

**Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**April 20, 2021**  
**WebEx, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM**

- I. Convening of the meeting – Denis Blackmore, President
- II. Approval of minutes of 4/6/21 meeting
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President ( $\cong$  10 min.)
  - a. Presidential search
  - b. Plans for Fall 2021
- IV. Presentation by President Joel Bloom ( $\cong$  35 min.)
- V. Follett Discover: ( $\cong$  15 min.)
- VI. Academic Assessment Committee Report: Jeremy Reich ( $\cong$  20 min.)
- VII. Vice Presidential Vote ( $\cong$  20 min.)
- VIII. New Business

## Minutes of Faculty Senate Meeting

April 20, 2021

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1. Convening of the meeting-Denis Blackmore, President  
The meeting started at 11:31AM
2. Voting Members Present: D. Blackmore, R. Sodhi, Y. Perl, A. Gerbessiotis, E. Thomas, I Gately, M. Bandelt, A. Rosato, A. Kosovichev, E. Farinas, A. Borgaonkar, H. Grebel, L. Rodriguez-Freire, N. Maher, P. Armenante, R. Goodman, M. Schwartz, N. Steffen-Fluhr, Q. Jones, D. Bunker, D. Hornthrop, A. Lee, M. Vinnikov, R. Rojas-Cessa, S. Adamovich
3. Non-Voting Members Present: A. Dhawan, L. Simon, J. Bloom, K. Riismandel, B. Baltzis, M. Kam, O. Tukel, B. Kolarevic, K. Belfield, K. Riismandel, M. Stanko, B. Baltzis, J. Bedient, J. Yuan, F. Deek, L. Hamilton, K. Sandell
4. Guests Present: J. Bloom, M. Guilbauld, M. Boger, L. Simon, S. Ziaavras, J. Reich, H. Rotstein, D. McLeod, Z. Yan, Louisa Bink (Follett), R. Timpanaro (Follett/Bookstore)
5. Approval of the 4/6/21 meeting minutes  
Motion to approve the minutes by R. Sodhi, and seconded by Y. Perl.  
Motion was approved unanimously.
6. Report of the Faculty Senate President: D. Blackmore

Update on Presidential Search: Preliminary Presidential Search Committee meeting of the faculty members on the committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 22.

Plans for Fall 2021: Full face-to-face. On campus presence to be phased in, with 100% staff on campus by August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unknown yet if vaccination to be mandated for students (domestic and international) and faculty. NJIT will follow the lead of the CDC and other governmental agencies regarding which vaccinations might be acceptable for international students.

7. Presentation by President Bloom
  - A. Fall 2021 Semester Opening: A Return to “Normal”
    - o 100% return to campus by August 1-2
    - o No confirmation is vaccination will be required by students, staff, and faculty > but this is the direction that the Pandemic Recovery Committee seems to be headed.
  - B. Financial Outlook: FY2022 & Beyond
    - o NJIT received zero state appropriation for July 1, 2020 (a \$9M reduction). Through employee voluntary give back by way of vacation, furlough, or even cash/payroll we were able to have a balanced FY21 budget.
    - o CARES Act money helped in different ways (over \$25M came to NJIT). It helped in FY21 and will help in FY22. We can assume that it is unlikely that any of these funds will help us in FY23.

T. Rosato: What is the status of the search for a new CFO? We are working with an outside firm. A search committee has been appointed, co-chaired by Andrew Christ and Oya Tukel. Job description

has been finalized. Assumption is that someone will be in place by Fall 2021. Dale McLeod will supply a list of search committee members to Faculty Senate leadership.

Review of CARES money expenditures.

### C. Rationale for NJIT-Tatweer Egyptian Branch Campus

- Implementing 2025 Strategic Plan, “NJIT Global”
- Developing an International Reputation, Recognition and Prominence
- Accessing the Middle East and African Marketplace; 6.1Mpeople within 1 hour of campus
- Generating Enrollment and Revenue, \$1.45M/yr. years 1-5; \$4.3M/yr. years 6-10; UG only
- Partnering with an Established Developer and a Country with Centuries of Higher Education
- Degree and Program Needs Identified by Ernst & Young; Enrollment and Business Plan Developed with Colliers

Y. Perl: Why did Fadi decide to recommend this program? Dr. Deek elaborated. R. Sodhi: Is this an NJIT degree? Yes. A. Gerbessiotis: Have you done risk assessment? Yes, said Dr. Bloom.

#### 8. Follett Discover Adopt: Louisa Bink

Overview of streamline of adoption process (see PPT supplied by Follett for details).

This has been approved for use and is live. An adoption can be done in any fashion, but this streamlined process is preferred and faster.

#### 9. Academic Assessment Committee Report: Jeremy Reich

See PDF supplied by J. Reich.

#### 10. Vice Presidential Vote

There were three nominees and three declinations, therefore there are no viable candidates as of now. Faculty Handbook and Constitution and Bylaws of Faculty Senate say that we can make exceptions if it has majority support by the Faculty Senate.

Options:

- Nominate someone who was recently re-elected to the Senate
- Nominate someone whose term on the Senate is newly ending (with the hope that they would be re-elected)

Accepted nominations will be kept open and should be submitted by Friday before the last meeting (Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>), and a vote will be taken at the final Senate meeting in May.

Question: Do we need to vote for the Exec. Committee?

Voting for Executive Committee members for the 21-22 year can wait until the Senate convenes in Fall 2021. Anyone willing to serve should email Denis Blackmore/Carly Hickey.

#### 11. New Business

No new business

The meeting adjourned at 1:16PM with a motion by A. Borgaonkar, seconded by N. Steffen-Fluhr.