

Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting
November 24, 2020
WebEx, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

- I. Convening of the meeting – Denis Blackmore, President
- II. Approval of minutes of 10/27/20 meeting
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President (\cong 5 min.)
 - a. Jersey City, TAC approval strategy
 - b. Deans' role in hiring process, etc.
- IV. Proposed Changes in MS Programs, Sotirios Ziavras (\cong 25 min.)
- V. Presentation by Dirk Bucher: M.S. in Biology of Health (\cong 30 min.)
- VI. CUE Report and Proposals, David Horntrop (\cong 25 min.)
- VII. Integrity Survey Proposal, Ashish Borgaonkar (\cong 15 min.)
- VIII. Report on Virus Survey, Jay Meegoda (\cong 15 min.)
- IX. New Business

Minutes for the Faculty Senate Meeting
November 24, 2020
WeBex, 11:30AM-1:30PM

- I. Convening of the meeting-Denis Blackmore, President
The meeting started at 11:29AM

- II. Voting Members Present: A. Borgaonkar, R. Goodman, M. Bandelt, R. Sodhi, A. Gerbessiotis, D. Blackmore, P. Armenante, N. Maher, A. Martin Utrera, G. Esperdy, I. Gatley, H. Grebel, A. Kosovichev, D. Bunker, E. Thomas, L. Rodriguez Freire, A. Rosato, B. Khusid, D. Horntrop, E. Farinas, M. Schwartz, N. Steffen, R. Rojas-Cessa, M. Vinnikov, Y. Perl, Q. Jones

- III. Non-Voting Members Present: A. Hoang, A. Dhawan, M. Kam, B. Kolarevic, K. Riismandel, M. Knight, F. Deek, B. Baltzis, J. Bedient, J. Yuan, K. Sandell, K. Belfield, M. Stanko,

- IV. Guests Present: Daphne Soares (Biological Sciences), Sotiri Ziavras (Graduate Studies), Dirk Bucher, (Biological Sciences), Farzan Nadim (Biological Sciences), Gal Haspel (Biological Sciences), Jay Meegoda (Civil and Environmental Engineering), John Wolf (CSLA), John Yarotsky (Biological Sciences), Laurent Simon (Undergraduate Studies), Louis Hamilton (Honors College), Philip Barden (Biological Sciences)

- V. Approval of the minutes 11/10/2020 meeting
Motion to approve minutes by A. Rosato and seconded by R. Sodhi. Minutes were approved unanimously.

- VI. Report of the Faculty Senate President
President Denis Blackmore gave his report: Working on the TAC approval strategy with the Provost. Jersey City-will invite people to talk about the academic and financial status of this campus. Will discuss with Dr. Deek about the Dean's role in the hiring process. Denis then asked an informal polling question on behalf of the Instructional Delivery Sub-Committee: Is consideration of changing the grading policy for this semester warranted? The polling showed that 5 voted yes, 13 voted no, and 2 abstained.

- VII. Proposed Changes in MS Programs, Sotirios Ziavras
MBA in Management of Technology: motion to approve changes by E. Thomas and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.
MS in Management: motion to approve changes by E. Thomas and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.
MS in Manufacturing Systems Engineering: motion to approve changes by E. Thomas and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. Presentation by Dirk Bucher: M.S. in Biology of Health

Dirk Bucher gave his presentation on a new M.S. in Biology of Health program. Discussed objectives and needs, program goals, student learning outcomes, advising, structure, curriculum, relationship to NJIT strategic plan, and enrollment goals. Q&A with discussion followed. Motion to approve by D. Blackmore and seconded by D. Bunker. The motion was approved with 1 no and 0 abstentions.

IX. CUE Report and Proposals, David Horntrop

BS in Materials Engineering: motion to approve changes by D. Horntrop and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

Minor in Grand Challenges in Engineering: motion to approve changes by D. Horntrop and seconded by D. Blackmore was approved unanimously Also mentioned were other undergraduate course updates.

X. Integrity Survey Proposal, Ashish Borgaonkar

Ashish Borgaonkar gave his presentation on the Integrity Survey Proposal. His presentation touched on academic integrity and how that has been affected by online/ converged learning. Motion to discuss by D. Blackmore and seconded by M. Bandelt. Q&A with discussion followed. The proposal was withdrawn and will be brought up in the next meeting.

XI. Report on Virus Survey, Jay Meegoda

Jay Meegoda gave his presentation regarding Covid-19's impact on research. A survey was sent out and the results were shared. NJIT research is doing well in productivity with Faculty PPE and research supplies widely available. Pre and Post Award in the research office have been essentially unaffected by the pandemic, business has continued as usual. Areas of concern: Family care, emotional wellbeing, new graduate students, and financial constraints on external funding. Presented graphs on tenured and non-tenured faculty experiences under the pandemic, with testimonials. Q&A with discussion followed.

XII. New Business

No New Business

The meeting ended at 1:24PM. Motion to adjourn by A. Rosato and seconded by N. Steffen-Fluhr.