Faculty Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2007

I. Convening of the Meeting

Professor M. Ala Saadeghvaziri

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

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of December 6, 2006 and February 14, 2007 were approved by a voice vote.

III. Old Business

(1) Revised Policy on Role of Faculty in Administrative Appointments
    Motion to approve – Approved by voice vote
(2) Active Service Modified Duties Policy (Family Leave)
    Motion to approve – Approved by voice vote

IV. New Business

(1) Reformatted NJIT Faculty Handbook
    Non textual changes included Table of Contents, Index, Endorsement Pages, and single, consistent style. Motion to approve – Approved reformatted NJIT Faculty Handbook by voice vote.

V. Introduction of Quorum Rule into the Handbook

The Faculty Handbook does not specify a number or percentage of faculty present to constitute a quorum. A quorum number and depends on the size of the organization and the frequency of the meetings. Robert’s Rule states that the number for a quorum should be reliable to be trusted to do business, that the number in attendance for mass meetings should be small enough to ensure that a quorum is usually present but large enough to protect the organization against a decision by a small minority.

A motion was proposed that the quorum for NJIT Faculty Meetings is 20% of the voting members.
A motion was then made for a quorum call to end the meeting under the 50% attendance quorum rule. This was ruled out of order by the chair, and then voted out of order by a great majority of the faculty present. An amendment of a 33% attendance of faculty needed for a quorum failed to gain a majority vote. It was defeated by an overwhelming vote. The 20% quorum rule was then passed by a great majority.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Dr. Harold Deutschman