Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
November 15, 2018
Albert Dorman Honors College Conference Room (211), 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

I. Convening of the Meeting – Eliza Michalopoulou, President
The faculty meeting started at 11:30AM


The following non-voting members were present: B. Shokralla, R. Lazer, L. Hamilton, M. Stanko, K. Riismandel, B. Baltzis, and D. Ullman.

The following guests were present: D. Desai, R. Moore, S. Ziavras, B. Haggerty, and L. Simon.

III. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on October 25, 2018.
The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on October 25, 2018 were approved (20 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention).

IV. Report of the Faculty Senate President
Speaking at Faculty Senate: FS members can speak twice on an issue. Priority will be given to those who have not already spoken.
Introduction of new CS Senator- Alex Gerbessiotis
Report on the Presidential Search Process,
The FS President made the following announcement:
“On the matter of the presidential search, we anticipate a transition to a new president on July 1, 2021, as per the BOT resolution of November 9, 2017
(https://www.njit.edu/boards/sites/boards/files/Dr.%20Bloom%27s%20Contractual%20Appt.%202011-9-17.pdf). The BOT and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate (EC) have been working together to establish a search process to this effect. The BOT provided a time-line. We understand that the process starts early in 2019 with the involvement of the BOT and EC. We have suggested a town-hall meeting. The EC is pleased to be engaged in discussions.
Please engage faculty in your academic units.”

Faculty Load Distribution Request: Chairs and Deans have been asked for the load distribution in their academic units by the Committee on Research. Faculty members have expressed concerns that Teaching Assignment Criteria are not followed uniformly within units.

V. Computing resources (D. Ullman)
New service is being introduced: MyUCID management, everyone will have to claim their account and set it up. David will address web services for faculty profiles at a late date, i.e. updating profiles from digital measures

VI. CGE motions – see attachments (R. Moore, S. Ziavras)
1. Amend the accelerated BS-MS, BA-MS, BArch-MS, Barch-MArch, BS-MBA, BA-MBA, BArch-MBA program option. Amend the accelerated MS-MS and MS-MBA dual degree
program options. D. Horntrop made a motion to approve. D. Sollohub seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Awarding graduate certificates to MS students. D. Horntrop made a motion to approve. D. Sollohub seconded. Motion approved (17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

3. New program: MS in Medical Science. Concerns were expressed about NJIT not having control over the program and about the online delivery of the courses. D. Horntrop made a motion to approve. G. Thomas seconded. Motion was approved (13 yes, 7 no, 0 abstentions).

4. Program revision: PSM Biotechnology option in MS Pharmaceutical Chemistry. D. Blackmore made a motion to approve. D. Sollohub seconded. Motion was approved (18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

5. Program revision: Geotechnical Engineering concentration in MS Civil Engineering. D. Sollohub made a motion to approve. G. Thomas seconded. Motion was approved (17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

6. Application for graduation (remove pre-certification for graduate students). G. Thomas made a motion to approve. D. Horntrop seconded. Motion was approved (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

7. R. Moore read the following statement:
   “As dissertation supervisors, departmental chairs, faculty members, research supervisors, current and future colleagues, fellow union members, and as human beings, we wish to make clear our deep concern and distress with recent changes in NJIT's student insurance program which have eliminated dependent coverage for new doctoral students, effective Fall 2018. In addition to the above concerns, we must also note that doctoral students are typically making a very long term commitment, and many of these students already have, or are on the verge of beginning, their own families. Given the comparatively scant stipends paid to our doctoral students, it is not realistic to believe that they can afford to secure such coverage as individuals in the open market, and over and above the concerns noted above, we must note that this will leave us at a distinct disadvantage relative to other programs these students may be considering for post-graduate study, and is very likely to reduce our future ability to attract either the number or quality of doctoral students necessary to maintain viable doctoral programs and external research agendas at NJIT.”

G. Thomas made a motion for the FS to endorse this statement and take it to the administration for review. D. Bunker seconded. Motion was approved (8 yes, 0 no, 5 abstentions).

VII. CUE motions (D. Horntrop)

1. B.S. in Biomedical Engineering (5 year co-op versions)
   D. Horntrop motion to approve. D. Blackmore seconded. Motion was approved (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

2. B.S. in ET, Construction Engineering Technology
   D. Horntrop motion to approve. D. Sollohub seconded. Motion was approved (12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

3. B.S. in ET, Telecommunications Management Technology
   D. Horntrop motion to approve. S. Pemberton seconded. Motion was approved (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

4. B.S. in Forensic Science
   D. Horntrop motion to approve. D. Sollohub seconded. Motion was approved (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

5. GER literacies
   D. Horntrop moved that the senate approves the definition of literacies for GER. G. Thomas seconded. Motion regarding definition of literacies was approved (12 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
Y. Perl made a motion that NCE provides a definition of Engineering literacy for the next iteration. G. Thomas seconded. D. Bunker proposed an amendment to include Architecture literacy and Biological literacy in the next iteration. D. Sollohbu seconded. Amendment was approved (4 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions). Motion to provide to the GER subcommittee with Engineering, Architectural, and Biological literacy definitions was approved (5 yes, 3 no, 4 abstentions).

VIII. The meeting ended at 1:40PM