

Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting
March 9, 2021
WebEx, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

- I. Convening of the meeting – Denis Blackmore, President
- II. Approval of minutes of 2/23/21 meeting
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President (\cong 10 min.)
 - a. Presidential search
 - b. Lecture block/blocks
- IV. Graduate Course Repetition: B. Baltzis (\cong 15 min.)
- V. CUE Report: D. Horntrop (\cong 15 min.)
- VI. YWCC Chair Elections: Dean C. Gotsman (\cong 30 min.)
- VII. Proposal for Structure of Colleges/Schools: A. Bose (\cong 30 min.)
- VIII. New Business

Minutes for the Faculty Senate Meeting
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1. Convening of the meeting-Denis Blackmore, President
The meeting started at 11:32AM
2. Voting Members Present: I. Gatley, L. Rodriguez-Freire, N. Steffen, A. Kosovichev, A. Lee, R. Goodman, G. Esperdy, M. Bandelt, M. Vinnikov, H. Grebel, N. Maher, R. Sodhi, D. Bunker, R. Rojas-Cessa, A. Rosato, Q. Jones, D. Blackmore, Y. Perl, U. Roshan, A. Martin Utrera, E. Thomas, D. Horntrop, M. Schwartz, P. Armenante, A. Gerbessiotis, S. Adamovich, E. Farinas, A. Borgaonkar
3. Non-Voting Members Present: J. Bedient, B. Baltzis, K. Riismandel, C. Gotsman, M. Kam, M. Stanko, J. Yuan, M. Knight, K. Belfield, A. Hoang, O. Tukel, B. Kolarevic, F. Deek, A. Dhawan
4. Guests Present: Lilia Lozarito (MTSM), Cesar Bandera (MTSM), Melodi Guilbault (MTSM), Tamara Bacsik (MTSM), Alan Zhi Peng Yan (MTSM), Cheickna Sylla (MTSM), Wayne Fox (MTSM), Stephen Taylor (MTSM), Amitabha Bose (Mathematical Sciences), Marybeth Boger (Dean of Students), Diana Walsh (MTSM), Shanthi Gopalarakrishnan (MTSM), Laurent Simon (Undergraduate Studies), Xinyuan Tao (MTSM), Sotirios Ziavras (Graduate Studies)
5. Approval of the minutes 2/23/2021 meeting
Motion to approve the minutes by E. Thomas and seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Minutes were approved unanimously.
6. Report of the Faculty Senate President
D. Blackmore: Update on Presidential Search Committee-sent the Deans a reminder email about nominees. Asked for more input on the Presidential profile before sending to the Board of Trustees. Lecture Blocks: the rule for undergraduate formal lecture courses (two 1.5 hour blocks) holds, except when compelling reasons for a single 3-hour block are presented and approved through the normal channels.
7. Graduate Course Repetition-Basil Baltzis
Basil Baltzis gave his presentation on the Graduate Course Repetition Policy. Asking for a minor change in the motion in order to make things clearer. Motion with changes: *“A maximum of two course repetitions are allowed in matriculated graduate study; if necessary, this will allow a student to repeat a course two additional times. The grade received in a repeated course is calculated in the cumulative GPA, but the first grade still appears on the transcript. If a course is repeated two additional times, all grades will appear on the transcript, while the first and second attempts associated with the course will be excluded from the cumulative GPA calculation.*

Students may not repeat a course without prior approval from the department. Non-matriculated students, including certificate students, are allowed to repeat only one course once. Students who receive an F in a course will be required to repeat that

course. The academic advisor may contact the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies if the course is no longer offered or not applicable to the student's current program, or other extenuating circumstances are believed to exist.”

Discussions followed. Motion to make minor changes to the already approved Graduate Course Repetition Policy by D. Blackmore and seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Q&A with discussion. Motion was approved with 0 no's and 1 abstention.

8. CUE Report-David Hornthrop

B.S in Cyberpsychology: Motion to approve by D. Hornthrop and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

Policy Update for Students Pursuing Two Degrees: In addition to meeting all general education requirements, the candidate for two degrees must earn at least 30 credits more than is required for either degree and must fulfill all requirements of the two degree programs. **Two degrees can be earned only with programs having at least 15 non-overlapping credits in course requirements.** Normally this requires five years of study. Motion to approve by D. Hornthrop and seconded by D. Blackmore. Discussion followed. Motion to table this motion by D. Bunker and seconded by H. Grebel. Motion to table the motion was approved with 14 yes, 10 no and 1 abstention.

9. YWCC Chair Elections: Dean Craig Gotsman

Dean Craig Gotsman gave his presentation on extending the terms of YWCC Chairs by 1 year. Motion to approve the extension by C. Gotsman and seconded by Y. Perl. Discussion followed. Motion was not approved with 16 no, 9 yes, and 2 abstentions.

10. Proposal for Structure of Colleges/Schools: Amit Bose

Section 2.1-Faculty Rights and Responsibilities: Amit Bose gave his presentation on a proposal to change Section 2.1 of the Faculty Handbook. Motion to approve by A. Bose and seconded by D. Bunker. Discussion followed. Motion to table Proposal for Section 2.1 by E. thomas and seconded by Shanthi Gopalarakrishnan. Motion to table was approved with 15 yes, 11 no, and 1 abstention.

Section 3.1-Colleges, Schools, and Departments: Amit Bose gave his presentation on a proposal to change Section 3.1 of the Faculty Handbook. Discussion followed. Q. Jones presented the motion: The Faculty Senate agrees in principle that all NJIT faculty have the right to report to an elected administrator (typically a chairperson), while acknowledging working through how to achieve this outcome will take considerable deliberation. This motion was seconded by D. Bunker. Discussion followed. Motion to table Q. Jones' by Y. Perl and seconded by D. Blackmore.

*Motion to table was not approved with 12 nos, 11 yes, and 1 abstention.

11. New Business

No new business.

The meeting ended 1:30PM

**The motion to table was mistakenly counted as approved during the meeting.*