Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
8 October 2024
Agile Strategy Lab (CKB L70), 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

1. Convening of the Meeting – Andrzej Zarzycki

Voting Members Present: A. Gerbessiotis, A. Lefkovitz, A. Hoover, A. Gerrard, A. Borgaonkar, C. McRae, D. Bunker, D. Horntrop, E. Farinas, E.S. Lee, F. Deek, H. Grebel, I. Gatley, I. Neamtiu, M. Booty, N. Steffen Fluhr, P. Armenante, R. Sodhi, R. Assaad, S. Subramanian, T. Narahara, Y. Perl, A. Zarzycki

Non- Voting Members: J. Pelesko, A. Hoang, M. Kam, S. Ziavras, T. Adams

2. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on 10 September 2024
   a. Moved by D. Horntrop, seconded by Y. Perl
   b. Revisions of the Meeting Minutes from 10 September 2024
      Motion for 9/24 minutes made by Andrzej and seconded by Ashish
      Motion to update 9/10 made by Ashish and seconded by Fadi
   c. Both set of minutes approved unanimously
3. Report of the Faculty Senate President
   a. FS presentation rules/ approach. Proactive/ reactive approach
   b. 360 Discussions
4. Report of the President, Teik Lim
   a. Recently launched the Strategic Plan of 2030
   b. $55M new initiatives including AI research, fundraising is all-time high, research expenditure (internal + external) nearly $200M
   c. Enrollment is up
   d. New Faculty Hiring
   e. Several new members in President's Cabinet
   f. Egypt: Egypt Ministry on Education has approved NJIT's agreement in Summer 2024, awaiting Presidential Decree? ESL program is in the works, TM leadership team will visit NJIT in November 2024. No significant updates on the academic front. Rowan University is looking to open a campus in Egypt and are one step behind NJIT.
5. Presentation by VP for Real Estate, Andrew Christ
   a. Presentation and response to concerns voiced at the last meeting: Detailed information and examples of aggregate information collected and used are included in the presentation slides, but they were not shared in advance with FS members. Collected information will inform space usage moving forward and will support sustainable growth.
   b. Q & A Session: In addition to space needs analysis, other information will also be used for example, heat maps of classroom occupancy from the registrar's office. Rationale behind sensors in offices – long term planning looking at trends. Several concerns were raised about the need to study occupancy in individual offices.

6. Adoption of AI tools at NJIT: Policies, Best Practices, and Emerging Curricular Models
    a. Presentation by Marybeth Boger, Nikki Bosca, and Ioannis Koutis: https://www.canva.com/design/DAGSi-cco_Q/oWqglWEE84PQue_EU5i4eg/edit
    b. Student Code of Conduct
    c. Learning how to think with AI
    d. AI tools (creating images, videos, songs, codes, speech
    e. Q& A Session
       Summary: Training for faculty members on various tools and guidelines available. Multiple sessions are planned, and the January workshop will focus on AI integration into courses.
7. Revision to the Grade Appeal Policy – unit names and responsibilities by Laurent Simon
    a. Appeal Requirements
    b. Role of the Department Chair of School Associate Dean for MTSM
    c. Role of the Department/ School Grade Appeal Committee
    d. Role of the Dean for all Schools/ Colleges
       Motion: Approve the suggested changes to the Grade Appeal Policy – Approved unanimously (motion made by Laurent Simon and seconded by Andrzej)
       Discussion: The policy document should be dated to reflect when it was most recently updated – Suggestion accepted.
8. No New Business.