

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MOVING THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM  
FROM NCAA DIVISION II TO DIVISION I**

**WHEREAS**, NJIT has and will continue to review its intercollegiate athletic program and its NCAA participation; and

**WHEREAS**, following a study in 1996, the university moved its intercollegiate athletic program from Division III to II; and

**WHEREAS**, intercollegiate athletics, particularly Division I, significantly contributes to campus life, student recruiting, alumni relations and visibility; and

**WHEREAS**, NJIT is continuing to evolve into a residential campus with significantly increased co-curricular activities, campus life, alumni activities, competitive recruiting, and expanded academic programs; and

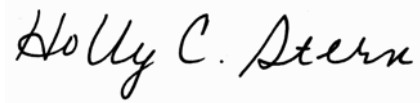
**WHEREAS**, men's soccer at NJIT has a significant history and alumni, is highly popular in the greater Newark community, and will complete reclassification from NCAA Division II to Division I as a member of the Atlantic Soccer Conference following the close of the 2004-05 academic year; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning, staffing, and establishment of the complement of sports to reclassify the athletic program from NCAA Division II to Division I is in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCAA now provides for individual team reclassification, limited to one of each gender, on a two-year time frame Division II to Division I while the remainder of the athletic program begins the process of reclassification from Division II to Division I; and

**WHEREAS**, following reclassification of men's soccer from NCAA Division II to Division I, and, with the coaching staff and recruiting infrastructure in place, NJIT is in position to reclassify the women's soccer team from NCAA Division II to Division I to parallel and provide gender equity with the men's team; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees approves the reclassification of the women's soccer team from NCAA Division II to Division I on a two-year time frame and initiation of the entire intercollegiate athletic program to Division I on a five-year time frame consistent with NCAA rules.

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