

NTID Faculty Congress NFC Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018
12 – 1:30 pm, SDC-2102

Chair: Jessica Trussell
Vice-Chair: Edward Mineck
Communications Officer: Austin Gehret

Attending: Edward Mineck, Mark Rosica, Catherine Clark, Austin Gehret, Tao Eng, Jessica Trussell, Adriana Kulakowski, Patti Durr, Marcus Holmes,
Absent: Jennifer Gravitz, Leisa Boling, Camille Ouellette
Notetaker: Firoza Kavanagh

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| 1. Review Feb 20 Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes edited for clarification and typo corrections: #1 ‘Committee <u>on</u> The Future of Faculty’ #3.5 ‘...member’s...’ #3.5b ‘...two <u>consecutive</u> 3-year terms....’; ‘upto’ to ‘up to’ #3.5c ‘upto’ to ‘up to’ #4.2 (sub-committee) ‘ NFC can establish process <u>for running elections</u>’ ● Vote to accept revised Minutes: Austin – motion to accept Catherine – second Approved | <p>Austin: post minutes on website.</p> |
| 2. Review and Discussion of Bylaw revisions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Committee (Jess/Austin) revised Bylaws and sent to NFC 3/7/18; further revisions (Ed) after that; all proposed revisions for NFC to review: 1. General edits – to all Articles for clarity and corrections, and revisions to incorporate departmental feedback. 2. Article I ‘Purpose’ – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Three paragraphs from University policies added; part of faculty responsibilities; links NFC goals to University policies; keeps NFC more in accordance with RIT’s policies. Can provide link in footnote or on last page. Re-review by NTID faculty not required for this addition because it just helps to clarify that NFC must follow RIT’s Academic Senate protocol and guidelines. b. Updated/expanded list of topics that are appropriate for discussion at NFC; added ‘...including, but not limited to [list of topics]....’ in anticipation of future topics. | <p>Jessica/Austin/Ed – continue updating ByLaws Version B; send to all NFC members with color tracking red/black only.</p> |

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| | <p>c. << All changes to Article I accepted by all NFC members >></p> <p>3. Article II ‘Composition’ in accordance with Academic Senate, added for clarity –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Term ‘constituents’ will replace ‘faculty’ throughout Bylaws. b. Table of ‘designations and definitions’ added to clarify roles. c. Administrators are included in definition; ‘...faculty includes President, Provost, VP, holding professional appointments, Academic Deans, and others defined as faculty in 6.0...’ added from Academic Senate bylaws. d. All lectures are included; we are clarifying that lecturers are represented though they cannot vote. e. NFC as best informed group should be allowed to “...vote in the best interest of their departments/constituents...”; if department feels their rep doesn’t best represent them, they can replace their representative. NFC also votes in the best interest of NTID’s mission and for its success, and should be good stewards for our rep model; if 6 of us vote ‘yes’, 5 of us vote ‘no’, the final vote would be ‘yes’ based on majority; our voting is accountable to department, students, NTID, etc. f. ‘Home Departments’ listed; all references in bylaws edited to refer to ‘home departments’. 14 faculty have assigned home departments but do not work there, so add ‘At Large group who are not in the list above and who are not directly working in their assigned home department listed above. 1 voting constituent will be identified by the faculty who are not working directly in their assigned home departments.’ g. Alternates will not be required. h. << All changes to Article II accepted by all NFC members >> <p>4. Article III ‘Terms of Service’ –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ‘designate’ changed to ‘identified’ b. Length of term discussion – Academic Senate bylaws state ‘senators shall not be elected for more than 2 consecutive terms’. In the past, reps have stayed on NFC longer than 6 years. Discussion to be continued on: | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If rep A is replaced by rep B, rep B is allowed to finish out rep A's term, and in addition, can still be elected for 2 consecutive terms, so you can have '2 consecutive terms plus a partial term'. ii. If department structure changes and only one faculty remains in a department, does that faculty remain on NFC indefinitely? | |
| 5. Next Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tue March 27th noon – 1:30pm, sdc-2102: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue reviewing/revising bylaws 2. Review At-Large feedback 3. Tentative – NFC vote on revised bylaws | |

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