ATTENDANCE

Present: Rajeet Das (President), Michael Bebawy (Vice President of Administration), Jennifer Farah (Vice President of Finance), 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), Patrick Quinn (Freshman 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), Ashley Betts (Architecture), Siddharth Thiruvalluvan (Bioinformatics), Aesha Shah (Biochemistry), Alisha Matreja (Biology), Neha Syal (Biomedical Engineering), Julia Sun (Business and Information Systems), Awais Qazi (Business Management), Hari Ravichandran (Chemical Engineering), Lahiru Pathirage (Civil Engineering), Marino Duran (Computer Engineering), Steve Diaz (Computer Science), Joshua Olayinka (Computing and Business), William Busarello (Digital Design), Wuraola Oggunowo (Industrial Design), Martyn Mendyuck (Industrial Engineering), Anthony Pereira (Information Technology), William Ruys (Mathematical Sciences), Anthony DeRitis (Mechanical Engineering), Amy Ng (Science, Technology and Society), Lea Burlew (Theatre, Arts and Technology), Pritinder Singh (Web and Information Systems), Mark Neubauer (Resident), Mansi Sheth (Freshman Resident), Harshit Ratanpara (Freshman Resident), Sandra Sawires (Commuter) and Sarah Ahmad (Freshman Commuter).

Absent: Cynthia Ahmed (School of Management), Dylan Renaud (Applied Physics), Kaila Trawitzki (Engineering Technology) and Chirag Arya (History).

Late: Kelvin Siebeng (Sophomore Class President)

Non Senators: Robert Moran, Jake Campbell

The meeting was called to order at 2:34pm.

MINUTES

The minutes of October 14, 2015 were approved.
President’s Report:

Rajeet Das, President

Wellness and Event Center Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 21 October 2015, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Wellness and Events Center Steering Committee met to discuss the latest changes to the design of the NJIT Wellness and Events Center, scheduled for completion in 2017. Most of the details of the center were explained during Andrew Christ’s visit to the Student Senate meeting on 14 October 2015. The AECOM Architectural Design Team attended the meeting to present the newest changes to the center.

The building is all about intuitive way finding, to minimize the amount of necessary signage. There are two large spines that intersect. The first is from the interior campus entrance, at the corner of Tiernan Alley and the upper green, leading to the Lock Street Entrance. The second runs perpendicular through the center of the building. Also, the building has a way of getting more private as you walk in a certain direction; this means that one section is open to the public, but then there are certain sections specifically for student athletes, training staff, coaches, athletics staff, etc. This will allow for the student athletes to focus on their business without distracting the public who is trying to use the facility.

The biggest changes were adding more color and texture to the interior of the building. Originally, there was a lot of grey on the walls, but the committee suggested at the last meeting to give the building some more color.

Additionally, one side of the basketball arena will have more seating than the other side. The total seat count will remain the same. For the arena, there will be two entrances: one from the stairs that exist at the intersection of the two aforementioned spines, and one from the entrance at the corner of Lock Street and Warren Street. The sideline that has the two entrances is the side with less seats and the opposite side will not have any entrances, therefore allowing for more seats.

Another point of discussion was ensuring that there was enough room on the floor of the basketball arena to have folding seats for the VIP Section that Athletics is hoping to sell tickets for.

Lastly, some of the exterior changes were also shown. I think that the entire project will really transform the entire campus. The new changes to the soccer field and the green will bring the campus together more. There will be better seating options around as well as just an overall connected feeling. Right now, it is difficult to even see the soccer field to begin with from anywhere other than the stands, but with these changes, it will be possible to watch games and access the field much easier.

Overall, with some few exceptions, I am very pleased with everything that will be going into this building, and I think it will be great for the campus.

