**MINUTES**

**FACULTY SENATE**

**November 15, 2017 – 12:00-1:20 – SCP 117**

**In attendance:** Abourahma, Adler, Baker, Bennett, Brennan, Bush, Curtis, Dickinson, Domingo, Farrell, Fienberg, Gevertz, Hall, Hirsh, Kim, Krimmel, Li, McMann, McGreevey, Meixner, Morin, Norvell, O’Grady, Paliwal, Peel, Prensky, Schwarz, Steele, Steinberg, Weng, and Wiita.

**Excused:** Allyn, Bender, Brechman, Bunagan, Jaksch, Landreau , Le Morvan, Lopes-Murphy, Mawhinney, and Sears.

**Absent:** Nakra.

**Approval of Minutes**

* There were a couple of small corrections.
* Approved as amended.

**Announcements**

* Welcome to Felicia Steele, who will be replacing Holly Didi-Ogren on Faculty Senate
* There is an AFT meeting at 3:00pm in Social Sciences 223.
* The Helen Shaw Reception is at 4:30 today in EDU 212.
* The members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Transformation are Heba Abourahma, Marla Jaksch, and Rob McGreevey.
* CSCC had planned to hold an open forum today, but they weren’t quite ready to release their preliminary recommendations. We hope to have that forum at the next meeting.

**Reports from Standing Committees**

* CAP – Matt Hall gave the attached report for CAP **(Attachment 1)**
* CFA – Joe Baker gave the attached report for CFA **(Attachment 2)**
* CSCC – Glenn Steinberg – gave the attached report for CSCC **(Attachment 3)**
  + Discussion.
* CSPP – Rob McGreevey gave the attached report from CSPP **(Attachment 4)**

**Trustees Report**

* Dave Prensky and Jana Gevertz gave the attached Trustees Report **(Attachment 5)**

**AFT Report**

* John Krimmel gave the attached AFT Report **(Attachment 6)**

**Budget Discussion – Treasurer Ricketts, President Gitenstein and Provost Taylor**

* Amanda thanked Treasurer Ricketts, President Gitenstein and Provost Taylor for coming to visit.
* Treasurer Ricketts made some initial remarks in response to the questions that the Senate had submitted to him before the meeting, and followed this up with a number of slides to provide background for the discussion.
* Questions and discussion.

**Upcoming Events**

* January 31, 2018, 12:00 pm – Provost Address to Faculty – EDU 212
* February 28, 2018, 12:00pm – Faculty Senate Colloquium – Donna Shaw
* March 28, 2018, 12:00 pm – Gitenstein-Hart Prize Seminar – Jana Gevertz

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Law

**Attachment 1**

**Committee on Academic Programs**

**Matt Hall**

Cap is working on Preliminary recommendations for:

- policy on independent study

- definition of minors/inter-disciplinary minors

- assessment of advising

We are preparing final recommendations based on testimony we've received for:

- Policy on Departmental Honors

- Learning Assistants

- Policy on undergraduates taking graduate courses/double counting graduate courses

**Attachment 2**

**Committee on Faculty Affairs**

**Joe Baker**

CFA met on 11/8.

CFA finished with the Psychology disciplinary standards.

Minor edits were made to the TCNJ Emeritus Faculty/Staff policies to update them to align with current practice.

No new charges were received.

The next meeting of CFA will be on the 29th of November.

**Attachment 3**

**CSCC Report**

CSCC is working on several charges:

1. Clarifications have been made to the Student Travel Policy, which is being sent to the Compliance Officer for one last review.
2. The Involuntary Health and Safety Withdrawal Policy is stalled in the General Counsel's office but should be ready for testimony by the December Faculty Senate meeting.
3. The CSCC will be circulating a survey soon to take the College's temperature with respect to the possibility of declaring TCNJ a tobacco-free campus.  An open forum will also be held.
4. The CSCC is reviewing an issue with the Service Animals Policy and will likely be asking for testimony on it soon.
5. The CSCC is revising the Interim Posting Policy and will circulate probably early next semester for testimony.
6. We expect to receive a new charge soon from Steering about creating a Pets Policy.

Glenn Steinberg

**Attachment 4**

**Attachment 5**

Board of Trustees Report, October 2017

Faculty Representatives:

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The TCNJ Board of Trustees met on Tuesday October 24th, 2017, following a pre‐meeting teleconference on October 3rd and 10th. The first segment of the public meeting began with reports from President Gitenstein, the Board Officers Nominating Committee, the Outgoing Transition Committee, and the Presidential Search Committee. The President presented her plans for her final year in office in her report. The Nominating Committee recommended Jorge Caballero to serve as Chair and Susanne Svizeny to serve as Vice Chair, and both were approved by vote of the Board. The Transition Committee report discussed a spring event to commemorate

President Gitenstein’s service to the College. Trustee Susanne Svizeny, the Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, provided an update on the search process. She thanked campus community members for their input into the Presidential Prospectus, which is now available at the Presidential Search

website. Her report was followed by the usual updates from the Board representatives to the TSC Corporation, the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities, the TCNJ Foundation, and the TCNJ Alumni Association.

The Board’s Executive Committee then offered a number of resolutions, all of which were approved unanimously. Two resolutions addressed typical actions on faculty and staff appointments, reappointments, changes of status, and resignations; one resolution honored Christopher Gibson on the occasion of the end of his service on the

TCNJ Board. The Board also approved an extension of President Gitenstein’s contract until her resignation date at the end of June 2018, as well as a resolution that allocated funds for salary increases for non‐unit employees. That resolution provides for an average increase of 3% to be allocated differentially based on merit as measured by performance evaluations.

The two committees that faculty sit on, Mission Fulfillment and Business and Infrastructure, each met. At its meeting, The Buildings and Infrastructure Committee reviewed an enterprise risk management report on the College’s crisis‐readiness, and received an update on the implementation of priorities I, IV and V of the strategic plan. The Committee also discussed the FY 2017 Audit, the College’s debt profile, and Information Technology Division’s plan to support the TCNJ strategic plan. The Committee brought to the Public Meeting resolutions for advertising waivers for college operations, facilities, and construction; the FY 2019 Capital Budget request; and student fees for the Bonner and Pre‐College summer program. Each was approved unanimously.

The Mission Fulfillment Committee members reviewed progress toward achieving the College’s Strategic Plan action steps on student, faculty, and staff diversity. Resolutions to approve an Interim Title IX Policy and Interim Student Conduct Code Policy were discussed and then brought to the Public Meeting and passed unanimously. The Committee discussed issues of campus activism and unrest through reviews of nationwide examples in the last year and the College’s own plans to address such events.

The Audit, Risk Management and Compliance Committee, which does not have faculty representation, presented two resolutions, both of which were approved. The first was for advertising waivers for legal work and the second was approval of the College’s FY 2017 External Audit. Also at the Public Meeting, Faculty Senate President

Amanda Norvell updated the Board on the work of the faculty and the Faculty Senate.

**Attachment 6**