

**Faculty Senate Minutes**  
**November 5, 2015**

**1. Call to order**

Richard Sher called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM.

**2. Roll Call**

The following voting members were present: D. Blackmore, A. Bose, D. Bunker, I. Gatley, U. Gauchat, S. Gopalakrishnan, H. Grebel, B. Hunter, Q. Jones, A. Klobucar, A. Rosato, A. Saadeghvaziri, A. Schuman, R. Sher, Y. Shi, L. Simon, R. Sodhi, A. Sohn, G. Thomas, and A. Zarzycki

The following non-voting members were present: B. Blatzis, R. Caudill, M. Kam, K. Riismandel, M. Rusinkiewicz, D. Ullman, and John Vito d'Antonio-Beratagnoli

The following FS standing committee chairs and guests were present: S. Brito, R. Rockland and B. Tierney

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

The minutes from the October 22, 2015 meeting were approved.

**4. Report of the President of Faculty Senate**

Richard Sher reported that Professor J. McHugh will be the Co-Chair for the Committee on Honors Education.

**5. Committee Reports**

TLT Report – R. Rockland

**6. Faculty Handbook Revisions**

A discussion took place on Section 2.3.3 – Professors Emeriti. The section on the benefits received by Emeriti Professors is being removed at the request of the Provost. It was moved and seconded to approve Section 2.3.3 as revised. The motion passed with 3 abstentions.

Faculty Senate Members agreed to refer Section 2.6.3.3.2 – Extended Tenure-Track Period to the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities.

Part 3: Academic Units and Their Administration. There was discussion of Section 3.2: Department Bylaws. It was agreed that the Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities will redo the Default Department Bylaws in the spring semester, and all departments will be asked to have their bylaws conform to the format of the Default Department Bylaws. R. Sher will send an email to each department in regard to this matter.

Section 3.3 – Department Chairpersons –The Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities will look into this section. The committee will focus on the timeline of elections; eligibility to vote; reelections for multiple terms; removal of chairs; and terms of office (3 or 4 years).

Section 3.4.4 – Federated Department language has been revised to allow for two Department Chairpersons, one at NJIT and one at Rutgers.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone a vote on Part 3 until the next Faculty Senate meeting. Approved unanimously.

Addendum to Part 4 – Promotion and Tenure, Stipulations Affecting Faculty Hired after January 2016. Moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Part 7: Role of Faculty in Appointing and Evaluating Administrators – There was discussion of additional administrative positions to be added to these sections, including Vice Provost for Research, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Academic Support and Student Services, University Librarian, and Dean of Students. It was agreed that any administrative positions with voting rights at Faculty Meetings, as well as administrative positions above a certain level that are academic in nature, should be included in the sections on appointing and evaluating administrators. It was agreed that the results of Faculty evaluations of administrators should be used constructively.

**7. Other Business**

8. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.