

**Agenda of the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**April 18, 2019**  
**Albert Dorman Honors College Conference Room (211), 11:30 AM–1:30 PM**

- I. Convening of the Meeting – Eliza Michalopoulou, President
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on March 28, 2019.
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President (20 minutes).
  - Two meetings in May.
  - Teaching evaluations – correlation between grades and instructor scores.
  - Teaching evaluations: ad-hoc committee.
  - Webpages – Digital Measures.
  - IT infrastructure update.
  - Honors code violations.
  - Change of FS meeting day to Tuesday starting in S20.
  - Scheduling: centralized or hybrid? Simulations?
- IV. VP and EC committee elections (15 minutes).
- V. CGE motions: Program changes in PhD in Mathematical Sciences, MA in History, Cyber Defense PSM option in the MS in Cyber Security and Privacy; New RCR (Responsible Conduct of Research) course for all graduate programs (S. Ziavras, 15 minutes).
- VI. CUE motions: new GER courses (D. Horntrop, 15 minutes).
- VII. Selection Process of Distinguished Professors: Discussion (45 minutes).
- VIII. Establishing an ad hoc committee to collaborate with the administration on the fulfilment of the agenda of NJIT as agreed with the FS (Y. Perl, 10 minutes).
- IX. Other business.

**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**April 18, 2019**  
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I. Convening of the Meeting – Eliza Michalopoulou, President

The faculty meeting started at 11:30AM

II. Roll Call-

The following voting members were present: A. Anandarajan, B. Pfister (sub for T. Arinze), M. Bandelt, D. Blackmore, D. Bunker, E. Farinas, I. Gatley, H. Grebel, D. Horntrop, B. Khusid, N. Steffen-Fluhr, E. Michalopoulou, S. Pemberton, D. Washington (sub for L. Potts), R. Rojas-Cessa, A. Rosato, M. Saadeghvaziri, M. Schwartz, R. Sodhi, D. Sollohub, G. Thomas, E. Thomas, Y. Perl, and A. Gerbessiotis.

The following non-voting members were present: B. Shokralla (student senate), R. Lazer, L. Hamilton, A. Hoang, M. Stanko, K. Riismandel, and B. Baltzis.

The following guests were present: N. Rubio, G. Chottiner, S. Zivras, A. Akansu, D. Scharf, L. Simon, T. Tyson, S. Mitra, and M. Zhou.

III. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on March 28, 2019.

The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on March 28, 2019 were approved unanimously.

IV. Report of the Faculty Senate President.

There will be two meetings in May.

Teaching evaluations – correlation between grades and instructor scores.

Discussion. The correlation does not appear to be significant. The FS initially requested evaluations to be re-computed without F's and D's. This is, however, difficult. The FS leadership will further discuss this with Dr. Brooks. D. Bunker provided a strong justification regarding a student's right to evaluate the course even with a failing grade.

Teaching evaluations: ad-hoc committee.

A committee has been formed. The committee will meet soon and most of the work will be performed next year.

Webpages – Digital Measures.

Discussion. N. Rubio worked with FS to address concerns, but there are still issues surrounding the ease of use. A. Hoang stressed to faculty that library resources are available as they work with N. Rubio directly and Davida Scharf can assist any faculty with uploading information to Digital Measures. A final decision will be made at the next FS meeting after senators consult with their academic units.

IT infrastructure update: we need to always be vigilant about security.

Honors code violations.

Concerns regarding student violations were expressed, especially on who will be responsible for making final decisions. Faculty members believe that the faculty in consultation with the DOS should make the decision.

Change of FS meeting day to Tuesday starting in S20.

FS meetings will move from Thursdays to Tuesdays beginning in SP'20 semester. Senators should let deans, chairs, and coordinators to put appropriate constraints on teaching schedules.

Scheduling: centralized or hybrid? Simulations?

Discussion. As a body and before centralized scheduling is readopted, FS would like to give feedback to B. Baltzis. Should there be a new system in place right now as the new registrar was recently hired? Comments were made about tabling the issue until the new registrar can address it. A vote was held to declare FS sentiment: 1) change over to centralized scheduling in 2 weeks, (2) continue with what we have with no change, or (3) continue with what we have with the addition of a simulation. Results: Change-2, No Change-3. All other senators voted that there is no change but we should conduct simulations with centralized scheduling. The Student Senate will also provide opinions to FS on scheduling. D. Bunker stated the need for an articulation of what FS is trying to achieve by changing systems. Per B. Baltzis, the goal is (1) to ensure there is a schedule that accommodates the needs of students and (2) to reduce the time and effort on the project as it currently takes 6 months to create a schedule. Questions were raised as to how the simulations will be evaluated.

V. VP and EC committee elections

D. Blackmore was unanimously elected as the VP for 2019/2020. There are five nominees for the Executive Committee: D. Bunker, G. Thomas, Y. Perl, T. Rosato, and E. Michalopoulou. There will be a vote for three during the May 2<sup>nd</sup> FS meeting.

VI. CGE motions: Program changes in PH. D. in Mathematical Sciences, MA in History, Cyber Defense

Discussion. M. Bandelt made a motion to approve program changes in the PhD in Mathematical Sciences, MA in History, and Cyber Defense. G. Thomas seconded. The motion was approved unanimously (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

VII. S. Zivras proposed a PSM option in the MS in Cyber Security and Privacy and an RCR (Responsible Conduct of Research) course for all graduate programs. The proposals were approved unanimously.

VIII. CUE motions: new GER courses (D. Horntrop).

D. Horntrop made a motion for curriculum updates. G. Thomas seconded. The motion was approved unanimously (22 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

IX. Selection Process of Distinguished Professors: Discussion.

A presentation by T. Tyson was followed by discussion. The DP committee is open to modifying the current process. Comments were made regarding the need to address diversity in the process as there is only one woman DP. E. Thomas suggested a subcommittee of DP to mimic the P&T committee with majority being DPs. I. Gatley commented that the current process was inherited and that DPs have concerns about full professors evaluating others for selection as DP. A. Akansu summarized the CFRR plan. A. Saadeghvaziri commented that professors should not decide on DP selection but should work with the DP committee. T. Tyson proposed joint committee meetings (CFRR and DP) to address the issue. E. Michalopoulou stated that a decision will need to be made on the appropriate action at the next meeting because there have already been extensive discussions at the FS on this matter for over a year.

X. The meeting adjourned at 2:30PM