Agenda of the Faculty Senate Meeting
May 10, 2022
WebEx, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

I. Convening of the Meeting

II. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on April 19, 2022

III. Report of the Faculty Senate President

    a. Recognitions
    b. Email
    c. Vice President of Faculty Senate for AY 22/23

IV. Remarks from President Bloom (10 minutes)

V. Resolution on Ukraine, N. Steffen-Fluhr (15 minutes)
    The Faculty Senate strongly urges the university to cease doing business with Lenovo.

VI. CGE Report, S. Ziavras (10 minutes)

VII. CUE Report, D. Horntrop (15 minutes)

VIII. CFRR Report, A. Bose (15 minutes)

IX. Research Committee Report, J. Meegoda (15 minutes)

X. Presentation on Two Factor Authentication, K. Sandell (10 minutes)

XI. Presentation on NJIT Digital Transformation, K. Sandell (15 minutes)

XII. New Business

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
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1. Convening of the Meeting
    The meeting started at 11:30AM

2. Voting Members Present: A. Zarzycki, I. Gatley, R. Goodman, M. Vinnikov, D. Bunker, N. Maher, F. Ahmadpoor, Q. Jones, D. Horntrop, E. Thomas, E. Farinas, E. Lee, S. Cai, M. Bandelt, G. Esperdy, S. Adamovich, P. Armenante, A. Gerbessiotis, B. Khusid, Y. Perl, Y. N. Young, A. Kosovichev, R. Rojas-Cessa, X. Ding, A. Borgaonkar, N. Steffen-Fluhr, J. Shi

3. Non-Voting Members Present: S. Corchado, A. Dhawan, O. Tukel, B. Kolarevic, M. Kam, M. Stanko, K. Belfield, M. Sharobim, B. Baltzis, L. Hamilton, J. Sodhi, F. Deek. K. Sandell

4. Guests Present: Linda Cummings (Mathematical Sciences), John Kromer (Library), Melodi Guilbault (MTSM), Michael Lee (Informatics), David Bader (Data Science), Amitabha Bose (Mathematical Sciences), Michael Halper (Informatics), Layek Abdel-Malek (MIE), Jorge Golowasch (Biological Sciences), Sotiri Ziavras (Graduate Studies), Matthew Golden (Strategic Initiatives), Salam Daher (Informatics), Laurent Simon (Undergraduate Studies), Michael Ehrlich (MTSM), Catherine Brennan (Finance), Blake Haggerty (Digital Learning), Eliza Michalopoulou (Mathematical Sciences), Cesar Bandera (MTSM), Marc Sequeira (Informatics), Dale McLeod (Human Resources), Joel Bloom (President), Jay Meegoda (CEE), Cheickna Sylla (MTSM), Michael Koskinen (User Services and Technologies), Lisa Axe (CME)

5. Approval of the Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on April 19, 2022
    Motion to approve the minutes by A. Borgaonkar and seconded by A. Gerbessiotis. Minutes were approved unanimously.

6. Report of the Faculty Senate President
    Recognition: The Faculty Senate would like to recognize President Bloom for his long and distinguished career at NJIT and his many contributions to NJIT. The Faculty Senate wishes him well as he embarks on the next phase of his life. Motion to approve by A. Gerbessiotis and seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was unanimously approved.
    Emails: can email other Faculty Senate members w/o permission and content of emails are the responsibility of the sender.
    VP of Faculty Senate: Need a VP for next year and ask for nominations.

7. Remarks from President Bloom
    Dr. Bloom gave an update on the NJIT-Egypt campus. Written up agreement is still pending. Q&A followed with discussion.

8.   <u>Resolution on Ukraine, N. Steffen-Fluhr</u>
     N. Steffen-Fluhr presented on the resolution regarding Lenovo and Ukraine. Resolution:
     The unprovoked Russian attack against Ukraine, a fully recognized and independent
     country within the community of nations, is now in its second month. A list assembled by
     the Yale School of Management identifies over 600 companies that have withdrawn or
     significantly reduced their operations in Russia. Notably, Lenovo, a major supplier of
     computer equipment to NJIT, has yet to significantly modify its operations. The Faculty
     Senate strongly urges the University to cease doing business with companies that
     continue to do business with Russia. The resolution passes with 20 yes, 3 no, and 4
     abstentions.

