**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**

**26 March 2024**

**Agile Strategy Lab (CKB L70), 11:30 AM–1:30 PM**

1. Convening of the Meeting – Daniel Bunker, President

Voting Members Present: A. Gerbessiotis, A. Abdi, A. Eun Jung Lee, A. Lefkovitz, A. Hoover, A. Gerrard, A. Borgaonkar, B. Khusid, C. McRae, D. Horntrop, E. Farinas, E. Thomas, H. Grebel, I. Gatley, J. Lee, N. Steffen Fluhr, P. Armenante, R. Sodhi, R. Assaad, S. Cai, S. Adamovich, S. Subramanian, T. Narahara, X. Ding

Non- Voting Members: J. Pelesko, M. Kam, K. Belfield, L. Hamilton, B. Haggerty. J. Sodhi, M. Stanko

Guests: L. Simon

1. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on March 5, 2024
	1. Moved by A. Borgaonkar, seconded by A. Lefkovitz, unanimously approved
2. Report of the Faculty Senate President (10 Minutes)
	1. Budget and finance updates:
		1. University-wide Fiduciary Training sessions:
			1. March 28, 2024 at 11:00 am in the CKB, Agile Strategy Lab
			2. April 11, 2024 at 10:30 am in the CKB, Agile Strategy Lab
		2. New budget model:
			1. Upcoming at FS, update from CFO Brennan. Send me you questions.
			2. University-wide forum: May 8th, 2024 at 9:30 am in GITC 3700
			3. More info on the new budget model here: <https://www.njit.edu/finance/njit-budget-model-redesign-project>
	2. EIT awards process
	3. Confidentiality
3. Egypt update, Perry Deess
	1. Overall campus design
	2. The Bloomfields site, campus project timeline
	3. Discussion followed.
	4. The Faculty Senate and the Faculty should anticipate the Administration presenting the plan, as it is presented to MSCHE, for Faculty approval/review about 15 months before the first students matriculate on the NJIT Egypt campus (earliest September 2026), and a few months before our final application for middle states approval (earliest September 2025).
4. CGE motions, Sotiri Ziavras
	1. No CGE motions were presented – placed in the agenda in error.
5. Motions to modify the Faculty Handbook
	1. Motion to alter the Period of Service for NJIT Department Chairpersons, Dean Kam
		1. Moved by Ellen Thomas, seconded by David Horntrop.
		2. Motion to amend by Yehoshua Perl, 2nd by Alex Gerbessiotis. Amendment to make the first term 3 years and the following terms 5 years. 19 opposed, 2 abstentions, 6 in favor. Amendment failed.
		3. Motion to amend by Raj Sodhi, 2nd by Alex Gerbessiotis. Amendment to require the second term to have 60% approval. 6 in favor, 14 opposed, 6 abstentions. Amendment fails.
		4. Final vote on main motion: 15 opposed, 1 abstention, 11 in favor. Motion fails.
	2. Motion to alter the Timeline for promotion to Full Professor and Distinguished Professor
		1. Presented by Dean Kam
			1. Moved by Ian Gatley, 2nd by Raj Sodhi.
		2. Amendment to modify proposal as per CFRR recommendation, Cheickna Sylla and Calista McRae
			1. Moved by Calista McRae, 2nd by Raja Roy. 6 in favor, 10 opposed, 7 abstentions. Amendment fails.
		3. Final vote on main motion, without amendment: 19 in favor , 3 opposed, .4 abstentions. Motion passes.
6. Motion to expand the Faculty Senate Executive Committee by two, from five to seven
	1. Rationale:
		1. We recently changed the bylaws to include the past president, but this reduces to 2 the number of elected seats on the EC.
		2. The EC currently includes 5 members: The President, the Vice President, and the Past President, plus two elected positions.
		3. FS needs to cultivate leadership.
		4. By increasing the FS EC to 7 total, we will be able to include more Senators that are elected and that may eventually become Vice President and President.
		5. This will also allow us to have better representation across the colleges and generally invite more input into the EC.
	2. Motion to modify the Faculty Senate Bylaws, increasing the Executive Committee from five to seven. Moved by Ellen Thomas, 2nd by A. Borgaonkar. 22 in favor, 0 oppossed, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
7. New Business - none