

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

- I. Convening of the meeting – Denis Blackmore, President
- II. Approval of minutes of 11/24/20 meeting
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President (≅ 5 min.)
 - a. Jersey City, TAC approvals
 - b. Concerns about deans' roles in hiring
- IV. Presentation by Louis Hamilton, Dean of Honors College, followed by Q & A (≅ 25 min.)
- V. CUE proposals and information, David Horntrop (≅ 15 min.)
- VI. CGE proposals and information, Sotirios Ziavras (≅ 15 min.)
- VII. Integrity Survey proposal redux, Ashish Borgaonkar (≅ 15 min.)
- VIII. Proposal for optional recording of fall'20 course evaluations, Shawn Chester (≅ 15 min.)
- IX. CFRR Report, Amit Bose (≅ 10 min.)
- X. FS priorities for next semester: Faculty only IFM, etc. , Anthony Rosato (≅ 20 min.)
- XI. New Business

Minutes for 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: L. Rodriguez-Freire, M .Schwartz, M. Bandelt, R. Rojas-Cessa, D. Bunker, D. Blackmore, N. Maher, Y. Perl, H. Grebel, D. Hornthrop, Q. Jones, R. Goodman, A. Kosovichev, A. Rosato, S. Adamovich, U. Roshan, E. Thomas, R. Sodhi, I. Gatley, G. Esperdy, P. Armenante, A. Borgaonkar, N. Steffen, A. Gerbessiotis, A. Eun Jung Lee, E. Farinas, A. Martin-Utrera
- III. Non-Voting Members present: B. Kolarevic, K. Belfield, J. Yuan, B. Baltzis, O. Tukel, L. Hamilton, M. Stanko, K. Riismandel, J. Bedient, F. Deek, A. Dhawan,
- IV. Guests Present: Laurent Simon (Undergraduate Studies), Michele Rittenhouse (Humanities), Learie Nurse (Dean of Students and Campus life), Layek Abdel-Malek (MIE), Charles Brooks (Humanities), Maurie Cohen (Humanities), Rebekah Rutkoff (Humanities), Amitabha Bose (Mathematical Sciences), Sotirios Ziavras (Graduate Studies), Selina Cai (MIE), Reza Curtmola (Computer Science), Julie Ancis (Humanities), Burcak Ozludil (ADHC), Gernot Riether (HCAD), Shawn Chester (MIE), Gareth Russell (Biological Sciences), Sasha Corchado (HCAD)
- V. Approval of the minutes 11/24/2020 meeting
The minutes were approved unanimously (with 0 no's and 0 abstentions).
- VI. Report of the Faculty Senate President
Finding out more about the Jersey City operations. Dean Gotsman and Ed Bishof will talk about Jersey City from an academic and financial standpoint next semester. TAC approvals: had meeting with Fadi, some are almost fully approved and others need improvement. Fadi and others are providing feedback. Role of the Deans in the hiring process: talked with Fadi, have further discussion on this issue. Will have a meeting with Fadi, FS leadership, and Amit Bose. Balancing the budget: money taken out of some ongoing programs, endowment, and research overhead payback discontinued. When more funds become available, the endowment shall be reimbursed and the overhead payback resumed.
- VII. Presentation by Louis Hamilton, Dean of the Honors College
Dean Louis Hamilton gave his presentation on the Honors College: Review of 2020 Strategic Plan Accomplishments, 2025 Plan-Key Initiatives (Central role of the faculty and honor curriculum), Update on the ADHC FTFT Class in F20 (Dorman Scholars & Dean's Scholars), and Current Admissions Cycle. Followed with Q&A and discussion.
- VIII. CUE proposals and information, David Hornthrop
Accelerated B.S. in Biomedical Engineering
Motion to approve by D. Hornthrop, seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Motion was approved unanimously.
B.S. in Business, Finance concentration

Motion to approve by D. Hornthrop, seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

Bachelor of Architecture

Motion to approve by D. Hornthrop, seconded by G. Esperdy. Motion was approved unanimously.

IX. CGE proposals and information, Sotirios Ziavras

M.S. in Engineering Science

Motion to approve by S. Ziavras, seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Q&A with discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

PhD in Computer Science

Motion to approve by S. Ziavras, seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

Maintenance of Registration

Motion to approve by S. Ziavras, seconded by A. Rosato. Motion was approved with 0 unanimously.

Non-matriculated Studies of NJIT Alumni

Motion to approve by S. Ziavras, seconded by A. Rosato. Q&A with discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Publications of PhD Students-Statistics (data collected for the group of 35 most recent graduates)

Presented publication statistics per student and total number of publications for the group of 35 students. Q&A with discussion.

X. Integrity Survey proposal, Ashish Borgaonkar

Ashish Borgaonkar gave his presentation on the integrity survey proposal. Provided data on academic integrity violations from Spring 2019-Fall 2020. Shared many comments from the Office of the Dean of Students on the increased numbers of cheating. Motion to send out this survey to the faculty right before the finals or beginning of the Spring semester by A. Borgaonkar and seconded by D. Blackmore. Q&A with discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

XI. Proposal for optional recording of Fall'20 course evaluations, Shawn Chester

Shawn Chester gave his presentation on optional recording of Fall'20 course evaluations. Motion for instructors to have the option of using or excluding all individual Fall 2020 Student evaluations for any promotion or reappointment considerations by Shawn Chester and seconded by D. Blackmore. Q&A with discussion. Motion was approved unanimously.

XII. CFRR Report, Amit Bose

Amit Bose gave his CFRR report-assuring that the Faculty Handbook is being followed: Addressed TAC compliance. Communicated with relevant chairs and CSLA Dean Belfield the proposed merger of Humanities and History. Provost's instruction to Deans to approve Faculty Short lists prior to interviews. Identifying areas where the Faculty Handbook needs updating: structure of academic units, Presidential search guidelines, teaching modalities, and role and rights of Lecturers and Senior Lecturers. Working with

Dean of Students Office and Office of Accessibility Researches and Services on excused absence/missing or late work policies: ADA-based, other DOS verified reasons, and non-approved reasons. What to expect from CFRR in Spring 2021: Proposed Faculty Handbook Changes by mid-February with the goal of FS approval in time to allow for sanction by the Institute Faculty in the late Spring meeting. Continued work with DoS and OARS regarding absence policy. Continued oversight of any on-going issue mentioned above in points 1-3. Willingness to weigh in on any issue brought to our attention by the FS, the Administration, or individual Faculty or Lecturers.

Motion to adjourn by A. Rosato and seconded by A. Borgaonkar.

The meeting ended at 1:32PM.