion to approve. Approved by voice vote.
- Faculty Work Plan – In 2005/2006 the document entitled the Teaching Assignment Process (TAP) was voted on by an electronic vote but the faculty vote failed to reach the critical 50 percent participation vote. However, the quorum has been changed to that of 20 percent, and TAP will be brought back to the next faculty meeting.

IV. Report from the President

President Robert Altenkirch

The state appropriations to NJIT this year at best will stay flat. Adjusting for inflation we will receive less appropriation than last year. In additions, there is pressure from our trustees and the state government to lower the rate of tuition increases, which have averaged 8% increase over the recent past. From FY 03 to FY 08 we cut 27 percent of our budget, or about 14 percent of our unrestricted budget. Enrollment increases may address our budget problem. However, the real solution is stable predictable funding. Enrollment may be increased by further efforts by Admissions in direct mailings and more student contacts and by developing new programs by repackaging options and courses.
V. Report from the Provost

Provost Priscilla Nelson

New Programs were introduced and proposed for approval. They include:

- The College of Computing Sciences
  - M.S. in Emergency Management & Business Continuity

- Newark College of Engineering
  - MS in Bioelectronics
  - MS in Power and Energy Systems
  - MS in Pharmaceutical Systems Management
  - MS in Healthcare Systems Management

- New Jersey School of Architecture
  - BFA in Art
    - Images
    - Course Descriptions

- School of Management
  - M.S. of Management

All of the above programs were approved by voice vote.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Dr. Harold Deutschman