I. Convening of the Meeting – Ellen Thomas, President

II. Approval of Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting on March 24th

III. Report of the Faculty Senate President (10 Minutes)
   a. Middle States Self Study – no need to delay
   b. Best Colleges to Work for Survey – suspended
   c. Change to FS Endorsed Memo from the Provost titled “Special Final Grading Policy Provisions for Spring 2020” – see below
   d. BOT email
   e. Elections
   f. IFM

IV. Program Announcement for the undergraduate Materials Engineering program (Lisa Axe, David Venerus, and Moshe Kam)

V. CGE report and motion - MS in Pharmaceutical Engineering (Sotiri Ziavras)
   https://next.catalog.njit.edu/programadmin/?key=143

VI. Motion to recommend invoking Faculty Handbook section 4.3.3.2 for all untenured faculty unless otherwise opting out (Ellen Thomas)

   Section 4.3.3.2:
   In special circumstances, such as an event that severely impedes a Faculty member’s ability to perform his/her professional duties for a period of time (including an illness to a Faculty member or a member of his/her family, or primary care given to a newborn or newly adopted child), the TTP may be extended. Normally, such an extension can occur only once during the TTP and can last no more than one year. Exceptions to this rule can be granted by the Provost.

VII. Motion to recommend suspending the use of student evaluations for promotion and tenure consideration for Spring 2020 Evaluations (Ellen Thomas)

VIII. Motion to Reconsider Faculty Senate Support for Extended “Add” Period (Ellen Thomas)

IX. Motion to support the extension of Department Chair terms until an election can be held in the fall or until next year (Ellen Thomas)

X. Update teaching assessment committee (Maria Stanko)

Change to the FS Endorsed Memo from the Provost dated March 25th and titled “Special Final Grading Policy Provisions for Spring 2020:
The following statement (item 2 under GPA and Graduation Requirements) had read:
For students to earn a distinction such as Presidential Medal or Dean’s List must have all their actual grades on the transcript. Presence of a P will automatically disqualify the student for an academic distinction. The disqualification for the Dean’s List is for Spring 2020 only.

Will be changed to:
For students to be awarded the Presidential Medal, they must have all their actual grades listed on their transcript; as per current policy, an A must be earned in all courses.

Semester GPAs will be calculated and temporarily recorded before grade changes to special letters takes place. Students who based on their actual semester GPA meet all criteria of the current policy will go on the Dean’s List. The designation of Dean’s List will stay on the transcript even after grades have been converted and GPA recalculated based on the courses students opt to have shown with special letter designation.

For students graduating in May 2020, there will be a temporary calculation of the semester and cumulative GPA. Based on the cumulative GPA and following current policies, students will earn the Latin distinction award (cum laude, etc.). The honor will stay on the transcript even after students opt to have some (or all) of their grades converted to the special designations which will lead to a recalculation of semester and cumulative GPA.

For students who are not graduating in May 2020, a decision regarding Latin honors (cum laude, etc.) will made at a later time and in ways that will not disadvantage the students relative to those graduating in May 2020.