Executive Reports:

Michael Bebawy, Vice President of Administration

Constitution Committee Updates

The Constitution Committee came up with four goals back in the beginning of the semester. The first goal was to increase committee member involvement in the new club recognition process. Every member in the committee is now working with between one and three clubs and they are the senator responsible for making sure that the club gets all their documents in and they get approved. These senators are also responsible to help them with any questions they may have and will continue to follow up with them to
make sure everything is ok even after they have been approved. The second goal was to have a more streamlined club approval process. The club approval process has been revisited and we set up an excel sheet that tells us where each club stands. It both ensures that no club falls through the cracks and also keeps us accountable to be sure to answer the club in a timely and efficient manner. The third goal that the committee came up was to monitor the event requirement for clubs. We have decided that we are going to check on this in two ways. The first being a club flyer submission that must be completed two weeks before the event and an event review form which must be completed within a week after the event. This allows us to both advertise on their behalf since they are giving us their flyer and also allows us to recommend suggestions to make the event better based on the evaluation that they submit after. The final goal that the committee had was to revise and publish a new club packet. The club packet on the website is from the year 2011 and is very outdated. Marino Duran is working on revising the club packet and it will be published on the website very soon.

**John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli, Vice President of Student Affairs**

**Student Affairs Committee Updates**

Student Affairs Committee meetings are now weekly, on Wednesday nights at 9pm in the Senate office. This week’s meeting will focus on new SAFRB proposals, so please feel free to drop by if you want to get involved.

**Jennifer Farah, Vice President of Finance**

**Finance Committee Updates**

The finance committee has been taking several steps in the right direction. We have been meeting every week for finance hearings and the clubs are very happy with our performance. We have approved several budgets already and distributed reimbursements and prizes. The senators are more involved on an individual/personal level with the Y clubs since we have implemented the changes to the finance hearings. Now only one senator is assigned to a hearing and he/she works closely with all the clubs of that week. We have met two other smart goals. Two boards have been hung outside the senate office that explain what budgets have approved and which are coming up. The other smart goal was to close petty cash issues from last semester and that has also been completed.

We are now working towards making and achieving more goals. The finance committee has done a great job thus far and I am looking forward to seeing what the rest of the semester has in store.

**Rukayat Balogun, Treasurer**

**Athletics and School Spirit Committee Updates**

The Athletics and School Spirit Committee has been doing a great job with handling the events thus far. However, now we have a break from events we can start to refocus on accomplishing our goals. Utilization of the Group-Me with be crucial to getting information to each other so I expect everyone to be involved there. Also, I would like to see everyone stepping up in their own way in terms of handling responsibility. By implementing all of these things, the committee can be very successful.

**Darshan Patel, Recording Secretary**

**Management Committee Updates**

The Management Committee has been busy as of late tending to three pertinent matters: Copy/Equipment Requests, Supply Requests, and Maintaining the Student Senate Office. The committee has been proactive in honoring copy requests and ensuring that clubs who request equipment for their events are provided with it. Additionally, the committee is currently in the process of ordering all of the supplies requested by clubs, and are aiming for distribution to be completed by the end of this month or the first week of November.
**College Reports:**

**Anthony Samaha, College of Architecture and Design**

Meeting with the Dean of the College of Architecture and Design

30 September, 2015, 11:30am Weston arch offices

Dean Urs Gauchat, Anthony Samaha

Discussed the grade dispute policy that has been made available for all majors [Grade dispute is not new to the school of architecture; the director decides if something has merit or not (15% or less chance of it getting changed)]

Wellness and Events Center: Urs believes that the architecture of the Wellness and Events Center is not at a place where it needs to be.

Advising restructured: perception is that it is working well. There are at least two people in the office that are trained to perform a given job while advisors are away i.e. scheduling

Issue of Campbell hall studios; student unhappy and asked to be moved for reasons including; no natural light, no heating/AC, no operable window, sawdust near outlets, issues of security. Students were ultimately moved to the 7th floor of Weston.

Wrong stairwell was painted. Urs’s concern of painting the fire stairs behind the elevators in Weston is that students spray paint models/etc in there, so he hopes to work with students to stop this—maybe find a designated area for this? Urs also suggested perhaps we appoint student stewards to make sure building stays in good shape—incents?

The college is buying two more C&C machines, 3D printers, and a motion capture studio is being installed on the 2nd floor. Stresses that we need to work together to use facilities and equipment in a responsible way so no one gets hurt +extended hours for usage.

