

Minutes of the Institute Faculty Meeting
December 10, 2021
11:30AM-1PM, WebEx

1. Convening of the Meeting
The meeting started at 11:32AM
2. Approval of the November 17, 2021 Institute Faculty Meeting minutes
Motion to approve the minutes by D. Blackmore and seconded by E. Thomas. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. FS President's Report (A. Rosato)
A. Rosato went over the agenda for the meeting.
4. NJIT Presidential Search - Recent Developments
D. Blackmore gave an update on the NJIT Presidential Search. Third finalist dropped out and another candidate decided to stay at their institution. There are 2 candidates left.
5. Egypt Campus
Dr. Bloom gave an update on the Egypt Campus:
 - There is another organization that will be formed by TM called Tatweer Misr Educational Institute (TMEI). NJIT will also form a new organization as a subsidiary of NJIT not unlike NJII. We will set up this other subsidiary of NJIT similar to NJII as a separate corporation. An expert in these areas, likely from Egypt, will do this and all costs will be taken by TM. NJIT has no financial commitment to the campus in Egypt (zero) and going forward will have no financial commitment.
 - The degree programs (we're going to take the recommendations of the Ad Hoc committee) which is the NJIT degree in Egypt will say NJIT-Egypt (or NJIT@Egypt). The degree offered will be a separate degree.
 - The in-country faculty and staff will be employees of TMEI for a couple of reasons. We have to be careful about how we add to the head count at NJIT and we have to make a financial commitment if we exceed the head count. The other thing is that the culture and the laws of Egypt are very different from ours. You have to follow the laws of the country in which the degrees are offered.
 - For any faculty who want to be involved from NJIT in teaching in Egypt (an undergraduate education campus), there shall be two options: (i) Online. There will be a proctor in the classroom in Egypt approved by the NJIT faculty member who teaches; and (ii) Faculty members choosing to go there and teach are bound by the agreements we have with faculty here, but again, all within the laws of the country of Egypt. Again, we approve all hiring done in Egypt at NJIT. Let me repeat, this is not intended to be a research campus.
 - We are going to create an advisory committee, led by Layek Malek. He is very familiar and has a family involved in education in Egypt. We are also going to invite faculty with a background and education in Egypt. There will be a meeting sometime in September by invitation to people with appropriate backgrounds.

- We have been told that we have missed the opportunity to do any courses as this would have had to have been set up by this January. There will be nothing in Egypt in the Fall of 2022. However, we will likely be doing non-credit short courses (likely through NJIT) probably at the American University in Cairo. (Dr. Bloom indicates that he will be there). President Bloom indicates that it's time to put a budget together and we will look this spring for a leader to coordinate the effort (to be paid by TM), who will work with shared governance and upper administration. By March, we will see early indications of what this TMEI will be (its governance, structure, people, etc.) and we will also begin to develop the NJIT corporation. By this May, we are supposed to have some of this early material developed. By next June, we should have the Presidential decree (as requested by OSHE). In the process, we need to continue conversations (which I heard) on how we interact with that campus related to faculty rights and responsibilities.

Discussion w/ Q&A followed. Y. Perl made a motion: The Faculty of NJIT does not support the 2021 agreement between NJIT and Tatweer Misra, which outlines establishing an NJIT campus in Egypt in its current form. Seconded by A. Bose.

Discussion followed. Motion to table Y. Perl's motion by L. Abdel-Malek and seconded by A. Yan was not approved. Call for Y. Perl's motion was approved with 57 yes and 14 no. Y. Perl's motion was approved with 54 yes, 11 no, and 5 abstentions.

6. New Business

No new business

7. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 1:08PM