**University Senate Meeting** 1 2 Monday, 30 September 2024 3 **Meeting Minutes** 4 5 All documents at 2024SMSept.30 docs 6 7 Meeting called to order by President Fran Moran, Senate President 2:03 pm 8 9 **Zoom Test Voting Successful** 10 11 Minutes for May 6 and May 8, 2024 Meetings Approved 12 Meeting Minutes of the May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> Meetings 13 01aSMMinutesMay6Busdraft.pdf 14 01bSMMinutesMay8draft.pdf 15 16 17 **Agenda Approved** 18 19 **Update from President Andres Acebo** 20 21 President Acebo began by addressing issues requested by Senate President Moran. And 22 began by addressing enrollment. Momentum is on our side for enrollment. Our 23 enrollment plan and academic plan are yielding results. We had a 15% increase in 24 undergraduate new enrollment when you combine first-time/fulltime students and transfers. There is a 30% increase in transfer students from last year. Overall, we are 25 26 down 5% in headcount, but keep in mind that we graduated one of our largest classes in 27 Spring of 2024. Retention numbers have increased as well. We are down for graduate headcount, though that can be attributed to the cyberattack during the summer. 28 29 30 We ended fiscal year 2024 with a balanced budget, the first time in more than seven years, and we are forecasting a balanced budget this year as well. The trajectory is 31 32 healthy. We will reap benefits of more of our transfer initiatives next year. We are 33 working on partnerships with Jerey City Public School's Arts Program that will correlate with our mission and bring in revenue. We are also recommitting to our relationship with 34 35 A. Harry Moore with an expansion of their program into Grossnickle. There will be a 36 ribbon cutting during the last week of October. 37 A special acknowledgement to Dr. Jennifer Pax and Dr. Muriel Rand—they earned 38 39 CSWE Accreditation for the Social Work Program. Dr. Rand and Dr. John Grew also 40 secured a large grant for career pathways for Hispanic and low-income students. 41 42 Overall, NJCU has stabilized its operation and building a bridge to our second century. 43 The legislative requirement is that by March of 2025 we have to have identified strategic 44 45 options for our future direction. It seems to be broadly accepted in the higher education and political community that our mission is vital to the community. 46

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2	Dr. Garcia will be representing the faculty on the NJCU Board of Trustees.
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4	Question and Answers:
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6	There was a question regarding the reorganization of the schools in the University.
7	President Acebo invited a thoughtful and thorough study of college reorganization and
8	does not have a preconceived outcome.
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10	There was a question regarding the Board of Trustees. There are currently eight public
11	board members nominated by the Governor and approved by the Senate Judiciary
12	Committee. Of those eight there are two holdovers who are on expired terms, and since
13 14	May we have three new Trustees. The Board has scheduled more meeting than in the past, and at the September 2024 Board meeting they lowered the requirement for a
15	quorum to a simple majority. The Board is much more engaged and diverse than they
16	had been in the past.
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19	Center for Career & Professional Development Update, Ms. Melissa Faulkner, Director
20	Link to Presentation Here
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22	There was a question about 'ghost jobs'. NJCU has a procedure through the service Handshake
23	that screens for deceptive and predatory job listings.
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25	Update from President Fran Moran
26	<u>Link to Report</u>
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28	Motion to make permanent the definition of "substantive/non-substantive" change policy
29 20	adopted by the Senate at the March 18, 2024 Senate meeting <u>02aMotion substantive non-substantive change policy.pdf</u>
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34	Motion to Create an Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganizing the University College/School
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38	02cSenate memo academic reorganization fall 2024.pdf
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42	Senate Committee Reports
43	a) Academic Standards Committee
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2	b) General Education Committee
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4	Dr. Zui Chih (Rick) Lee, Director
5	Dr. Caroline Wilkinson, Chairperson
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7	03cGEAssessment Report.9.30.24.pdf
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9	Meeting Adjourned 3:57 pm
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12	Christopher Shamburg, Ed.D.
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