**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**December 7, 2009**

In attendance: Alexy, Allison, Al-Omaishi, Bender, Benoit, Borland, Curtis, Eberly, Edelbach, Heisler, Hernandez, Jackson, Joshi, Kamber, Kang, Leake, Lovett, McCarty, McMahan, Meola, Morin, Norvell, O’Brien, O’Connell, Rao, Ruscio, Speaker, Steele, Steinberg, Tang, Tate, and Winston.

Excused: Alves, Didi-Ogren, Hunt, Karsnitz, Michels, SanPedro, and Vivona.

Absent: Li, Petroff, Vandegrift, and Wickramasinghe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting were accepted as distributed.

WORKING GROUP REPORTS

The purpose of these working groups is to present a document to the president and provost that lists areas on campus that faculty feel need improvements over the coming years. The following reports were given and discussion ensued on each: Governance and Strategic Planning and Support for Academic and Scholarly Programs.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR THE DOCUMENT

Marcia O’Connell moved, with Kathryne Speaker seconding, to accept the document entitled “The Big Issues Confronting TCNJ, 2009.” Motion was passed unanimously.

COLLEGEWIDE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Richard Kamber was elected to serve on the executive board for the remainder of the academic year to replace John Karsnitz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* January 20 – 12:00 – Music Concert Hall – All-Faculty Meeting with the Provost
* January 20 – 3:30 – 1855 Room – Joint Governance Reception
* March 3 – 12:00 – 1:00 – Music Concert Hall – Colloquium for Faculty Research & Creative Activity – Ellen Friedman
* March 24 – 12:30 – 1:30 – Social Science Atrium – Faculty-Administrator community Event

Respectfully submitted,

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Faculty Senate Staff Secretary