

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
April 21, 2016
Albert Dorman Honors College Conference Room (211), 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

- I. Convening of the Meeting – Richard Sher, President
- II. Roll Call
The following voting members were present: A. Anandarajan (for J. Fjermestad), W. Barnes, D. Blackmore, A. Bose, D. Bunker, S. Chester (for R. Sodhi), Y. Ding, I. Gatley, S. Gopalakrishnan, H. Grebel, B. Hunter, A. Klobucar, among others.
The following non-voting members were present: R. Sweeney and N. Prasad (student)
The following guests were present: S. Basuray, B. Bladikas, A. Christ, R. Lazer, N. Loney, S. Ziavras, N. Stephen-Fluhr
- III. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on April 7, 2016
The minutes from the April 7, 2016 meeting were approved with 1 abstention.
- IV. Report of the Faculty Senate President
 - A. Update on Default Dept Bylaws and plans for implementation of Department Bylaws
 - B. Faculty survey on shared governance in progress; lecturer survey to follow
 - C. Hiring, Renewal/non-renewal, and Promotion of Lecturers
Current language on hiring and renewal/non-renewal in the PSA Agreement: "The hiring, renewal and non-renewal of Lecturers shall be the responsibility of the Departmental Chairperson with input from the department tenured and tenure-track faculty, subject to the approval of the College Dean and the Provost."
 - D. Problem with course evaluations due to electricity outage last week
 - E. Course scheduling
 - F. Faculty Senate and Faculty meeting dates for AY2016-17 – Dan Bunker
- V. Faculty Senate Elections and Comment by the Incoming President, Dan Bunker
 - A. Vice President
 - a. Motion and seconded to overturned the 1st year Vice President Election rule. (Nominees for Vice President shall ordinarily be limited to voting members who are completing the first year of their term in the Faculty Senate. However, this rule may be overturned by a majority vote of those voting on the issue.) In-favor (20-yes) Abstain (1) Motion passed.
 - b. Andrew Klobucar was elected Vice President of the Faculty Senate for the upcoming year: 20 in favor, 1 abstention
 - B. Three members of the Executive Committee
It was moved and seconded to elect two candidates to serve on the Executive Committee. The candidates are Professors Anthony Rosato and Anthony Schuman. Anthony Rosato (20-yes and 1-abstain) Anthony Schuman (19-yes and 2 abstention)
- VI. Miscellaneous Stylistic Revisions to the Faculty Handbook – discussion and vote, Amit Bose
Motion and seconded to approve the changes. Motion passed unanimously. (21-yes)
- VII. FS Bylaws proposed amendments – Discussion and vote, Dan Bunker
It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Motion passed. (21-yes)

- VIII. Faculty Search and Selection Guidelines – Discussion, Nancy Steffen-Fluhr

- IX. Standing Committee Reports and Motions
 - a. Committee on Teaching, Learning and Technology – Blake Haggerty
 - b. Committee on Undergraduate Education – Eliza Michalopolou
 - i. The following motions were seconded and approve. (Eliza Michalopolou)
 - ii. Committee on Undergraduate Education (22-yes)
 - iii. - Changes to BME (22-yes)
 - iv. Changes to History (22-yes)
 - c. Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities report on review of P&T policies and procedures – Amit Bose

- X. Report on the Budget and Resources, including Buildings and Water Quality – Ed Bishof and Andrew Christ

- XI. The meeting adjourned at 2 pm

Elections for Vice President and Executive Committee of Faculty Senate, 2016–2017

III. FACULTY SENATE LEADERSHIP

A. The President and Vice President

The chief officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the President and the Vice President, each serving one-year terms beginning on September 1.

1. Normal Process of Election and Succession

a. **Election of the Vice President**

(1) Toward the end of each spring semester, the voting members of the Faculty Senate shall elect one of their number to be the next Vice President, whose term shall begin on the following September 1.

(2) The President shall send out a call for nominations at least five business days before the scheduled election, and the election shall be held by closed ballot at the next duly convened meeting of the Faculty Senate.

(3) Nominees for Vice President shall ordinarily be limited to voting members who are completing the first year of their term in the Faculty Senate. However, this rule may be overturned by a majority vote of those voting on this issue.

(4) If there are no more than two nominees, the one receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected.

(5) If there are more than two nominees, the one receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, a runoff election shall immediately be held between the two nominees with the largest vote totals.

b. Succession of the Vice President to President

The Vice President shall normally succeed to the Presidency on September 1, following the expiration of his or her term as Vice President and the expiration of the term of the outgoing President.

C. The Executive Committee

In accordance with Section 4.2 of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate shall maintain an Executive Committee consisting of the President of the Faculty Senate (who shall be its presiding officer), the Vice President, and three other voting members of the Faculty Senate.

1. Formation of the Executive Committee

a. The three members of the Executive Committee besides the President and Vice President shall be elected by, and from among, the voting members of the Faculty Senate for one-year renewable terms, beginning September 1.

b. **The election shall normally take place at the last regular meeting of the spring semester.** However, in the event that the election process cannot be completed by the end of the spring semester, it shall be completed as soon as possible after that time.

c. **The President of the Faculty Senate shall send out a call for nominations to the voting members at least five business days before the scheduled election. Any voting member of the Faculty Senate may nominate him/herself or another voting member.**

d. **The voting members shall strive to nominate and elect an Executive Committee that includes representatives from different colleges and schools and that reflects the diversity of the NJIT faculty.**