

**Minutes of the Institute Faculty Meeting**  
**April 28, 2021**  
**WebEx, 2:30-4PM**

- I. The meeting started at 2:32 PM
- II. Motion to approve the 3/31/2021 IFM minutes by E. Thomas and seconded by M. Durga. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- III. D. Blackmore gave his Faculty Senate report: approving new programs and departments such as Data Science, Materials Engineering, Digital Design, and Bio and Health programs. TAC nearing completion. Improved Faculty Senate website-more transparent and comprehensive. Improving BOT relationship-presidential search. Navigating the pandemic.
- IV. Dr. Joel Bloom gave his report. Topics included: vaccination requirements for return back to campus in Fall 2021, financial outlook for FY22 and beyond, and NJIT-Tatweer Egyptian Branch campus. Q&A followed with discussion. Motion to not approve the NJIT-Tatweer agreement by Y. Perl and seconded by Q. Jones. Discussion on the motion followed. Motion to table Y. Perl's motion by I. Gatley and seconded by R. Sodhi. The motion is tabled with 54 yes, 31 no, and 4 abstentions.
- V. Dr. Fadi Deek gave his report. Topics included: Pandemic Recovery and Planning. Focused on NJIT 2025 themes of diversity, sustainability, recognition, and transformation. Unified Planning/Accreditation process. NJIT 2025 implementation. Student goals and priorities. Faculty and Research goals. Prominence and Ranking goals. Q&A with discussion followed.
- VI. Andrew Christ was unable to give his report this time.
- VII. No New Business
- VIII. The meeting ended at 4:03PM with motion to adjourn by D. Blackmore and seconded by Y. Perl.