

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
February 28, 2019
Albert Dorman Honors College Conference Room (211), 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

- I. Convening of the Meeting – Ellen Thomas, Vice President
The faculty meeting started at 11:33AM.

- II. Roll Call- The following voting members were present: T. Arinzeh, M. Bandelt, D. Blackmore, E. Farinas, H. Grebel, D. Horntrop, B. Khusid, N. Steffen-Fluhr, J. Luke (sub for E. Michalopoulou), S. Pemberton, L. Potts, R. Rojas-Cessa, W. Cai (sub for T. Rosato), M. Saadeghvaziri, M. Schwartz, R. Sodhi, D. Sollohub, G. Thomas, E. Thomas, Y. Perl, and A. Gerbessiotis.

The following non-voting members were present: K. Belfield, R. Lazer, R. Caudill, L. Hamilton, A. Hoang, M. Stanko, K. Riismandel, A. Schuman, and B. Baltzis.

The following guests were present: S. Zivavras, E. Bishof, L. Simon. D. Barger, G. Goldman, A. Zarzvcki, and L. Nurse.

- III. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on February 14, 2019
The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on February 14, 2019 were approved unanimously.

- IV. Report of the Faculty Senate Vice President.

Introduction of Dean Nurse (presentation on Academic Integrity to follow on March 14).
Attendance of E-Procurement training sessions.
Attendance of town hall meetings with VP Christ to express concerns about buildings.
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- V. FSIP & Other Separations (J. Bloom and E. Bishof)
A presentation on FSIP by President J. Bloom was followed by Q&A. With the new R1 ranking, the discussion turned to how NJIT can keep the R1 status as well as encourage interdisciplinary research. It was suggested that the FS meet with the P&T committee to better understand how the P&T process can encourage that kind of behavior. Questions about why startup packages are more expensive than salaries. President Bloom stated that E. Bishof can provide the data to be shared with Faculty at a later meeting.

- VI. Great Colleges Survey (B. Lazer)
Presentation by B. Lazer is available on HR website: <http://hr.njit.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/GreatCollegesAllResultsNJIT2018.pdf>
B. Lazer stated there was disappointment from HR in the lack of engagement across the institution as there was not enough feedback given and many did not believe that their opinions would remain anonymous. Additional detailed information, like a breakdown along demographics, is available for senators if they reach out to R. Lazer directly.

- VII. Implementation of a Freshman Seminar Course at NJIT (L. Simon)
Presentation by D. Barger. D.Barger stressed that there are not enough academic advisors for the 30 sections, so instructional staff (Res life, Dean of students, etc.). Very few Faculty members respond to the request to participate in seminars. Questions were raised by A. Saadeghvaziri regarding the actions taken to include more faculty involvement and the need for freshmen to be provided the opportunities to interact with faculty. D. Barger agreed that there

should be a more collaborative effort with the faculty. B. Khusid question about the process for transfer students. D. Barger stated that they have their own seminar under a different director similar to ADHC honors students. M. Schwartz commented that it would be helpful if faculty were aware of the strategies from the freshman seminar so that they can also reference to students when necessary. D. Barger will share contents of each freshman seminar module. Faculty Senate VP emailed all senators this information following the meeting.

- VIII. CUE Report. B.A. in Computer Science (D. Horntrop)
Motion to approve curriculum update for B.A in Computer Science by D. Horntrop. Seconded by G. Thomas. The motion was approved (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)
- IX. CGE Motions. Please see attachments (S. Zivras)
1. Program changes: PhD in CS
M. Bandelt made motion to approve. D. Horntrop seconded. The motion was approved (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 2. Program changes: PhD in EE
D. Horntrop made a motion to approve. Y. Perl seconded. The motion was approved (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 3. Program changes: PhD in CoE
A. Gerbessiotis made a motion to approve. D. Horntrop seconded. The motion was approved (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 4. Program changes: PhD in Urban Systems
D. Horntrop made a motion to approve. D. Sollohub seconded. The motion was approved (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 5. Program changes: MS in Engineering Science
G. Thomas made a motion to approve. M. Bandelt seconded. The motion was approved (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 6. Program changes: MS in Software Engineering
G. Thomas made a motion to approve. B. Khusid seconded. The motion was approved (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 7. Program changes: MS in Cyber Security and Privacy
G. Thomas made motion to approve. B. Khusid seconded. The motion was approved (13 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 8. Program changes: MS in Pharmaceutical Engineering
G. Thomas made a motion to approve. M. Bandelt seconded. The motion was approved (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
 9. Sunset the MS in Mathematical and Computational Finance (due to low enrollment)
G. Thomas made a motion to approve. M. Bandelt seconded. The motion was approved (14 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).
- X. CITLAR: Recommendation to Renew Pluralsight (G. Goldman)
Motion for Faculty Senate's support to renew Pluralsight. Discussion. Y. Perl commented on other CITLAR members stating that this platform is not what our students need. D. Blackmore question about usage on campus. A. Hoang confirmed that usage by students has gone up since last year. G. Thomas made a motion to approve. B Khusid seconded. The motion was approved (10 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention).

The meeting ended at 1:33PM.