# Agenda of the Faculty Senate Meeting January 28, 2020 Albert Dorman Honors College Conference Room (211), 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

- I. Convening of the Meeting Ellen Thomas, President
- II. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>
- III. Report of the Faculty Senate President (10 Minutes)
  - a. DP Timeline and Guidelines
  - b. IFM February 19, 2020
  - c. FS EC meeting with BOT EC February 6, 2020
    - i. Presidential Search
    - ii. Senior Staff Evaluations
    - iii. CRR Academic/Teaching Facilities
- IV. TLT Committee Update (Blake Haggerty and John Carpinelli, 20 minutes)
- V. Report on Risk Management (Megan DeJoseph, 20 minutes)
- VI. New BS in Cyberpsychology program (Kevin Belfield, 15 minutes)
- VII. <u>CUE report and motions (David Horntrop, 10 minutes)</u>
- VIII. CGE report and motions (Sotirios Ziavras, 15 minutes)
  - 1. PhD in Computer Science curriculum revision.
  - 2. MS in Mechanical Engineering curriculum revision.
  - 3. MS in Electrical Engineering curriculum revision.
  - 4. MS in Computer Engineering curriculum revision.
  - 5. MS Thesis motion.
- IX. New Business

# Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting January 28, 2020

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- I. <u>Convening of the Meeting Ellen Thomas, President</u>
  The meeting started at 11:32 AM
- II. Roll Call-The following voting members were present: M. Bandelt, L. Rodriguez-Freire, D. Blackmore, D. Bunker, E. Farinas, I. Gatley, H. Grebel, R. Goodman, Q. Jones, B. Khusid, P. Armenante, N. Steffen-Fluhr, E. Michalopoulou, R. Dent, L. Potts, R. Rojas-Cessa, A. Rosato, A. Anandarajan, M. Schwartz, R. Sodhi, D. Sollohub, G. Thomas, E. Thomas, Y. Perl, A. Gerbessiotis, A Eun Jung Lee
- III. <u>The Following non-voting members were present:</u> J. Shafik, K. Belfield, R. Lazer, L. Hamilton, M. Stanko, K. Riismandel, S. Mongelli, B. Kolarevic, B. Baltzis, G. Chottiner
- IV. The Following guests were present: M. DeJoseph (Risk Management), J. Bonchi (Media Services), B. Haggerty (Digital Learning), T. Olivera (Student Senate), L. Simon (Undergraduate Studies), J. Wolf (Office of Dean, CSLA), B. Ozludil (ADHC), S. Ziavras (Graduate Studies), D. Horntrop (Math), Julie Ancis (Director of Cyberpsychology)
- V. <u>Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup></u>
   The minutes of the Faculty Senate meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously
- VI. Report of the Faculty Senate President (10 Minutes)
  - a. DP Timeline and Guidelines

With the new Distinguished Professor selection process, the Senate leadership will now be working with the Provost's office to develop a new timeline and guidelines

b. IFM February 19, 2020

President Bloom will be presenting at the next IFM

c. FS EC meeting with BOT EC February 6, 2020

The Faculty Senate leadership will be meeting with the BoT executive committee to discuss the following items. The FS President will also be giving a presentation to the full BoT on the work we are doing and our concerns for the future.

- i. Presidential Search
- ii. Senior Staff Evaluations
- iii. CRR Academic/Teaching Facilities

### VII. Motion re-Building (Yehoshua Perl)

Y. Perl said that there is evidence that the Administration might be reneging on the agreement with the FS to initiate no new building until 2025. For example, A. Christ mentioned the partnership to build a new dormitory that is underway and there are indications that work on the Florist building is planned for the near future. Therefore, the FS needs to take action to insure the building agreement be strictly adhered to by approving a motion to that effect. This motion was moved for discussion by D. Sollohub and seconded by A. Rosato. Y. Perl stated that we do not need new dorms in view of student size projections, but D. Sollohub said we do, the dorm plan is not really new building and should not cost NJIT anything. A. Rosato was skeptical about the dorm not ultimately requiring some capital investment by NJIT. E. Michalopoulou said

the 2025 building agreement applied only to the Florist building. D. Blackmore said it could be argued that the dorm construction was not new building. I. Gatley motioned to table this item until the next meeting. D. Sollohub seconded. Motion approved by secret ballot (17 yes, 7 no, 1 abstain). After the vote, a suggestion by D. Blackmore that the FS leadership communicate our concern about the building agreement to the BOT was informally approved.

