**Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting**

**January 23, 2024**

**Campus Center Ballroom A, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM**

Convening of the Meeting: Daniel Bunker, President

Voting Members Present: A. Gerbessiotis, A. Abdi, A. Eun Jung Lee, A. Hoover, A. Gerrard, A. Borgaonkar, B. Khusid, C. MCrae, D. Bunker, D. Horntrop, E. Farinas, E. Thomas, F. Deek, H. Grebel, I. Gatley, M. Hurtado De Mendoza, M. Booty, N. Fluhr, P. Armenante, R. Roy, R. Sodhi, R. Assaad, S. Cai, X. Ding, J. Lee

Non-Voting Members: J. Pelesko, A. Dhawan, E. Hou, M. Kam, K. Belfield, L. Hamilton, M. Stanko, T. Adams, Jaskirat Sodhi

Guest Present: S. Ziavras, C. Sylla, A. Klobucar, Y. Perl (remote)

Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on December 12, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes by A. Borgaonkar and seconded by D. Horntrop. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Report of the Faculty Senate President

* Report of Faculty Senate Leadership Survey
* Egypt update: Still waiting on the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Ed to pre-approve the NJIT-Tatweer agreement.

New Program proposals from SAET, Samuel Lieber

* Request from the Faculty Senate their endorsement to submit six new SAET programs to the state of New Jersey.
* B.S. in Construction Engineering Technology
* B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology
* B.S. in Industrial Engineering Technology
* B.S. in Mechanical Engineering Technology
* B.S in Surveying Engineering Technology
* Moved by A. Borgaonkar and seconded by F. Deek.
* Opposed – 1, Abstain – 9, Favor -13
* Motion passes

CGE report, Sotiri Ziavras

* Changes to the MS in Cybersecurity and Privacy
  + Moved by S. Ziavras, seconded by A. Gerbessiotis. Passed unanimously.
* Changes to the MS in Information Systems
  + Moved by S. Ziavras, seconded by E. Thomas. Passed unanimously.

CFRR report, Chieckna Sylla

* P&T Restructuring
  + Motion to commit CFRR to draft the language to implement their recommended 2 tier system
  + Amendment by H. Greibel, 2nd by A. Abdi, to compose the UPT with 7 full professors, and 4 associate members. (Favor- 6, Abstain – 8, Opposed – 10)
  + Amendment by B. Khusid, 2nd by D. Horntrop, to clarify that the CFRR proposal includes a Fall/Senior P&T Committee composed of Professor and higher to deliberate and vote on promotion to Professor, and a Spring/Junior P&T Committee composed of Associate Professor and higher to deliberate and vote on promotion to Associate Professor (in Favor – 20, Abstain – 0, Opposed – 2)
  + Vote on main motion, as amended: 18 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstain.
  + Motion passes

Motion to include Associate Professors on University Promotion and Tenure Committee

* Motion by I. Gatley, 2nd by R. Sodhi, postponed from our 7 November meeting, and circulated in track-changes at our 28 November meeting.
  + Motion simply changes the eligibility criteria for service on the University Promotion and Tenure Committee from Professor, with tenure, to Associate Professor, with tenure, by inserting the word ‘Associate’ in Faculty Handbook section 4.5.3.1 Membership.
  + Vote on main motion: 13 in favor, 4 opposed, 9 abstain
  + Motion Passes

Ad hoc Teaching Faculty Ranks Committee – Andrew Klobucar and Jaskirat Sodhi

* Recap and Future Steps
* New and Restructured Positions
* Proposed New terminology for the Faculty Handbook: “Voting Faculty.”
* Graduate Faculty
* Hiring Process
* Motion: The Faculty Senate endorses this outline and tasks CFRR and the ad hoc Teaching Ranks Committee, as well as representatives from the Administration and PSA, with writing the language to implement Teaching Faculty Ranks, with the understanding that the Faculty Senate will vote on the final recommended changes to the Faculty Handbook and related documents, before bringing the changes to the Faculty at an Institute Faculty Meeting.
* Moved by F. Deek and seconded by A. Lefkovitz
* Motion pushed to next meeting as time had expired

New Business

* No new business.