

Revised Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting
September 15, 2020
WebEx, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

- I. Convening of the meeting – Denis Blackmore, President
- II. Approval of minutes of recent Faculty Senate meetings (see attached)
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President (≈ 10 minutes)
 - a. Summary of recent previous activity
 - b. Presidential search-related meetings with Board of Trustees
 - c. Plans for more faculty engagement in determining agenda
- IV. Remarks by President Bloom
- V. Election for replacement for Gordon Thomas on the Executive Committee
- VI. Presentation of B.S. In Financial Technology (Z. Yan). (see attached) (≈ 20 minutes)
- VII. Resolution of the following two motions tabled at the August 25 meeting

Motion 12:

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- VIII. Decision on continuation of the CCR and a related motion by Y. Perl on replacing it with a new Ad-Hoc committee for one year for Budget Auditing during PRP period.
- IX. New business

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
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- I. Convening of the Meeting — Denis Blackmore, President
The meeting started at 11:30AM
- II. Voting Members Present: S. Adamovich, M. Bandelt, L. Rodriguez-Freire, D. Blackmore, D. Bunker, E. Farinas, I. Gatley, H. Grebel, R. Goodman, Q. Jones, M. Vinnikov, B. Khusid, P. Armenante, N. Steffen-Fluhr, D. Horntrop, N. Maher, A. Borgaonkar, R. Rojas-Cessa, A. Rosato, U. Roshan, A. Utrera, M. Schwartz, R. Sodhi, G. Esperdy, E. Thomas, Y. Perl, A. Gerbessiotis, A. Eun Jung Lee
- III. Non-Voting Members Present: J. Bedient, K. Belfield, R. Lazer, O. Tukel, F. Deek, A. Dhawan, L. Hamilton, A. Hoang, M. Kam, M. Stanko, K. Riismandel, B. Kolarevic, B. Baltzis, J. Yuan
- IV. Guests Present: J. Bloom (President), A. Yan (MTSM), D. Ivanov (The Vector), J. Deane (Humanities), J. Ancis (Humanities), L. Simon (Undergraduate Studies), M. Ascarelli (Humanities), S. Ziavras (Graduate Studies), S. Pemberton (History), D. Scharf (Library), C. Brooks (Humanities), A. Lefkovitz (History), M. O’Neill (Humanities), C. McRae (Humanities)
- V. Approval of the minutes of recent Faculty Senate meetings
Motion to approve the minutes by A. Rosato. Seconded by R. Sodhi. Approved.
- VI. Report of the Faculty Senate President
D. Blackmore: A new, more equitable and transparent procedure for distinguished professor promotions was developed and approved last fall by the faculty. Progress has been made working with the Board of Trustees (BOT) in formulating the search procedures for the President. The composition of the search committee has been agreed upon. We are talking with the current BOT President and will continue to work with him on the process. A goal is to get more faculty engagement in determining the FS agenda by encouraging debates, discussion, and more involvement in faculty governance, especially at faculty meetings.
- VII. Remarks by President Bloom
J. Bloom: Enrollment is doing well. About negative 200 heads, comparing September of 2019 to September of 2020. For undergraduate studies we are about 65 heads off and about 135 heads off for graduate studies. Regarding the budget, for the first quarter the governor did not fund us at a 100%, instead at 42%. In the Governor's proposed budget, proposed on 8/25, he is going to fully fund our base operating budget. If that passes the legislature, we will receive just about \$ 30 million in state operating money. We also got another \$ 2million equity allocation. For federal aid, we will receive \$3.5 million for covid

related expenses. Will probably have an annualized budget for fiscal year 2021. Try to manage without layoffs, already had about \$6 million in give backs from all the bargaining units, unaligned, and senior administration. Q&A followed with discussion. Question about current occupancy and proceeding with building new dorms. J. Bloom: There are currently a little under 1300 people in residence. Will also continue to proceed with building a new dorm and have the business plan finished in the beginning of the new year. Concern of uncertainty that the university is facing and if building new dorms is necessary. J. Bloom: The demand for education at NJIT has doubled in the past 8 years and the trajectory will continue. With this growth, attracting students from out of state is important and will need residence to house them all. Information about the public/private partnership to build these new dorms was shared. J. Bloom's last item was about Mullers and taking this building down due to safety issues. Since Mullers is all wooden it is a fire hazard to other school buildings on campus. Hope to take down building before the winter and replace it with a park. Question of how important it is to raze building in light of financial concerns. J Bloom: If the building catches fire, Eberhardt and Cullimore will be gone. It has to be taken down. For now, money only to be spent to raze Mullers

VIII. Election for replacement for Gordon Thomas on the Executive Committee
David Horntrop was unopposed and won by acclamation.

IX. Presentation of B.S. in Financial Technology (Z. Yan)
Alan Yan reported on the B.S. in Financial Technology (FinTech). The consultant received the proposal and provided a detailed report in support of this new program. NJIT and Shanghai Lixin University of Accounting and Finance have agreed to offer a joint undergraduate program in FinTech. Motion to approve this program by E. Thomas and seconded by D. Horntrop. Motion unanimously approved.

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Motion to take both from the table by D. Blackmore and seconded by N. Steffen-Fluhr.
Discussions followed and the Motion 12 was ultimately amended to read:

Given that the state of the covid pandemic in Spring 2021 is not clear, in person teaching in Spring 2021 should be voluntary.

Motion to approve amended version by D. Blackmore and seconded by N. Steffen-Fluhr. The motion passed with 12 yes, 9 no, and 2 abstentions.

It was decided to continue the discussion of Motion 13 at the next FS meeting.

XI. Decision on continuation of the CCR and a related motion by Y. Perl on replacing it with a new Ad-Hoc committee for one year for Budget Auditing during PRP period.
Discuss at next meeting.

XII. New Business

The meeting ended at 1:26PM. Motion to end the meeting by E. Thomas and seconded by I. Gatley.