Student Senate Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday February 12th, 2014

Present: Johnathan Weiss (President), Axel Geoffroy Kouassi (Vice President of Administration), Jennifer Farah (Vice President of Finance), Benita Benjamin (Corresponding Secretary), Amanda Redden (Senior Class President), Alpha Jalloh (Junior Class President), Jake Campbell (Sophomore Class President), Ayaz Uddin (College of Computing Sciences), Thomas Anderson (College of Science and Liberal Arts), Arthur Midiana (School of Management), Scott Lieberman (Applied Physics), Anthony Samaha (Architecture), Kevin Chen (Biology), John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnoli (Biomedical Engineering), Jennifer Ligo (Chemical Engineering), Sarika Munir (Chemistry), Gabrielle Rejouis (History), Kareem Fayek (Human Computer Interaction), Cady Kagume (Industrial Engineer), Rafal Kierznowski (Information Technology), Vivian Hawn (Resident), Darshan Patel (Freshmen Resident), Lenerson Pyrrhus (Freshmen Resident), Magid Youssef (Commuter), Michael Bebawy (Freshman Commuter), and Monica Ghabour (Freshman Commuter).

Late:

Absent: Oscar Chang (Treasurer), Angel Plaza (Freshmen Class President), James Barr (Business Management), Rajeet Das (Civil Engineering), and Sarah Rizk (Law, Technology and Culture).

Non Senators: Joseph Marswillo, Mark J. Cyr, Paul Mankarious, Victor Aladele, Philip Zurek, William Busarello, and Arsalan Khan.

Point of Privilege:

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 pm.

MINUTES

MOTION (Darshan Patel, Lenerson Pyrrhus): To approve the minutes of January 29th, 2014. MOTION PASSES.

REPORTS

Guest Report: Joseph Marswillo, Chief of Police and Mark J. Cyr, Lieutenant
Snow is bound to come and the Police Force is going to do their best to keep the deck clear and traffic moving. If another storm comes, they will be placing cops at key streets to help maintain fluid movement.

The lighting issue is being addressed and we put a work order to the utility company. As of right now all they’re waiting on is for a “mini survey” of how many lights are going out.

The window at the Police Office was closed during the storm in order to allow cops to maintain focus while answering numerous calls.

Initiatives for this semester: Cops and Crosswalks; handing out flyers to increase awareness of property; Police Week- had mini quizzes, fingerprinting, DWI goggles, handing our popcorn and hot coco; flyer in the deck on winter tips and got really good responses.

In the process of trying to get a new crosswalk, from the gym to lot 16, they need a count of how many people would use it. To further efforts for the crosswalk they will have a Cops and Crosswalks day at that location.

Q&A

In regard to the missing stop sign that is usually on MLK outside Robeson. Lt. Mark J. Cyr responds the sign gets shifted a lot when shoveling the snow and sometimes even gets stolen. It will be put back as soon as possible.

In regard to the lack of emails sent out after a theft. Chief Marswillio responds the lack of emails is simply due to the fact that we’re having a better semester and there have been no thefts to report.

President Reports:

Johnathan Weiss, President

After the meeting there will be an email sent out with a Google document for feedback sessions; include time and location. The form should be filled out by this Sunday.

There will be no more new senators for the rest of the semester due to time restraints. The website will reflect this and will not allow for any more submissions of applications.

We are in the process of creating the Elections Committee; graduating students are welcome to participate and should get into contact with John.
Executive Reports:

College Reports:

Senator Reports:

John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnoli, Biomedical Engineering

Jake Campbell and John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnoli were invited to the second subcommittee of Njit’s 2020 division clan. The subcommittee focuses on educational support and they hold meeting every other week.

Anthony Samaha, Architecture

NAAB Accreditation Results

Concerns:

Resources- Access to resources

Maintenance- WLH1 is not well maintained and does not have enough seats. The space is a fire safety hazard at maximum use

Enrollment growth- Advising must be improved significantly to sustain the growth of the college.

Senior Leadership- Securely positioned and development programs are convincing. College shows community good work. Faculty and student morale highest the board has ever seen.

No arrogance. No complacency. Shows an amazing self trust within the college despite disagreement internally. Strong sense of loyalty to the institutional mission

The school knows how to respond to community and achieves highly in that field.

32 student performance criteria:

WELL-MET (high standard):

Communication in both degree programs

Fundamental design skills

Ordering systems

Sustainability (undergraduate)
Comprehensive design (undergraduate)

Structural systems

Responsiveness to public good (Exceptionally Well-Met) (No story as moving as NJIT CoAD’s response to the effects of hurricane Sandy and the amazing feat of turning that into a learning opportunity.)

NO UNMET CRITERIA at NJIT (this is absolutely rare from the NAAB accreditation.)

Students are courageous and articulate. The students admire the faculty and are devoted to the school well beyond any statistical or bureaucratic measures the board has taken. There is a palpable trust that is remarkable.

Undergraduate and Graduate programs:

Are a CLINIC in an example of a professional program. Its capacity to set its own interest and obeysance for fresh space for student discovery is truly newsworthy.

