

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**September 17, 2015**

**1. Call to order**

Richard Sher, Faculty Senate President, called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

The following voting members were present: W. Barnes, D. Blackmore, A. Bose, D. Bunker, Y. Ding, I. Gatley, S. Gopalakrishnan, H. Grebel, W. Hunter, A. Klobucar, J. McHugh, Z. Qiu, A. Rosato, A. Saadeghvaziri, A. Schuman, R. Sher, Y. Shi, L. Simon, R. Sodhi, A. Sohn, G. Thomas, and B. Wu (for Q. Jones)

The following non-voting members were present: S. Brito, R. Caudill, A. Christ, U. Gauchat, E. Hou, G. Mass, K. Passerini, K. Riismandel, R. Rockland, M. Rusinkiewicz, R. Sweeney, T. Tyson, John Vito d'Antoino-Bertagnolli and S. Ziavras

**3. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting**

The minutes from the September 3, 2015 meeting were approved.  
(Correction, Professor Y. Shi was present at the September 3, 2015 meeting.)

**4. President's Report**

- RS reported on Faculty Senate activities at the University Senate meeting on Sept. 16.
- The President and VP of Faculty Senate met with PSA on September 10 to discuss the Faculty Handbook and the PSA contract, as well as to establish communication links between Faculty Senate and PSA.
- D. Bunker (chair), E. Michalopoulos, T. Rosato, A. Saadeghvaziri, K. Frank, A. Sohn, and C. Sylla will serve on the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Affairs and Academic Support. The committee is charged with reporting back to the Faculty Senate on Nov. 19.
- A Faculty Senate report on a proposal submitted by M. Halper and Dean M. Rusinkiewicz to establish an IT Department within the College of Computing Sciences recommended no action at the present time.
- The revised Faculty Handbook (July 2015) is now available on the Faculty Senate website.

**5. New Business: Presentation on Teaching and Research Facilities**

Andrew Christ, VP for Real Estate Development and Capital Operations, presented an overview of infrastructure issues on campus, including repair and replacement, renovation, maintenance, and new projects. He explained that NJIT has traditionally allocated too little funding to infrastructure but that there has been a positive shift that will continue over the next several years.

## **6. Faculty Handbook Revisions: Part 6 Faculty Development**

A draft of Part 6 was discussed and modified. Andrew Klobucar and Kyle Riismandel will provide expanded language on mentoring. Sections 6.9 and 6.10 – Unpaid Leave of Absence policy and Active-Service Modified-Duties policy for Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty – will be moved from the Faculty Handbook to the PSA contract by agreement with PSA and the Provost.

## **7. Committee Business**

Dan Bunker presented a recommendation to allow CUE and CGE to handle approvals of new courses, course prerequisite changes, course name changes, sunsetting courses and reviving sunsetted courses without Faculty Senate review. A motion to do so was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

CGE – Sotirios Ziavras reported that the Fall 2015 enrollment for graduate students is higher than ever as a result of earlier and better recruiting techniques.

## **8. Ed Bishof's Report on Budget Issues**

Although Ed Bishof was not present, his PowerPoint slides describing numbers of and expenditures on administrators and faculty were presented and discussed. It was noted that in the six-year period since 2010, the number of administrators at NJIT has risen from 383 to 458 (a 20% increase) and the number of university lecturers has risen from 79 to 109 (a 38% increase), while the number of faculty has remained roughly the same.

## **9. Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **10. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.**