I. Convening of the Meeting – Eliza Michalopoulou, President
The meeting started at 11:40AM.


The following non-voting members were present: K. Belfield, R. Lazer, R. Caudill, M. Stanko, K. Riismandel, A. Schuman, B. Baltzis, and B. Shokralla (student senate).

The following guests were present: A. Christ, L. Simon, A. Patwardhan (student senate), and J. Shafik (student senate).

III. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on November 15, 2018.
The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on November 15, 2018 were approved. (21 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention)

IV. Capital Renewal and Replacement (A. Christ)
Discussion. Q&A with faculty regarding issues on campus: classroom/office repairs, Physics building construction, upgrade tech in classrooms. Complaints about the length of time it takes for work orders to be completed were expressed (A. Christ says average is 45 days). Student feedback comes directly from shared governance. A. Christ is looking for support from FS; faculty can support renewal monies in Vision 2020. The need to report any issues using the system for work order requests: https://www.njit.edu/maintenance/ was stressed.

V. Report of the Faculty Senate President
Reminder: TAC and Faculty Load Distribution Request.
Faculty profile pages.
Webpages will revert to old formatting due to complaints from faculty and lack of review and approval from the FS. Faculty temporarily do not have profile pages. The new format will be presented to FS for approval. Other website related issues were reported regarding duplicate GER/GUR pages.
Teaching Evaluations – Fall 2018.
Some students were given the opportunity to evaluate classes before withdrawing. This was rectified manually.

VI. Student Senate Resolution – Add/Drop Date (B. Shokralla)
Discussion. D. Blackmore made a motion for FS to support resolution of Student Senate to extend add/drop period from 5 to 9 days. I. Gatley seconded. Further discussion. H. Grebel made a motion to table the item. D. Sollohub seconded and commented that it can be provisional for the first year. B. Shokralla agreed with the provisional period. The motion was not passed (4 yes, 8 no, 4 abstentions). D. Bunker made a motion to amend: change resolution
so that it reflects 10 days, not 9 days. Q. Jones seconded. Motion was not passed (2 yes, 9 no, 4 abstentions). D. Blackmore’s motion to support resolution was approved (13 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention).

VII. Proposed Standing Committee (Ala Saadeghvaziri)
Discussion. A. Saadeghvaziri stressed that “Student-faculty interaction is the most important factor in student success.” L. Simon stated that there is currently a similar presentation used during the process of Onboarding of students. L. Simon also suggested that A. Saadeghvaziri present this proposal for a new committee to the Committee on Student Success. I. Gatley suggested that the topic return to the full Senate, for further discussion due to the high interest in the subject.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 1:45PM