Faculty Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2006

I. Convening of the Meeting

Professor Denis Blackmore

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

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of December 7, 2005 were approved by a voice vote.

III. Report of the President

Dr. Robert Altenkirch

Stem Cell Research Facilities - A bill has been drafted by the State Senate to award NJIT $50 million dollars for the capital cost of a stem cell research facility. This bill will be voted on in May. Another parallel bill was drafted for $200-300 million dollars for stem cell research.

Proposed Budget – The proposed state allocation to NJIT for FY/07 is $45.752 million dollars, as compared to the actual FY/06 funding of $50.712 million dollars. In addition, the proposed budget does not include the salary program, which amounts to approximately $7 million dollars. In all these is at least a shortfall of $17.53 million dollars. This amount is needed to balance the FY/07 budget. Now the budget goes to the state legislature. Hopefully, NJIT will get some relief in the final budget allocation. President Altenkirch will be appointing a task force of faculty, administrators, students, and staff to determine how best to reduce expenditures to meet the budget.

IV. Report of the Provost

Dr. Priscilla Nelson

We are developing a business plan in association with the strategic plan to develop new programs as well as enhance existing programs to broaden and expand our student base. Some of this is marketing; some of it is outreach programs especially for graduate degree programs and certificate programs.

V. Report from Faculty Council

Professor Denis Blackmore

The faculty council is working on a proposal on University Lecturers as well as procedures for appointing interim and permanent administrators. The second round of evaluating administrators is underway. The council is starting a task force for university standards as well as student standards. The research grant overhead distribution is being revisited.
Open Forum issues included:
- University Lecturers
- New procedures for quorums
- University standards
- Grant overhead distribution
- Budget crunch
- Faculty control of department’s e-mail list
- Evaluation of administrators
- New procedures for appointing interim and permanent administrators

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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Dr. Harold Deutschman