

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
9 September 2025
Campus Center Ballroom B, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

1. Convening of the Meeting – Fadi Deek, President

Voting Members Present: Abdi, A., Ahmadpoor, F., Armenante, P, Booty, M., Borgaonkar, Cai, W., A., Deek, F., Ehrlich, M., Farinas, E., Fortune, E., Gatley, I., Gerbessiotis, A., Gerrard, A., Hoover, A., Horntrop, D., Khusid, B., Lee, E., Maher, N., McRae, C., Neamtiu, I., Pennock, W., Perl, Y., Saadeghvaziri, M., Steffen Fluhr, N., Son, J., Subramanian, S., Thomas, E., Yaramothou, C., Yu, D., Zarzycki, A., Zhang, Y.

Voting Members Non-Present: Adamovich, S., Dasgupta, A.

Non-Voting Members Present: Adams, T., Haggerty, B., Hoang, A., Kam, M., Sodhi, J.

2. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on 2025-05-13

- i. Motion by A. Borgaonkar; seconded by D. Horntrop. Consent Agenda item approved unanimously

3. Reports, Updates, and Action Items

- i. F. Deek, FS President, provided brief remarks regarding the FS agenda for AY 2025-2026, pledging collaboration and soliciting cooperation.

ii. FS 1st Vice President Nominations & Election

Did not take place due to a lack of nominations

iii. FS-EC Nominations and Elections

A vote was conducted for six nominees. The following five individuals were elected.

- Ashish Borgaonkar
- Amy Hoover
- David Horntrop
- Ala Saadeghvaziri
- Dantong Yu

iv. FS 2nd Vice President Nominations and Elections

- Amy Hoover was elected.

v. Provost's Report, John Pelesko

- The Provost provided remarks on student success and emphasized the importance of long-term strategic changes to enhance outcomes.
- The Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs position is now posted. A search committee is being formed, co-chaired by Mary Beth Boger and Jamie Payton, with Faculty Senate support being essential to the process.
- In March 2026, classes will be cancelled for a day to focus on the academic theme of AI. The event will promote campus-wide

dialogue and faculty engagement. Nikki Bosca is leading the planning and organizing committee.

- Recharge AD Hoc Task Force.
- Two key priorities moving forward are Teaching Ranks and Process Refinement.
- There is a clear need to improve and streamline our existing processes. In particular, the P&T process would benefit from greater consistency, clarity around timelines, and a better-defined understanding of the Chair's responsibilities.

vi. New Academic Programs and Initiatives, Dean Moshe Kam

- The presentation outlined the motivation, curriculum, required facilities, and anticipated timeline for launching the program.
- The Faculty Senate was asked to endorse the proposed AI Engineering graduate program and recommend its submission to the State of New Jersey for formal approval.
- Motion by A. Borgaonkar; seconded by A. Saadeghvaziri, passed unanimously.

4. No new business.

5. Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Fadi P. Deek, Faculty Senate President

Nikki Borders, Administrative Associate