

**Minutes**  
**NJIT Institute Faculty Meeting**  
**February 17, 2021 2:30-4:00PM**  
**WebEx**

**Presiding: Denis Blackmore, Faculty Senate President**

1. Convening of the Meeting  
The meeting started at 2:31PM
2. Approval of the December 9, 2020 Institute Faculty Meeting Minutes.  
Motion to approve the minutes was moved and seconded. The minutes were approved with 1 abstention and 0 no's.
3. Faculty Senate Report, Denis Blackmore  
Considering the proposal for a new Data Science department in YWCC. Starting the search procedure for the President. Draft of Presidential profile to be sent to BOT and gathering nominees. Worked with the governing board of the PSA to send an email to the administration to find and eliminate salary inequities. Reached out and spoke with the Provost.
4. Presentation on Covid-19, Andrew Christ  
Andrew Christ gave his presentation on pandemic recovery. Topics discussed: Restarting the University community with on campus presence of faculty and staff and welcomed back students. A flexible and comprehensive plan that allows for immediate changes. Will continue the same comprehensive and flexible plan for Spring 2021, with some lessons learned. Vaccination partnership with University Hospital and eligibility. Q&A with discussion followed.
5. Presentation on Instructional Delivery, Basil Baltzis  
Basil Baltzis gave his presentation on Instructional Delivery. Topics discussed: Background on sub-committee formation and composition of sub-committee. Committee is data driven, represented by all aspects of instruction, holistic approach, and taking into consideration constraints that come from regulations. Attendance for converged classrooms and use of back2classroom app. Technology in the classroom. Policy issues such as pass fail and academic integrity. Receive feedback from students through surveys. Q&A with discussion followed.
6. Presentation on new guidelines for roles of Deans in hiring, Amit Bose  
Amit Bose gave his presentation on new guidelines for the roles of Deans in the hiring process. Q&A with discussion.
7. Open Forum: questions, suggestions, discussion  
Topic discussed: Three-hour time blocks for courses.

The meeting ended at 4:00PM