Faculty Meeting Minutes

May 7, 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 February 13, 2008 were approved by a voice vote.

III. Faculty Council

Professor Anthony Rosato

The new Chair of the Faculty Council was introduced. Professor Reggie Caudill will serve as Chair for the 2008-2009 academic year.

The concept of Graduate Faculty is under review as is the On Line Student Course Evaluations. The reorganization of the handbook is an ongoing effort. Mr. Bob Lynch has rewritten Chapters 1 and 2 of the handbook for format, not content.

The TAP document was previously approved by the Faculty Council and accepted by the administration. However, the Faculty vote did not have the required 50% participation percentage as needed in the electronic vote. The TAP document will be revisited in the fall. A motion was accepted by a voice vote to eliminate the preamble of the TAP document.

Issues that were discussed included the Institute Research Administrations, the NCE proposed Policy on Faculty Load and the Faculty Council’s Evaluations of Upper Administration.

IV. Report from the President

President Robert Altenkirch

The Central High School acquisition is complete with a signed contract. NJIT will own this property by June 30, 2010 or if an extension is needed by June 2012.

With respect to the Gateway Plan, NJIT has been officially designated as Redeveloper which gives us legal standing. This was adapted by the City of Newark. Plans are underway to relocate the Greek Village to Campus.
V. Report from the Provost  Provost Priscilla Nelson

Topics included Commencement 2008, Academic Integrity on Campus, New Academic Programs for Approval and Faculty Development.

A name change was approved by a voice vote to change the current name of the Otto H. York Department of Chemical Engineering to that of Otto H. York Department of Chemical, Biological, and Pharmaceutical Engineering.

A new program was approved by a voice vote in the College of Science and Liberal Arts. This is an undergraduate BA, entitled Law, Technology, and Culture.

In the Newark College of Engineering a new program was approved, by a voice vote, entitled Critical Infrastructure Systems. This is a graduate program in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

A motion was approved as amended to adopt the grade of XF. The wording of the motions is included below.

1. Motion to Adopt the Grade of XF
   a. A student who fails a course due to academic integrity violations will be assigned a grade of “XF” in that course and placed on probation.
   b. Students with the “XF” designation will be prohibited from officially representing the university, holding office in a student organization or representative body.
   c. Once the probationary period has passed, the student may petition the Dean of Students Office to remove the “X” portion of the grade after completion of an ethics workshop. The student will have up to two years to attend the workshop and have the “X” removed. After that time the “X” will remain permanently.
   d. Receiving more than one “XF” grade will result in expulsion.

2. Except where specifically sanctioned in writing by the faculty member, programmable calculators, cell phones, and other electronic devices are prohibited during in-class exams.

3. For in class exams no one will be permitted to leave the room once an exam has started. If a student leaves before the exam period is concluded, his/her exam will be collected and not be returned. Students with special needs are advised to make arrangements with Disability Services for exam accommodations. Faculty may use their discretion in cases of illness or other extenuating circumstances.

Motion passed by voice vote.
VI.  Adjournment

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

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Dr. Harold Deutschman