

Faculty Senate Minutes

February 12, 2015

1. Call to order

Amitabha Bose called the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate to order at 11:35 am. He introduced to the senate two new voting members, Professor K. Franck, from CoAD (replacing G. Esperdy for Spring Semester) and Professor Ala Saadeghaziri from Civil Engineering.

2. Roll Call

The following voting members were present: M. Bieber, D. Blackmore, A. Bose, D. Bunker, J. Federici, J. Fjermestad, K. Franck, I. Gatley, M. Khader, A. Klobucar, N. Maher, E. Michalopoulou, Y. Perl, Z. Qiu, A. Rosato, A. Saadeghaziri, A. Schuman, Y. Shi, L. Simon, A. Sohn, C. Sylla, and S. Tricamo.

The following non-voting members were present: B. Baltzis, K. Kramer (for E. Bishof), R. Caudill, F. Deek, U. Gauchat, A. Jalloh, G. Milano, K. Passerini, K. Riismandel, R. Sweeney, and D. Ullman.

3. Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

The minutes from the January 29, 2015 meeting were approved.

4. Reports:

Professor of Practice – Professor T. Schuman presented the final copy of the Draft Policy Statement of Professor of Practice. The senate discussed the proposal and voted to approve the position unanimously with 1 abstention and 1 against.

President Bose thanked Professor Schuman and the committee.

CRSCAA – Professor Bunker presented two motions for Faculty Senate approval.

- 1) Contributing Faculty members shall decide whether and how to disseminate their intellectual contributions to NJII activities, subject to any conditions or restraints set forth in the contract with NJII..
- 2) The Departmental and Institute P&T committees should consider scholarly contributions and grant funds from any particular agency to a faculty, whether those funds come directly to NJIT or come through NJII. Any NJII proposal that includes NJIT faculty must have a sign off sheet documenting the faculty's specific contributions. Faculty contributions to both NJII and NJIT grants and contracts

should be explicitly stated on the 'sign off form' so that their contribution may be effectively quantified. In absence of such a form, the budget should serve the same role as the form.

Both motions (1&2) were unanimously approved by Faculty Senate. President Bose thanked Professor Bunker and the committee.

TAC – Professor Federici informed the senate of the progress of the TAC. He presented the Mission Statement, the Process and the Teaching Assignment Criteria Template. The followings issues were discussed:

- a) Approval dates from Department, Dean and the Provost should be explicitly shown.
 - b) Define each category: Teaching Only, Active, Very Active, and Exceptionally Active. Should there be a Teaching Only Category?
 - c) It must be align with the PSA contract.
 - d) Credit carry over policy, release time, credit for administrative duties and criteria for new Assistant Professor.
 - e) Each department determines the Evaluation criteria.
 - f) Each department has a Mission Statement that is clearly defined.
5. 2020 Strategic Plan – Provost Deek gave a brief overview of the updates with the 2020 plan. He intends to work with the Faculty Senate going forward with the implementation of the plan.
 6. Course Evaluation - President Bose showed statistics received from Dr. P. Deess on the results of Course Evaluation for Fall 2014.
 7. NEXT Campaign – President Bose informed the senate of the University NEXT campaign and its goal to raise 150 million dollars. Faculty Senate members Bose, Sylla and Rosato met with Dr. C. Dees of University Advancement, regarding the inclusion of NSF and NIH grant money as part of the NEXT campaign. The Faculty Senate felt that such inclusion was inappropriate. President Bose will seek out faculty/staff to look into the issue.
 8. Faculty Meeting Agenda – The following items will be on the agenda for the upcoming faculty meeting:

Report from the President, Provost, Professor of Practice (approval from Faculty), Course Evaluations , Faculty Handbook changes and the Sabbatical process.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.