

FS meeting Aug 25th

Motions made:

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Whereas, the start of the academic year is only a week away; and

Whereas, the Pandemic Recovery Committee (PRC) has worked for many months on the development and deployment of an operational plan for that academic year; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate has, since its foundation, established a working relationship with the Administration based on mutual respect and reasoned communication; and

Whereas, the appropriate timing of such communication is important, and

Whereas, the transmission of a long and detailed last-minute list of Covid-related motions from the Faculty Senate to the Administration at this specific moment might seem counter-productive or disputatious; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Executive Committee of Faculty Senate will send to the Administration a single brief summary of the deliberations from the Aug 25th meeting, rather than an exhaustive report on all the many motions debated.

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The Faculty Senate requests that the Pandemic Recovery Committee (PRC) and all of its subcommittees be constituted with representation from stakeholder groups including students, professional staff, Instructional Staff, and Faculty. For the PRC, there should be at minimum one representative from each group and at least 2 Faculty members. Per the principles of shared governance, stakeholder groups should choose their own representatives.

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The Faculty Senate requests a survey of current NJIT students to gauge their experiences and satisfaction with converged learning this fall. The survey should also assess whether students would plan to take a gap semester or year if classes were largely held remotely. This survey should be designed collaboratively by the Faculty Senate, LEC, Student Senate and Institutional Research. Complete, unedited results should be provided to each group.

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The Faculty Senate requests that all decisions related to Covid be made with the goal of reducing the negative impact to the greatest number of stakeholders.

Reports:

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The Faculty Senate requests any reports the administration is in receipt of from Risk Management, consultants, or others, be disseminated to the campus community.

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The Faculty Senate requests a report on the fall 2020 plan from the Director of Risk Assessment. That report should include the risks for illness, outbreak, death, and litigation against NJIT and its employees.

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The Faculty Senate requests the dissemination of the full recommendations and reports of the industrial hygienist(s) and any other consultants engaged by NJIT in the pandemic recovery planning process.

COVID testing:

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In cooperation with the Faculty Senate, surveillance PCR COVID testing protocols should be implemented that include free testing of all NJIT community members at least once every two weeks throughout the semester, beginning with the time of their last test before returning to campus.

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The Faculty Senate requests any COVID testing protocols be opt-in. If free testing is available, it will not be mandatory.

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The Faculty Senate requests an accounting of the costs associated with free bi-weekly testing and an explanation of how such costs will be paid.

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The Faculty Senate requests that the Pandemic Recovery Dashboard should list the number of PCR tests conducted per day as well as the number of new cases per day.

Teaching:

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The Faculty Senate requests the ability for instructors to opt-in to teaching on-campus converged courses for fall 2020 and spring 2021. An opt-in system would mean that any

instructor willing to teach in-person converged courses will affirmatively choose that course modality. By default, all other instructors will teach remotely.

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All instructors have the right to choose the modality of their course delivery in consultation with their academic supervisors and in accordance with learning objectives and best practices from a set of agreed upon options based in the five modalities accepted by NJIT, including fully in-person (COVID conditions permitting), hybrid, Hi-Tech, converged, and fully remote.

IRC Funds:

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The possible deduction of IRC funds without discussion with the faculty