Present: Alpha Jalloh (President), Timothy Boyle (Vice President of Administration), Jennifer Farah (Vice President of Finance), Oscar Chang (Treasurer), Michael Bebawy (Recording Secretary), Rajeet Das (Corresponding Secretary), Karthik Chandrasekaran (Junior Class President), Lenerson Pyrrhus (Sophomore Class President), Rukayat Balogun (Freshman Class President), Anthony Samaha (College of Architecture and Design), Matthew Downey (College of Computing Sciences), Victor Aladele (Newark College of Engineering), Darshan Patel (Biology), John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli (Biomedical Engineering), Yustina Zakhary (Business Management), Jennifer Ligo (Chemical Engineering), Tiffany Asham (Civil Engineering), Walter Church IV (Computer Engineering), Al-Rashid Jamalul (Computer Science), William Busarello (Digital Design), Philip Zurek (Electrical Engineering), Gbemisola Olaoye (Engineering Sciences), William Hamilton (Engineering Technology), Grant Ng (Information Technology), Ikechukwu Onukogu (Law, Technology & Culture), David Anderson (Mathematical Sciences), Korede Otetubi (Mechanical Engineering), Alisha Matreja (Resident), Mark Neubauer (Freshman Resident), Sakari Ally (Freshman Resident), Magid Youssef (Commuter), Kelvin Siebeng (Freshman Commuter), and Brian Barongo (Freshman Commuter).

Absent: Jake Campbell (Vice President of Student Affairs), Gretchen Von Koenig (Senior Class President), Cynthia Ahmed (School of Management), Hojin Choi (Industrial Engineering), and Lynda Nwankwo (Web & Information Systems).

Late: Al-Rashid Jamalul (Computer Science), and Philip Zurek (Electrical Engineering).

Non Senators: Humberto Baquerizo, Ashley Betts, and Kareem Fayek

Point of Privilege:

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 pm.
MINUTES
MOTION To approve the minutes of February 11th, 2014. MOTION PASSES.

REPORTS

Presidential Report
Alpha Jalloh, President

Senator Reports
Yustina Zakhary, Business Management

At the end of last semester, on December 10, 2014, Waydon and I met with the Dean and Assistant Dean of the School of Management – Reggie Caudill and Lisa Axe. They set up this meeting so they can discuss with us the main issues brought up in last semester’s feedback session and they wanted to update us with their upcoming meeting to solve these issues.

The first problem the School of Management is trying to address, in conjunction with the Honors College, is the number of Honors courses being offered. Dean Axe requested that if there is a particular class (especially specialized ones) constituents want, students should request it a semester in advance (early on, of course). She assured us that it was raised at the last faculty meetings. A proposed solution is having a sufficient # of honors sections that meets with the regular section because there usually isn’t enough students for an entire separate section. This also coincided with a concern that not enough specialization courses were offered to begin with and the same request from administration applied – if there is a request, please let them know. A proposed issue with new sections were not having enough students to sign up and therefore, having to cancel the course; however, a quick fix would be to send a mass email when there is a special course being offered so students know to look into it.

Secondly, there are planned meetings with CS 103 as well as the MIS Professors. It was concluded that in terms of CS 103, the coding experience is beneficial, but there is no application of relevant. Thus, it was brought up to the department that this class should be shifted into the use of programs and technology in the business profession. As there were complaints about MIS 245, there was a discussion with Professor Fjermestad who is the course coordinator to revamp a standard curriculum for all 245 sections so that there are the same learning outcomes, class description, book and topics. The rest would be up to the professor but it must include application, presentation, data analysis and presentation of such analysis. MGMT 492 was discussed in terms of the capstone simulation – Mike’s Bikes. Students advised administration to look at real life industry projects and
possibly getting mentors from the industry. This would be beyond next semester (more of a long term goal.)

Another main concern was the activity and foundation of the Business Club. It was decided that it would act as an umbrella and have subdivisions (like the Accounting Club). Professor Cesar Bandera and Professor Ellen Thomas both expressed interest in advising some of these subdivisions – help with events, speakers, monthly, meetings, etc. The main advisor, however, would be Professor Schoenebeck, while individual faculty would advise per subdivision. There is a lot of interest in having a student professional society at graduate level: this would provide opportunities for networking.

For future work and initiative, administration requested that there would be a feedback session with broader participation and we discussed ideas to make that happen. Also, it was advised that we don't necessarily wait for feedback sessions to raise concerns – rather, we can send emails, and make appointments. The School of Management has been doing academic planning – administration has requested that there is student input (through Student Senate) to meet and discuss overview and feedback as well as help edit based on student concerns and wants. This would take place in following semesters. Overall, this was a successful meeting and it seems the school of management is working hard to address the concerns students brought up.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Hearings:

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli, David Anderson): To approve African Student Association for their annual fashion show for $570.00. MOTION PASSES.

New Senators:

Ashley Betts is running for Architecture Representative.

Kareem Fayek is running for Human-Computer Interaction Representative.

Darshan Patel is running for College of Science & Liberal Arts Representative.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli, William Hamilton): To elect Ashley Betts for Architecture Representative. MOTION PASSES.
MOTION (Rukayat Balogun, Lenerson Pyrrhus): To elect Kareem Fayek for Human-Computer Interaction Representative. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Lenerson Pyrrhus, John Vito d'Antonio-Bertagnolli): To elect Darshan Patel for College of Science & Liberal Arts Representative. MOTION PASSES.

Congratulations Ashley Betts.

Congratulations Kareem Fayek.

Congratulations Darshan Patel.

Senator Resignation:
Lynda Nwankwo has resigned from the position of Web & Information Systems representative.
Alisha Matreja has resigned from the position of Resident representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meeting 2/25/2015
- Student Appreciation Week- Senate is giving out pizza in the Senate office after the meeting. If you can you should come and speak with your constituents over a slice of pizza.
- Week of Fitness- Week of Fitness this year is going to be from March 2nd to March 5th. Instead of having a sign up for the various events we will be having public office hours all week. Instead of going to the office your time will be spent at the event that we’re having at that time.
- CCS Feedback session is going to be on March 8th.

MOTION (David Anderson, Grant Ng): To adjourn the meeting of Wednesday February 18th, 2015. MOTION PASSES.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 pm.

As submitted by:
Michael Bebawy (Recording Secretary)