Concerns: Financial Resources

Public institution that relies on state support but state support is declining. It is incumbent in the school to maintain the financial resources it needs.

The institution will need to speak louder for funding from the overarching school.

Greatest Strengths:

Graduate product is well needed. Work is academically and visually compelling. Student work has a tangible materiality that is rare to see.

Adjuct array of experience is astounding.

Great coordination for NAAB show and Kepler is an amazingly well put together project.

Lecture courses:

Assignments are framed with only a couple of exams.

Scope of advisement: 700 students with one advisor is tough to work with and with an expanding student body.

Facilities: students should not have to sit on the floor of a lecture hall to take an exam.
Many future opportunities for collaboration with your expansion.

Student body shows strong enthusiasm and is very culturally diverse.

AIAS and APX are remarkable in making opportunities for their fellow students.

Concern: Representation of graduate students are non-existent.

Obvious that something special is going on in this institution. Things like this cannot happen how they did without full cooperation from the top down.

On a personal level the faculty and the students are engaged in almost a love affair with one another. <3

Faculty helps out the students well over and above their job description.

Students are confident in their above-and-beyond education at NJIT.

IDP program needs to keep up with times because it is changing rapidly.

The school of architecture brings to NJIT creativity and for a president to acknowledge that is very significant.

The need to leverage the graduate students at NJIT to create an identity to this program that is unique to this institution.

**James Barr, Business Management**

There will be 3 gentleman coming from the IMA (Institute of Management Accountants) coming to speak today about the CMA (Certified Management Accountant) exam and certification. They will provide us with information and a Q&A session. This will be in KUPF 117 and should run from 2-330

Food served

The S&P innovation challenge kickoff meeting will also be taking place until about 4 430. I will be attending the tail end of that session. This is open to all students and anyone interested in mergers and acquisitions or investment banking should attend. (I think Spencer would be interested in this)
New S&P proprietary software will be used for valuation models
Food Served cash prizes and iPad to winning team and internship opportunities.
Huge resume building and networking potential.
Members of the CFA team and members of the business club were involved in a photo shoot for a new SOM marketing campaign. Afterwards more discussion took place on a few courses that should be changed. The primary ones were mgmt 216 and OM375 where many students would like to see the software used, Mini Tab and Lingo replaced with Excel. The professors and administrators involved in the conversation agreed. This has been a topic of conversation since the first feedback session last semester and steps are being put into place but admin admits it is painfully slow.

CFA research challenge team has advanced to regional finals with Rutgers, Fordham and Seton Hall for first time in schools history. Finals will be on the 20th

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Retreat Overview**

For those that didn’t come you should either ask your fellow senators or come to the office and go over the material.

A list of goals will be emailed soon. One of which was to have Shared Governance, which has been approved; will be running by September 1st. Another was to increase awareness of Senate; we decided that we will be tabling downstairs prior to elections.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Finance Hearings:**

*MOTION (Jake Campbell, Sarika Munir): To approve Institute of Industrial Engineers for their Conference for $476.98. MOTION PASSES.*

**New Senators:**

*Victor Aladele is running for Electrical Engineer Representative.*

*William Busarello is running for Digital Design Representative.*

* Arsalan Khan is running for College of Engineering Representative.*
Philip Zurek is running for Computer Engineer Representative.

Anthony Samaha is running for College of Architecture and Design Representative.

Michael Bebawy is running for Recording Secretary.

Jake Campbell is running for Vice President of Student Affairs.

Magid Youssef is running for Vice President of Student Affairs.

MOTION (Thomas Anderson, Jake Campbell): To elect Victor Aladele for Electrical Engineer Representative. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Anthony Samaha, Magid Youssef): To elect William Busarello for Digital Design Representative. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Ayaz Uddin, Lenerson Pyrrhus): To elect Arsalan Khan for College of Engineering Representative. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (John Vito d'Antonio-Bertagnolli, Sarika Munir): To elect Philip Zurek for Computer Engineer Representative. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Scott Lieberman, Sarika Munir): To elect Anthony Samaha for College of Architecture and Design Representative. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Darshan Patel, Lenerson Pyrrhus): To elect Michael Bebawy for Recording Secretary. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Sarika Munir, Lenerson Pyrrhus): To elect Jake Campbell for Vice President of Student Affairs. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Darshan Patel, Monica Ghabour): To elect Magid Youssef for Vice President of Student Affairs. MOTION FAILED.

Congratulations Victor Aladele.

Congratulations William Busarello.

Congratulations Arsalan Khan.

Congratulations Philip Zurek.

Congratulations Anthony Samaha.
Congratulations Michael Bebawy.

Congratulations Jake Campbell.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next Meeting 2.19.14 in room 240

Senior Class Valentines Pub Night 2.13.14 at 9:00pm

Senate Dinner next Thursday at Tops Dinner

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION (Thomas Anderson, Cady Kagume): To adjourn the meeting of Wednesday February 12th, 2014. MOTION PASSES

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

As submitted by:

Michael Bebawy (Recording Secretary)