

University Senate Meeting Minutes

Monday, 16 December 2024

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Meeting called to order by President Fran Moran 2:01pm

Zoom Voting Test Successful

Motion to amend the agenda to move General Education Committee Report to the beginning of committee reports due to a scheduling conflict of the committee chair. Motion passes by general consent.

Motion to Approve Amended Senate Meeting Agenda passes by general consent.

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Motion to Approve the University Senate Meeting Minutes of the November 25th Meeting passes by general consent.

[01aSMMMinutes Nov2024.pdf](#)

University Senate President's Report

Dr. Fran Moran:

- Celebrating NJCU Authors (Library Book Display – featuring books in the Library collection by current NJCU faculty and professional staff)
- The Riotto Award Winner Plaque is in the Senate Office, suggestions for its placement will be accepted by the Senate Office.
- **Donna Piscopo is the 2024-25 Joe Riotto Award Recipient.**
- **Motion for Senate meetings to meet in person in the Spring Semester instead of Zoom does not pass.**
- Senate Committee Vacancies: Community Engaged Learning, Planning Budget and Development, Faculty and Professional Staff Affairs Committee

Senate Committee Reports

General Education Committee

Dr. Caroline Wilkinson, Chairperson

[02eGenEd Report DEC2024.pdf](#)

[02fGenEd Manual DEC2024.pdf](#)

Motion to Approve General Education Committee Manual passes by general consent.

Academic Support & Services Committee


Ms. Isabel Casais, Co-chair

Dr. Zhimin Wang, Co-chair

[02aASSC Dec Report 2024.pdf](#)

New Program Assessment Model (Guest Speakers)

- Dr. Scott O'Connor
- Dr. Ruth Newberry

 [NJCU and Backboard Anthology Assessment Solution 12-16-2024.pptx](#)

Curriculum & Instruction Committee

Dr. Corey Frost, Co-chair

Dr. Michelle Rosen, Co-chair

[02bC&I Report DEC2024.pdf](#)

Discussion: The Committee report gave favorable feedback for having the same credits eligible for two different majors but did not pose a formal resolution. There was interest in the Senate to have it formalized. There is a policy previously initiated by the Senate to have courses count for undergraduate and graduate degrees. This would be a benefit to both current and prospective students. A motion to vote on committee report with a highlight on the recommendation for having credits eligible for two different majors.

The motion to accept the committee report passes by general consent.

Faculty & Professional Staff Affairs Committee

Dr. Meriem Bendaoud, Co-chair

Ms. Anna Scanniello, Co-chair

[02cFPSA Report DEC 2024.pdf](#)

Planning, Development & Budget Committee

Dr. Hanae Haouari, Chairperson

[02dPD&B Report DEC2024.pdf](#)

Discussion: conversation regarding faculty conferences and scholar-related travel are underway.

Community Engaged Learning Committee (CELC)

Dr. Nava Cohen, Chairperson

[02gCELC Report DEC2024.pdf](#)

President Acebo Addressed the Senate

Here are the highlights:

- He thanked Dr. Bendaoud and the Faculty and Professional Staff Affairs Committee for their fast and thorough turnaround for the review of the honorary degree recipients.
- The Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganizing the University College/ School Structure did an exemplary job. It was a very thorough report and very much appreciated.
- As of now there is no definitive conclusion about the partnership.
- The potential merger with any partner will be a multi-year process.
- All the work to revitalize the mission gives us a position of strength.
- By the first quarter of 2025 we will negotiate a letter of intent with a partner institution.
- By the summer of 2025 there will be the development of a master service agreement.
- President Acebo has hosted the President of Kean for a tour and will host the President of Montclair. In many respects this is to showcase our work.
- A partnership is about leveraging our unique work and our indispensable mission.
- When there is news, he will share the information.
- The partnership may involve impact bargaining, and the faculty will have a partner in the President.
- This is ultimately a legislative process.

Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganizing the University Colleges/School Structure

Dr. Corey Frost, Co-chair

Dr. Melanie McDonald, Co-chair

[02hAdHoc Report 12-16-2024.pdf](#)

Motion to endorse recommendations of the report passes by general consent.

VII. New Business

There was a discussion on holding a vote on meeting in person at the next meeting.