I. Convening of the Meeting

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

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 9, 2012 Faculty Meeting were approved.

III. Introduction of Faculty Council Member

IV. Report of the Faculty Council (FC)

   a. Resignation of past chair in Summer 2012
   b. New faculty welcomed on campus, introduced to Faculty Council, NJIT Governance and Banner training
   c. Report on Faculty Suggestions (coffee room, safety at Lock Street Crossing, food on campus in summer needs improving)
   d. Board of Trustees (BOT) interactions
      i. Chair met with Subcommittee on Academic Affairs and Research
      ii. Planned retreat for FC and BOT
   e. New FC Committees
      i. Ad hoc Committee on Undergraduate Environment
      ii. Standing Committee on Research
      iii. All committee reports and activities to be posted on the FC web site

V. Call for Nominations of Faculty members to serve as Secretary Of The Faculty

Chair P. Nelson
VI. Quorum Issue
Chair P. Nelson

Following a presentation on the history of quorum voting on campus, a motion was made:
“The quorum in a faculty meeting shall be 100 eligible voting members.”

The motion was seconded, discussed and amended to read in final:
“The quorum in a faculty meeting shall be 85 eligible voting faculty members.”

The vote was called; by show of hands the vote was 46 to 45 in favor (8 abstentions). The motion carried.

VII. Report from the President
Dr. Joel Bloom

The President provided a report focused on the outcomes from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Report. He

- Summarized Fall 2012 enrollment (9943). Goal is 11,000 students by 2015.
- Announced 30 new T/TT and non-TT hires altogether.
- Announced goals of improving 6-year graduation rate from 55% to about 61%, and the need to improve retention rate from 85% to over 90%.
- Summarized recommendations from Middle States – advising, math testing and placement, tutoring.
- Announced intention to establish an NJIT Multi-disciplinary Research Institute.
- Provided an update on the Gateway Plan: Newark is #5 on East Coast in density of urban higher education. Current plans involve development of large parking lot near St. Michaels into multilevel parking/retail and maybe residential.

VIII. Report from the Provost
Dr. Ian Gatley

a. We had a total of 26 searches for 12 T/TT positions. We have 17 acceptances thus far and we will have more hiring by a similar process next year. Diversity training will be required of all search committees.

b. Richard Sher provided a briefing on the standing committee structure under development in the draft constitution for the Faculty Senate as part of the activities of the NJIT Shared Governance Steering Committee (SGSC).

c. Draft documents of the SGSC will be placed on line in the near future.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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Dr. Gareth Russell, Interim Secretary