Student Senate Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Present: Rajeeet Das (President), John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli (Vice President of Student Affairs), Rukayat Balogun (Treasurer), Darshan Patel (Recording Secretary), Dorothy Chau (Corresponding Secretary), Kaelyn Gamel (Senior Class President), Lenerson Pyrrhus (Junior Class President), Kelvin Siebeng (Sophomore Class President), Anthony Samaha (College of Architecture and Design), Al-Rashid Jamalul (College of Computing Sciences), Atharva Dhole (College of Science and Liberal Arts), Kamal Raghibi (Newark College of Engineering), Dylan Renaud (Applied Physics), Ashley Betts (Architecture), Siddharth Thiruvalluvan (Bioinformatics), Alisha Matreja (Biology), Neha Syal (Biomedical Engineering), Julia Sun (Business and Information Systems), Hari Ravichandran (Chemical Engineering), Lahiru Pathirage (Civil Engineering), Steve Diaz (Computer Science), Joshua Olayinka (Computing and Business), William Busarello (Digital Design), Anthony Pereira (Information Technology), William Ruys (Mathematical Sciences), Anthony DeRitis (Mechanical Engineering), Lea Burlew (Theatre, Arts and Technology), Mark Neubauer (Resident) and Sandra Sawires (Commuter).

Absent: Michael Bebawy (Vice President of Administration), Jennifer Farah (Vice President of Finance), Cynthia Ahmed (School of Management), Marino Duran (Computer Engineering), Martyn Mendyuk (Industrial Engineering) and Amy Ng (Science, Technology and Society).

Late: Wuraola Ogunnowo (Industrial Design)

Non Senators: Robert Moran, Humberto Baquerizo, Sarah Ahmad, Chirag Arya, Jaemin Lim, Immanuel Ongweny, Awais Qazi, Patrick Quinn, Harshit Ratanpara, Mansi Sheth, Pritinder Singh and Kaila Trawitzki.

The meeting was called to order at 2:37pm.

MINUTES
The minutes of September 02, 2015 were approved.
**REPORTS**

**President’s Report:**

**Rajeet Das, President**

Rajeet Das met with Dr. Joel Bloom on Friday, September 11, 2015. There were many different things discussed. Particularly, Dr. Bloom likes the idea and attitude we are trying to set as far as unifying the campus. There are a lot of different social groups on campus that have much to offer to other areas of the university if the University was unified. I think at the moment, we are taking good strides towards doing that and we have his full support. He also supports our Student Activities Fund Review Board initiative. Lastly, he and I discussed the problem with the Student Senate not recognizing the Honors College as the 6th College of this University. While we do not need to have a voting representative for the Honors College, we should still recognize their existence in anything that we publish.

Michael Bebawy and Rajeet Das attended the University Senate Meeting on Wednesday, 16 September 2015. The meeting included a report from Dr. Bloom on different topics including statistics on new Faculty, Staff, and Lecturers. He also mentioned that we now have over 11,300 students on our campus. Rankings from US News about top universities were released, and NJIT was ranked about 140. NJIT could get into the top 100 as it has much better statistics in most categories than the 39 schools directly ahead of it. However, NJIT is ranked low in graduation and retention rates. These are going to be a major focus for the university as a whole moving forward. Additionally, the executive committee was elected, on which Rajeeet Das will serve. Lastly, Raj is looking for 1 Student Senator to step up and serve on the Human Resources Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Clubs for Approval:**

**MOTION (Darshan Patel, Anthony Samaha): To approve Global Brigades as a Z-Club. MOTION FAILS.**

**MOTION (William Ruys, Alisha Matreja): To approve Global Brigades as a Z-Club contingent upon them revising Article VII, Section 2 of their Club Constitution. MOTION PASSES.**

**New Senators:**

**MOTION (Lenerson Pyrrhus, William Busarello): To approve Chirag Arya as the History Representative. MOTION PASSES.**

**MOTION (Neha Syal, Kelvin Siebeng): To approve Pritinder Singh as the Web and Information Systems Representative. MOTION PASSES.**

**MOTION (Neha Syal, William Busarello): To approve Kaila Trawitzki as the Engineering Technology Representative. MOTION PASSES.**

**MOTION (Anthony Samaha, Kamal Raghibi): To approve Awais Qazi as the Business Management Representative. MOTION PASSES.**

**MOTION (Mark Neubauer, Joshua Olayinka): To approve Immanuel Ongweny as the Electrical Engineering Representative. MOTION FAILS.**
MOTION (Mark Neubauer, Al-Rashid Jamalul): To approve Jaemin Lim as the Electrical Engineering Representative. MOTION PASSES.

Congratulations Chirag Arya.

Congratulations Pritinder Singh.

Congratulations Kaila Trawitzki.

Congratulations Awais Qazi.

Congratulations Jaemin Lim.

Congratulations Patrick Quinn.

Congratulations Harshit Ratanpara.

Congratulations Mansi Sheth.

Congratulations Sarah Ahmad.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Senator Resignation: Arianna Milla will no longer be the Interior Design Representative.
• Senator Resignation: Binoy Patel will no longer be the Web and Information Systems Representative.
• John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli personally would like to thank everyone who helped with Freshmen Elections tabling and SAFRB. Both tabling sessions were tremendous successes.
• Headshot Photos: If you have not done so already, please visit Antonio Mistretta in the Nucleus office, Campus Center 4th Floor, to have your picture taken once the meeting is adjourned.
• Frost Valley: Please check your emails for a message from Michael Bebawy either tonight or tomorrow with more information regarding Frost Valley. If you have not done so already, please submit the online form as soon as you can.
• Next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

MOTION (Awais Qazi, William Busarello): To adjourn the meeting of Wednesday, September 16, 2015. MOTION PASSES.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41pm.

As submitted by:
Darshan Patel (Recording Secretary)