To: President Robert Altenkirch  
CC: Dr. Joel Bloom, Dean Jack Gentul, NJIT Student Senate  
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Gateway Plan Resolution

The New Jersey Institute of Technology’s Student Senate, the only student organization recognized by the university to represent the entire undergraduate student body, is proud to announce its full support of the Gateway Plan proposal.

New Jersey Institute of Technology has been rapidly improving its academic image throughout the great state of New Jersey in result to the most recent changes which include but are not limited to: the branding process, extensive increase in research grants, and the transition from our Highlander Athletics sports teams competing at the NCAA Division 2 level to a more prestigious Division 1 level. However, there are still strong needs for atmospheric improvements along with the addition of retail outlets and locations.

NJIT’s President Robert Altenkirch presented The Gateway Plan to the Student Senate on the 3rd of October, 2007. After an informal discussion between the senate and President Altenkirch, the Student Senate Executive board requested that the senate further discuss the plan with their constituency during a two week period. The astonishing feedback provoked the senate to vote that this resolution be written on behalf of the entire undergraduate population in favor of the Gateway Plan. This plan, which adheres to the various improvements needed within the University Heights section heavily focuses on the two needs previously mentioned.

Our students, which attend this technological research university, need to study in an environment that is welcoming and flexible to move around in. There are little to no dining locations within walking distance for NJIT students. This has been a strong issue that we, the Student Senate, have never been able to improve because it is out of our reach, yet the Gateway Plan has fully examined and addressed this main issue, therefore we are hopeful in its success.

We, the students at NJIT, understand that the great city of Newark is undergoing a much needed restoration and believe the Gateway Plan will play a huge role within it. In the event that this Gateway Plan proposal is being reviewed, we hope that the committee will take due consideration of this resolution. It is time to focus on a university that has graduated and always will graduate some of the most successful inventors, quality professionals, leaders and entrepreneurs of tomorrow; NJIT is that university.

This Resolution is written on behalf of the Undergraduate Student Population at NJIT.

Sincerely,

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President, NJIT Student Senate