VIII. TLT Committee Update (Blake Haggerty and Joe Bonchi, 20 minutes)

Presentation and discussion: B. Haggerty: Have upgraded 33 classrooms. Holistic approach to upgrading class spaces. Easy to connect as possible. Rooms with cables, control panels, wireless capabilities for everyone. Goal: have classroom spaces fully renovated in 3 years. Two lecture halls are renovated and 9 computer classrooms. Classroom advocacy initiative: check and review classrooms. Goal: full time employee in these spaces on weekends and nights. Issues have declined in fall 2019. Asking for 1.5million in funding over 5 years. Comments from R. Sodhi, G. Thomas, N. Steffen-Fluhr, Y. Perl, D. Sollohub, P. Armenante, K. Riismandel and B. Khusid noting that there are still some problems with the complexity, integration and ease of access of the systems, as well as equipment and furniture.

IX. Report on Risk Management (Megan DeJoseph, 20 minutes)

Presentation and discussion w/ Q&A. M. DeJoseph: Risk management department helps mitigate and protect against loss for the University. Explanation of Risk Management for the University. Recent University Claims include: ME Building flood 8/6/17 \$1.2mill in damage, RA suite caught fire 8/25/19 \$58k in damage. Questions: I. Fischer: What about life insurance changes? N. Steffen-Fluhr/B. Baltzis: Insurance for minors on campus/international students.

X. New BS in Cyberpsychology program (Kevin Belfield, 15 minutes)

Dean Belfield (KB): Designed for students interested in cyber behavioral science. Only 3 BS programs in NJ. Only 1 that has a STEM designated program. Curriculum: strong emphasis in behavioral and social sciences. Hiring faculty in this area. Hired a lecturer, another tenured professor (Director). Seeking other faculty/staff and Program approval. Ten students in Option now. Anticipate 20 new students for 2nd year of recruiting and 90 students after 5 years. K. Riismandel: How will this affect the STS program? KB: Do not know. Want to attract students who would not normally come to NJIT. Motion to support the start of the approval process - seconded. Approved (21 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain).

#### XI. <u>CUE report and motions (David Horntrop, 10 minutes)</u>

- a. CS
- i. B.S. in Bioinformatics
  - a. Make program dormant
  - T. Rosato motion to approve D. Sollohub seconded. Approved (17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).
- b. SoM
  - i. B.S. in Business. Financial Technology Concentration
    - a. Replace FIN 401 with FIN 403 in list of course alternatives in the concentration
    - b. Add MGMT 310 to list of course alternatives in the concentration. A. Gerbessiotis motion to approve R. Goodman seconded. Approved (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).
- c. Humanities
  - i. B.S. in Cyberpsychology

- a. New degree program that is an outgrowth of the Cyberpsychology Option for the STS degree.
- b. Program involves nine new courses.
- E. Michalopoulou motion to approve D. Sollohub seconded. Approved (21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions).

## XII. CGE report and motions (Sotirios Ziavras, 15 minutes)

1. PhD in Computer Science curriculum revision.

Motion to approve – seconded. Approved (20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

2. MS in Mechanical Engineering curriculum revision.

Motion to approve - seconded. Approved (19 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

3. MS in Electrical Engineering curriculum revision.

Motion to approve - seconded. Approved (20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).

- 4. MS in Computer Engineering curriculum revision.
  - a. Motion to approve seconded. Approved (20 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).
- 5. MS Thesis motion.
  - a. Discussion. Questions about of import of phrasing, feasibility this is and monetary burden on students. **Motion to table** seconded. Approved (11 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain).
  - b. The FS president will circulate the new wording so that Senators can discuss with their departments.

#### XIII. New Business

No new business

XIV. The meeting ended at 1:18 PM