

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
October 11, 2022
CKB Agile Strategy Lab, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

- I. Convening of the Meeting – Ellen Thomas, President
The meeting started at 11:36AM
- II. Voting Members Present: A. Eun Jung Lee, R. Assaad, J. Lee, M. Booty, D. Hornthrop, D. Bunker, I. Gatley, H. Grebel, R. Rojas-Cessa, T. Weiss, B. Khusid, P. Armenante, N. Steffen-Fluhr, A. Lefkovitz, A. Borgaonkar, E. Farinas, R. Sodhi, S. Cai, A. Zarzycki, T. Narahara, E. Thomas, J. Shi, A. Gerbessiotis
- III. Non-Voting Members Present: A. Dhawan, E. Hetherington, E. Hou, B. Haggerty, M. Kam, K. Belfield, G. Esperdy, L. Hamilton, A. Hoang, J. Sodhi, M. Stanko, S. Corchado
- IV. Guest Present: Andrew Christ (REDCO), Grace Wang (Computer Science), Cathy Brennan (CFO), Maria La Lima (Accounts Payable), Jeanie Regencio (Procurement Services), Sotiri Ziavras (Graduate Studies), Amit Bose (Mathematical Sciences)
- V. Report on capital operations (Andrew Christ, 20 min)
Andrew Christ gave his report on capital operations. Maple Hall is complete and is 100% occupied. **Complete Capital Renewal & Replacement:** Mechanical Engineering lecture hall, Microfabrication Innovation Center Data Collection & Testing Lab, Tiernan Hall Physics Teaching Lab, and Microfabrication Innovation Center Clean Room. In Progress: Data Science department location, Fenster Hall 4th floor relocation of Career Services & Cullimore Hall 1st floor Collaborative Learning Space. **PSE&G Energy Efficiency Program:** offering NJIT two programs that will replace old inefficient equipment with high efficiency systems. PSE&G will pay all replacement costs upfront. HVAC system components, DX Units, and RTUs will be considered for replacement. Preliminary total cost for all campus lighting replace is approximately \$3M, equipment infrastructure total cost is approximately \$10M, and depending on Payback period PSE&G will pay a portion of replacement cost up to 70%. Electrical energy savings would pay back in 3 years. **Planned Capital Projects:** Faculty Memorial Hall Classroom Rightsizing Projects, CKB Classroom Renovation, and Promenade paver replacement. **Operational Improvements:** New QR code with contact numbers for better access to facilities services. Signs will be posted around campus with all information to get in contact with facilities in a more efficient way. Q&A with discussion followed.
- VI. Report on travel policy (Cathy Brennan, 20 min)
Cathy Brennan w/ Jeanie Regencio and Maria La Lima gave their report and answered questions on the updated travel policy. Topics mentioned: No Airbnb reservations and not required to use Anthony Travel when booking lodging. Q&A with discussion followed.
- VII. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on September 27, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes by A. Borgaonkar and seconded by A. Zarzycki. Minutes were approved unanimously.

VIII. Report of the Faculty Senate President (10 Minutes)

- a. Location for next two meetings
 - i. Eberhardt 112
- b. Meeting with Provost Search Firm
 - i. Additional faculty forum Fri., October 14th 11:00am;
<https://njit.webex.com/njit/j.php?MTID=mae3f0edb7fb3910213bbb9e8cd73443a>
- c. BoT/ Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. Denis Blackmore tribute
 - ii. Held a moment of silence
- d. IFM, October 19th, 2:30 in CC Atrium
- e. The Future of the Faculty Senate
 - i. Elections: Still need a Vice President for Faculty Senate

IX. MS in AI Program (Grace Wang, 20 min)

Grace Wang gave her presentation on the MS in AI Program. Explained why an MS In AI is necessary with the current landscape and the steps that have been taken thus far. Q&A with discussion followed. Motion to approve the MS in AI Program to move to the next step by I. Gatley and seconded by A. Borgaonkar. The next steps are BOT, AIC, and NJ President Council approvals. If all approve, the program can be launched in Spring 2023.

X. Teaching Academic Ranks (Jaskirat Sodhi and Andrew Klobucar, 30 min)

Jaskirat Sodhi and Andrew Klobucar presented on teaching academic ranks. Discussed and presented about changes to the ranking and promotion system for University Lecturers within NJIT. Presented how Lecturers are ranked and promoted at other Universities. Q&A with discussion followed. Motion to create a joint ad-hoc committee of the Faculty Senate and Lecturers & Educators Congress to evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of University Lecturers and make specific recommendations to address issues identified by the Committee. Motion to approve by E. Thomas & A. Borgaonkar. Motion was approved unanimously.

XI. New business

No New business

The meeting ended at 1:09PM with motion to end by D. Bunker and seconded by A. Borgaonkar.