Facility Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2011

I. Convening of the Meeting
Professor Ali Akansu

The meeting was convened at 2:40 pm

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of April 13, 2010 were approved by a voice vote.

III. Motion to approve the revised Faculty Handbook – Section 2X - Policies and Procedures Regarding Faculty and Instructional Staff – Professor Richard Sher

After a comprehensive review of the revised section, the motion was approved by a voice vote.

IV. Report from the Faculty Council Chair
Professor Ali Akansu

Ali thanked the faculty council members, the faculty, and the administration for their support this academic year. He introduced Professor Mill Jonakait, the chair of the NJIT Faculty Council for AY 2011-12.

V. Report on Faculty Handbook change on Section 2.5.2 – Evaluation of Senior Administrators (President, Provost, Senior Vice Presidents), Deans, Associate Deans, and Chairpersons
Professor Ali Akansu

Professor Akansu led the discussion. This topic was previously discussed with the Faculty Council, the Provost, and the President in May 2011.

VI. NJIT Shared Governance Steering Committee and Q&A
Provost Ian Gatley

The Provost is the chair of the Shared Governance Steering Committee made up of a broad representation across campus, including the student senate, alumni, faculty, career development, graduate students, technology development, and staff. The committee has started off by reviewing past practices at other universities with respect to shared governance including underlying philosophy of their functional system. The Provost will report on the preliminary findings of the committee to the Board of Trustees at their June 2, 2011 meeting. There will be Town Hall meetings in the fall, and the Proposal for Shared Governance will come up for a faculty vote.
VII. Report from the Provost  Provost Ian Gatley

The Provost continued the discussion on Shared Governance and invited members of the faculty in attendance to come to the front of the theater to answers questions about the progress of the Steering Committee. The Provost also spoke about Learning Communities and Summer Undergraduate Research.

VIII. Report from the President  President Robert Altenkirch

Topics covered were as follows:

- Gateway Project Development – Greek Village on Campus to open 2013-2014.
- JLL/St Michaels in final stage of the negotiation of use of the parking in St. Michaels deck.
- Executive Order 51 – UMDNJ Advisory Committee – April 25th was the first meeting of the committee. NJIT will be a participant in some of the meetings.
- Self Study Middle States – Consultant is on campus
- Capital Budget – We will spend $5 million dollars on the improvements for the Central King Building. We paid off some of older bonds to purchase new bonds at a lower rate.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

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Dr. Harold Deutschman