

**CAA
Agenda
August 17, 2011**

Approval of the Minutes of April 20, 2011

Report of the Provost – I. Gatley

Report of the President – R. Altenkirch

Graduate Council – M. Xanthos

UCRC – R. Rockland

Visiting Research Student Research Collaborator, presentation/description – J. Grundy

Recognition of Service of Daljit Ahluwalia – Ullman, Deek, Altenkirch, Gatley

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Voting members or their representatives: M. Baltrush, J. Bloom, F. Deek, P. Egbelu, E. Farinas, I. Gatley, J. Golowasch, M. Halper, C. Johnson, N. Loney, J. Luke, N. Maher, N. Ravindra, J. Redling, R. Rockland, R. Sodhi, R. Sweeney, L. Tsybeskov, D. Ullman, W. Van Buskirk, M. Xanthos.

Others: D. Ahluwalia, M. Boger, I. Bracero, D. Coleman, C. Dees, P. Deess, R. Federici, J. Feeney, J. Gentul, J. Grundy, H. Kimmel, E. Michalopoulou, S. Morgan, H. Ross, W. Reynolds, G. Spak, J. Thompson,

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

- Provost Gatley

The minutes of the April 20, 2011 CAA meeting were approved as written.

1. Convocation

Convocation will be September 14th in the Naimoli Family & Recreation Center. The speaker will be Steve Adubato.

2. Shared Governance

The 23 member committee worked very hard to produce a model that will be presented in the fall. The faculty members on the committee will report to the Faculty Council as well as the faculty at large. The committee has proposed a two senate model. The University Senate would represent all constituents as a forum to exchange ideas, and the Faculty Senate would represent the faculty.

3. Learning Communities

There has been a tremendous outpouring of support to welcome the freshmen and make them feel connected. A web page has been set up as:

<http://www.njit.edu/communityconnections/community/index.php>

The peer mentors are helping form this connection. The first three weeks of the semester are critical. The students will be engaged with the faculty from day one. There will be significant changes in how we deliver the math curricula. The provost really appreciates the efforts of the Math Department. For those students for which calculus is key, we encouraged them to take pre-calc over the summer. We had more than 100 students do so. The final placement in the fall will not be determined until after the first common exam. Some of the students will take Calc I and Calc II over three semesters.

- President

Dr. Altenkirch presented the Fiscal 2012 Budget Overview and Capital Plan. The presentation can be found using this link:

<http://www.njit.edu/president/docs/2011/2011-07-14-fy12-campus-budget-approved.pdf>

- Graduate Council – M. Xanthos

1. No meetings are held in the summer. Faculty are reviewing dissertations.
2. Orientation for new graduate students is to be held next week.
3. There will also be an orientation for international graduate students.
4. J. Grundy following up with his report on the status of his proposal for “Visiting graduate student research collaborator.” UCRC and Grad Council are looking at the proposal to allow for research-only students to register, and pay for, three credits. Several items to consider were discussed. It was decided that a task force should be put together to consider all of the salient issues and make a final recommendation.

- UCRC- R. Rockland

1. Next meeting is September 19th
2. The meetings have been moved to align with CAA
3. UCRC now has a Moodle site, so that discussions can take place. Moodle will also allow us to maintain a historical record.

- Presentation of Recognition to Daljit Ahluwalia

As a result of D. Ahluwalia stepping down after years of service as the chair of the Mathematical Sciences Department, he was presented with a plaque. D. Ullman read a citation and resolution. President Altenkirch commented on the tremendous impact Dr. Ahluwalia has had on NJIT by championing the department’s rise to national prominence.

D. Ahluwalia gave a round of thanks to the administration for their support of his initiatives.

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Ron Rockland, Chair
September 19, 2011

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There were three proposals presented at this special meeting, and all three passed.

1. A new three course sequence in Calculus – Math 131, 132 and 133, which would allow students who are familiar with precalculus but not yet ready for the rigor of Math 111 to succeed in calculus by studying it at a slower pace. These three classes are equivalent to Math 111 and Math 112.
2. A new Chem 121/122 series for students who do not place into the Chem 125/126 series, replacing the three course sequence that was previously given to students who did not do well in the placement test.
3. CBPE moved Physics 111 and 111A into 2nd semester freshman year, fill the spot vacated by this course with SS200 and move Physics 121 and 121A into 2nd semester of junior year.