9.   <u>CGE Report, S. Ziavras</u>
     MBA in Management of Technology: Motion to approve by E. Thomas and seconded
     by M. Bandelt. Motion was approved.
     MS in Management Motion to approve by E. Thomas and seconded by M. Bandelt.
     Motion was approved.
     MS in Materials Science & Engineering: Motion to approve by E. Thomas and
     seconded by P. Armenante. Motion was approved.
     **MTSM Motion-Subject to approval, up to 15 credits from a previously completed
     NJIT MBA can be applied toward the completion of the 30 credit MS in
     Management program**: Motion to approve by E. Thomas and seconded by M. Bandelt.
     Motion was approved.

10. <u>CUE Report, D. Horntrop</u>
     Minor in Psychology: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by A.
     Borgaonkar. Motion was approved.
     Minor in Electronic Creative Writing: Motion to approve by E. Thomas and seconded
     by D. Horntrop. Motion was approved.
     BS in Biomedical Engineering: Motion to approve by A. Borgaonkar and seconded by
     E. Thomas. Motion was approved.
     BS in Applied Physics: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by E. Thomas.
     Motion was approved.
     BS in Chemical Engineering (All Versions): Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and
     seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was approved.
     BS in Materials Engineering (All Versions): Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and
     seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was approved.
     BS in Civil Engineering (Co-Op Versions): Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and
     seconded by M. Bandelt. Motion was approved.
     BS in Electrical Engineering (All Versions): Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and
     seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was approved.
     BA in Law, Technology, & Culture: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded
     by M. Bandelt. Motion was approved.
     **CHEM 121 (Fundamentals of Chemical Principles I) as Scientific Literacy GER
     course**: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was
     approved.

HIST 342 (Civil Rights Revolution and Law) as History & Humanities 300+ level GER course: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was approved.
HIST 395 (Research Methods in Law & Society) as History & Humanities 300+ level GER course: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was approved.
STS 376 (Cyborg Society) as History and Humanities 300+ level GER course and as Social Sciences GER course: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was approved.
Policy on Academic Minors: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was approved.

11. CFRR Report, A. Bose
Statement from Amitabha Bose, Chair of CFRR, regarding Informatics issue that was delivered at the May 10, 2022 Faculty Senate meeting:
Since I know many of you have questions about the Informatics situation, let me briefly address the matter. This issue has taken literally the entire semester for Ellen, David and me to deal with. It involved, what I considered to be, a very serious breach of shared governance at many levels including some actions taken by a Chairperson, Dean and Provost. It involved numerous attempts to rewrite the narrative in a manner that I believe was not reflective of what occurred. For that reason, my response to the Provost's summary was detailed and direct. What especially bothered me is a pattern that I increasingly see from some Administrators. They claim to want open discussion; they put out their points saying whatever they want, and then effectively close off all discussion without giving others the opportunity to respond. This is exactly what happened when Dean Gotsman sent Provost Deek's summary to you on May 8th at 8:14pm, and then, as I came to learn later, withdrew his Faculty Senate motion within minutes. It was an attempt to silence the Faculty Senate. I've seen this playbook before. I was determined that this would not happen to the Faculty Senate. I recognize that there are often multiple sides to an issue. Historically, within the Faculty Senate, we have been able to work through differences and come to a resolution. Unfortunately, this has yet to occur in the present situation. But as the Provost wrote in his summary, I have also written that we are seeking closure. Ellen, David and I will work with relevant university offices and the Provost to bring a mutually agreed upon, binding closure to this situation. This is my last public comment on the matter. Thank you.
A. Bose also presented Faculty Handbook changes to be voted on.
Proposed change to Default Department Bylaws regarding voting membership: Motion to approve by Q. Jones and seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Motion was approved with 1 no and 0 abstentions.
Proposed Bylaw Change Regarding Faculty Senate Leadership: Motion to approve by D. Horntrop and seconded by M. Bandelt. Motion was approved unanimously.

12. Research Committee Report, J. Meegoda
J. Meegoda gave his report on Research at NJIT and future plans for Research. Q&A with discussion followed along with endorsement of the report.

13.   Presentation on Two Factor Authentication
        K. Sandell gave her presentation on the transition to two factor authentication for the
        University. M. Bandelt was a tester for this new system and spoke on his experiences.
        There was a Q&A with discussion that followed.

The Meeting ended at 1:34PM