Faculty Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2007

I. Convening of the Meeting
Professor M. Ala Saadeghvaziri

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

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of March 2, 2007 were approved by a voice vote.

III. New Business

Proposal to create a Department of Biological Sciences at NJIT

Dean Fadi Deek
Professor Farzan Nadim

Currently the Biological Sciences program resides as a division of the Department of Mathematical Sciences. It is currently a federated program with Rutgers Newark and will remain in the mode if elevated to a departmental status. Professor Hunter chair of Biomedical Engineering spoke about the need for university resources and new faculty for a growing department, citing experiences in his own department. After some discussion, the motion to create a Department of Biological Sciences passed by an overwhelming majority.

IV. Report from the President
President Robert Altenkirch

Information updates were presented on the Faculty Separation Program (14 Faculty, 1.7 million saved after pay out in FY/08). In addition, the Campus Gateway plan was discussed. The FY 2008 budget shows an increase of 1.2 million to NJIT, going from 47.3 million dollars to 48.5 million dollars from the state. However, in the 06/07 budget, we had a shortfall of 5.8 million from the state. Over the year the state’s portion of our total budget went from 58% in FY/95 to 37% in FY/07.

V. Nomenclature Change from BS in Management to BS in Business

Dean David Hawk detailed the advantage of such a name change. The proposed change was approved by a voice vote.
VI.  Report from the Provost  Provost Priscilla Nelson

Topics included Review of Placement Testing for Freshman, Accreditations of NCE, CCS, and NJSOA, and the Middle State Review Report, Results of the Dean’s Search, The Capital Campaign, and the Convocation. Copies of the slides used in the presentation are included in the Appendix.

VII.  Faculty Council  Professor Ala Saadeghvaziri  Professor Anthony Rosato

Professor Saadeghvaziri reviewed the mission and functions of the Faculty Council and thanked the members of the council and the faculty for their participation in this academic year. Slides are included in the Appendix.

Professor Rosato presented a summary of data relevant to academic standards, graphing SAT scores and class rank for incoming freshman over the past 6-7 years. If faculty are interested in these graphical results, please contact Professor Rosato.

VIII.  Open Forum

Campus Security and Emergency Procedure  Professor Michael Siegel

Professor Siegel detailed two instances of faculty researcher attacks near the campus. A discussion of NJIT’s safety programs followed.

IX.  Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Dr. Harold Deutschman