Agenda for the Faculty Senate Meeting
March 23, 2021
WebEx, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

I.   Convening of the meeting – Denis Blackmore, President

II.   Approval of minutes of 3/9/21 meeting

III.   Report of the Faculty Senate President ($\cong$ 10 min.)

        a.   Presidential search
        b.   Institute faculty meetings

IV.   CGE Report: Sotirios Ziavras ($\cong$ 25 min.)

V.   MFADD and MSDD Program Proposals: Dean Branko Kolarevic ($\cong$ 35 min.)

VI.   Motion on Elected Administrators (Chairs): Quentin Jones ($\cong$ 30 min.)

VII.   Discussion of Tabled Motions ($\cong$ 10 min.)

VIII.   New Business

Minutes for the Faculty Senate Meeting
March 23, 2021
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1. Convening of the meeting-Denis Blackmore, President
   The meeting started at 11:31AM

2. Voting Members Present: D. Blackmore, D. Horntrop, R. Goodman, Y. Perl, U. Roshan, A. Gerbessiotis, A. Lee, S. Adamovich, M. Schwartz, G. Esperdy, P. Armenante, R. Rojas-Cessa, A. Rosato, R. Sodhi, M. Bandelt, L. Rodriguez-Freire, I. Gatley, H. Grebel, A. Kosovichev, C. Bandera, E. Thomas, Q. Jones, M. Vinnikov, N. Steffen-Fluhr, N. Maher, A. Borgaonkar, E. Farinas, D. Bunker

3. Non-Voting Members Present: M. Kam, O. Tukel, L. Hamilton, B. Kolarevic, K. Belfield, K. Riismandel, M. Stanko, A. Hoang, B. Baltzis, A. Dhawan, J. Bedient, J. Yuan

4. Guests Present: Melodi Guilbauldt (MTSM), John Cays (HCAD), Cheickna Sylla (MTSM), Marybeth Boger (Dean of Students), Laurent Simon (Undergraduate Studies), Sotirios Ziavras (Graduate Studies)

5. Approval of the 3/9/21 meeting minutes
   Motion to approve the minutes by E. Thomas and seconded by A. Rosato.

   Clarification question from Q. Jones re: a miscount of the vote at last meeting to table his motion "The Faculty Senate agrees in principle that all NJIT faculty have the right to report to an elected administrator (typically a chairperson), while acknowledging working through how to achieve this outcome will take considerable deliberation.".
   D. Blackmore confirmed this was discovered after the meeting and was not recorded in the minutes.

   Motion by Q. Jones that this miscount be added to the minutes from 3/9/21; seconded by D. Bunker. Motion was approved with 0 no's and 1 abstention and the amended minutes were approved with 0 no's and 1 abstention.

6. Report of the Faculty Senate President: D. Blackmore

   Update on Presidential Search: Faculty nominations were received for presidential search committee. Presidential profile (prepared by Y. Perl and H. Grebel) was submitted to the BoT and the BoT has already engaged a search firm, Issacson Miller, who will meet with the faculty in some fashion to discuss their view of the appropriate qualifications for President.

   Institute Faculty Meetings: Next Institute Faculty Meeting will be a 'no administrator' faculty meeting.

   Request was made to distribute the final version of Presidential profile that was submitted to the BoT; D. Blackmore will distribute.

7. CGE Report: Sotirios Ziavras

   Master of Architecture: Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

Master of Urban Design: Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

M.S. in Architecture: Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore; noting that under *Curriculum* the sentence should read, "The program is designed for graduates from architecture schools or architects that wish to specialize in areas such as Sustainability, Urbanism, or Computation as it relates to architecture." Motion was approved unanimously.

M.S. in Cybersecurity & Privacy: Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

PhD in Business Data Science: Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

PhD in Computer Science: Motion to approve by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved unanimously.

8. <u>Proposal for MFA in Digital Design and MS in Digital Design in HCAD: Dean Branko Kolarevic</u>

Dean Branko Kolarevic gave an overview of both proposed new programs. update on the progress of the Data Science Department. Motion to approve the proposed program by M. Schwartz and seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Motion was approved unanimously.

9. <u>Motion on Elected Administrators (Chairs): Quentin Jones</u>
"The Faculty Senate agrees in principle that all NJIT faculty have the right to report to an elected administrator (typically a chairperson), while acknowledging working through how to achieve this outcome will take considerable deliberation."

Motion had been moved and seconded at March 9, 2021 meeting, and mistakenly tabled. Therefore, the motion will now be discussed.

E. Thomas made a motion to table the motion, Y. Perl seconded.

I. Gatley made a point of procedure; the motion is out of order due to the miscount of votes at the March 9th meeting and that the motion to table is being used incorrectly. He next suggested the need for the appointment of a parliamentarian for the FS body. I. Gatley agreed to serve as such for this meeting at D. Blackmore's request.

D. Blackmore suggests that faculty in HCAD and MTSM have an informal vote as to whether or not they would like an elected administrator or chairperson.
D. Blackmore confirmed that the Faculty Senate will charge the CFRR with further investigation/discussion at the college/school level with their faculty.

The motion was moved to a vote.

Motion was approved with 16 yes', 6 no's and 3 abstentions.

10. <u>Discussion of tabled motions</u>

Proposal for Structure of Colleges/Schools
Motion to approve changes to Section 2.1-Faculty Rights and Responsibilities of the Faculty Handbook (tabled at March 9th meeting).
D. Blackmore made a suggestion that this continue to be tabled until the next meeting; there were no objections.

D. Blackmore made a motion to un-table the following motion which was tabled at the March 9th meeting:

Motion to approve Policy Update for Students Pursuing Two Degrees: "In addition to meeting all general education requirements, the candidate for two degrees must earn at least 30 credits more than is required for either degree and must fulfill all requirements of the two degree programs. Two degrees can be earned only with programs having at least 15 non-overlapping credits in course requirements. Normally this requires five years of study."

Motion to un-table was seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Motion was approved unanimously.

D. Bunker made a motion to approve the policy update, seconded by E. Thomas. Motion was passed unanimously.

11. <u>New Business</u>

No new business

Motion to adjourn by A. Rosato and seconded by E. Thomas.

The meeting adjourned at 1:19PM.