

## Minutes for the Faculty Senate Meeting: Sept. 14, 2021

Hybrid: Ballroom B & WebEx, 11:30AM-1:30PM

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- I. Convening of the meeting-Antony Rosato, President  
The meeting started at 11:31AM
- II. Voting Members Present: S. Adamovich, A Eun Jung Lee, L. Rodriguez-Freire, M. Bandelt, R. Goodman, D. Hornthrop, D. Blackmore, D. Bunker, I. Gatley, A. Kosovichev, H. Grebel, R. Rojas-Cessa, Q. Jones, M. Vinnikov, B. Khusid, P. Armenante, N. Steffen-Fluhr, N. Maher, A. Borgaonkar, E. Farinas, A. Rosato, S. Wenbo Cai, M. Schwartz, G. Esperdy, E. Thomas, J. Shi, Y. Perl, X. Ding, A. Gerbessiotis, U. Roshan
- III. Non-Voting Members Present: F. Deek, A. Dhawan, B. Baltzis, K. Sandell, M. Kam, K Belfield, B. Kolarevic, O. Tukul, C. Gotsman, L. Hamilton, A. Hoang, J. Sodhi, M. Stanko, M. Sharobim
- IV. Guests Present: Laurent Simon (Undergraduate Studies), Lisa Easton (University Budgeting & Finance Planning), Joel Bloom (President), Sotiri Ziavras (Graduate Studies), Andrzej Zarzycki (HCAD), Bernadette Longo (Humanities & Social Sciences), Scott Kent (History), Cesar Bandera (MTSM), Marybeth Boger (Dean of Students)
- V. Approval of the 5/11/2021 meeting minutes  
Motion to approve the minutes by M. Bandelt and seconded by D. Hornthrop. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- VI. Report of the Faculty Senate President  
A. Rosato: Vote of no confidence in HCAD, lengthening Distinguished Professor Committee appointments, proposed online voting system program introduction, revised sabbatical policy, request for Faculty Senate reports, and discussion on format for future meetings. 9/28/2021 meeting will be held online. Q&A with discussion.
- VII. CGE Report: Sotiri Ziavras  
**MS in Civil Engineering:** motion to approve changes by S. Ziavras and seconded by M. Bandelt. Motion was approved.  
**MS in Professional and Technical Communication:** motion to approve changes by S. Ziavras and seconded by D. Blackmore. Motion was approved.  
**MS in Transportation:** motion to approve changes by S. Ziavras and seconded by M. Bandelt. Motion was approved.
- VIII. Financial Report: Lisa Easton  
Lisa Easton gave her presentation on the Budget and Finance report. Topics presented: FY22 Annual Budget revenue and expenses, FY 22 Budget Priorities-supporting NJIT

2025 Building on a Strong Foundation, Revenue and Expense Trends, and Operating & Capital Development Workflow. Q&A with discussion followed.

IX. Report on Egyptian Initiative: Ian Gatley

Ian Gatley gave his report from the Ad Hoc Committee on the establishment of an NJIT Branch Campus in Egypt. Topics presented: creation of ad hoc committee, background on NJIT and Egypt opportunity, NJIT's responsibilities in operating a branch campus in Egypt, Award of Degrees, and Accreditation. Ad hoc committee recommendations for Faculty Senate:

- Oversight of the International Branch Campus (IBC) faculty members regarding their welfare and performance
- Implications of the specific form in which NJIT degrees are awarded to IBC students
- Potential impact on accreditation of NJIT programs resulting from the details of the implementation model adopted for the IBC.

Moshe Kam made a comment about accreditation of engineering and engineering technology programs offered by NJIT in Egypt. If an engineering or an engineering technology program accredited by ABET is offered both at the Newark and the Egypt campuses, ABET considers it as a single program. Accreditation is determined by the "weakest link." Thus, if the program did not meet one of the relevant ABET criteria on one campus, it is considered to have not met this criterion on both campuses. Deficiencies or weaknesses on one site are considered deficiencies or weaknesses on both."

Q&A with discussion followed.

X. Discussion of Vice President of Faculty Senate Problem: Denis Blackmore

D. Blackmore discussed the issue of no Vice President for the Faculty Senate. Suggested an interim Vice President that can serve for one semester instead of the full school year. Motion to adopt interim Vice President plan by D. Blackmore and seconded by A. Borgaonkar. Motion was approved unanimously. D. Blackmore agrees to serve in this capacity for the Fall 2021 semester.

XI. New Business

N. Steffen-Fluhr: reminder to fill out campus climate survey

Y. Perl: to have all faculty vote on the Egypt campus

XII. The meeting ended at 1:27PM.

Motion to adjourn by A. Borgaonkar and seconded by R. Rojas-Cessa.