

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Administrative Affairs Council Minutes

October 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch, Chair. Others in attendance were: P. Bolling, B. Boynton, J. Carpinelli, F. Deek, C. Dees, P. Deess, R. English, J. Feeney, N. Gehani, U. Gauchat, J. Gentul, C. Gonzalez, T. Howell, R. Kane, K. Kelly, H. Kimmel, H. Mauermeyer, S. Morgan, P. Nelson, J. Regencio, W. Reynolds, J. Rhodes, J. Robertson, H. Ross, E. Ruiz, R. Sabbatis, S. Saigal, D. Sebastian, G. Spak, H. Stern, R. Sweeney, J. Tartaglia, P. Teklinski, J. Thompson, N. Tworischuk, and D. Ullman

President's Report:

President Altenkirch gave a summary on the status of major activities and stated that Kathy Kelly will fill in for Joel Bloom and discuss enrollment.

The President gave an update on the Alumni Association of NJIT, Inc. and discussed how there was a small group in opposition of NJIT's mission and most recently the Gateway Plan. On September 12 the courts ruled in favor of NJIT, but there is an opportunity for one more hearing for the purpose of sorting out any disputed facts, and it is not likely but they have an opportunity to file an appeal. We are preparing a motion for summary judgement. So far the legal bill is \$350,000 and will likely end up at around \$500,000.

He also discussed the FY 09 budget and the decrease in State funding totaling \$5.7 million. The tuition increase was raised to 8.2 % and approved by the Board at the July meeting.

On the Central High School acquisition schedule, the building will be vacant this year, but we are unsure what that means on maintaining the building or if they will be boarding it up. According to the outlined plan as given from Newark Public Schools, the earliest closing date will be in June 2011, but by June 2012 we will close one way or another.

The Gateway Plan is moving forward. If the Broad Street Station Plan is approved, then the Gateway Plan will be a subset of that plan. There will be a resolution confirming NJIT's designation as redeveloper, and the redevelopment agreement will be between NJIT and the City.

There were 16 new academic degree programs approved for Fall 08, and 10 under development for Fall '09 and 6 additional ones for Fall '10.

Mayor FY09 effort includes new program development, the Gateway Plan implementation, Dubai program, and ground work for major fundraising campaign.

Kath Kelly gave an update on actual and projected enrollment from 2005 – 2010. She stated that freshman applications showed a 13% increase in applications, and an overall increase in enrollment of about 104 over 2007. Transfer enrollment increased but we need to work to increase it higher.

New graduate enrollment saw a very small increase and we need to rework our goals to increase that applicant and admitted pool.

She discussed status of new undergraduate and MS program enrollments. As for continuing student enrollment, we need to work on our retention effort because of the decline in head count.

Tactics to increase enrollment in 2008-2009 were discussed. We need to make the student population aware of other areas or programs that we offer outside of Architecture and Engineering.

With no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.