Customary lunch with student leadership to give options to Stacey or Tracy

Freshmen idea in COAD is very important

Hope to get all clubs in COAD to get recognized by Senate; potential $12,000 increase; Print Room will make money; no other university has this arrangement at this scale.

Senate funds. $500,000

Trying for cross promotion between Senate and AIAS

SAFRB – arch senate gets 1/5 of 60,000. Permanent exhibition space proposed for Campus Center needs to be designed well. - Maybe host a design competition? Something to promote or collaborate ideas. The space would be a history of what has happened and catalog of what is happening.

CKB ground floor is supposed to be a school wide gallery. Urs: “School doesn’t see interesting stuff going on behind closed doors.” Urs wanted experimental studios/ a “visual shopping mall”

**Al-Rashid Jamalul, College of Computing Sciences**

Dr. Marek Rusinkiewicz, Dean of the College of Computing Sciences

I met with Dr. Marek Rusinkiewicz and discussed the most recent changes that occurred in the College of Computing Sciences. These recent changes included the following:

- The hiring of 3 new professors
- Consolidating the IS department on the 5th floor alongside providing them new offices
- Two new Research labs
- The new Networking lab

After we discussed about the most recent changes, the Dean followed up and informed me about future changes to expect. Some of these changes are the following:

- Tweaking the admission criteria for SAT and GPA since we’ve reached the pinnacle number of students for the resources available to the college
- Aiming to hire 3 more professors in the near future
- Increasing the space allocated to teaching
- Expanding space available to students by including a new common space

Methods for increasing retention rate:
- The tweaked admission criteria will hopefully increase the chances of future students to graduate.
- Provide more help for classes, namely the first courses like CS 100.

I wrapped up the meeting by formally inviting the Dean to the Feedback sessions for IS, IT and CS.

Atharva Dhole, College of Science and Liberal Arts
Dr. Kevin Belfield; Dean of the College of Science and Liberal Arts
October 9, 2015

I discussed with Dr. Belfield some of the issues being tackled by the major representatives, who have been diligently keeping on top of their obligations. I also expressed some intentions I had with expanding the career fair to be more inviting to the raw sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics). He has agreed to attempt to attend at minimum one feedback session, and is in the process of inviting a guest speaker to speak regarding interpreting and deciphering scientific articles. He is researching companies to attend the Spring Career Fair. All feedback session dates have been forwarded to him.

Kamal Raghibi, Newark College of Engineering

Engineering Science Feedback Session/current status of all NCE major reps.

I have made sure that everyone has their Feedback Sessions dates set. I will be holding a Feedback Session for the Engineering Science department, as we do not have a Student Senate representative. The Feedback Session will be on November 4th. Additionally, I have been ensuring that the Newark College of Engineer major-representatives are adhering to their roles and responsibilities.

Cynthia Ahmed, School of Management (as read by Awais Qazi, Business Management)

Update on Meeting with Dean Caudill, Michael Sweeney, and Feedback Session

Events Occurred Between September 30th- October 19th

On September 30th at 4pm, Awais Qazi, the Business Management major Representative, met with Dean Caudill to discuss feedback session plans and our plans as Senator. Through the meeting we projected many ideas/plans for this school year including a “coffee/ donuts with the Dean” session once a month, a pamphlet advertising the School of Management, a Feedback Session combined with an event( a career development type event with a speaker), and possible networking events between alumni and students. We ultimately decided to host the feedback session on November 11th at 2:30-4:00pm as Wednesday common hours was recommended by the Dean. We are currently planning to host the feedback session from 2:30-4:00pm and will have Dean Caudill, Michael Sweeney (the SOM academic advisor), as well as a number of faculty for a question and answer session with the students. We are also asking Jack Wagner, President of the Alumni Association, to give a presentation on how current students can interact with alumni and build relationships that benefit both parties. I also have been meeting with Michael Sweeney consistently to keep him updated on our progresss and he will be helping us coordinate the feedback session by helping book the Leir Conference room in SOM 3rd floor, ordering food, and proviing us with raffle prizes that include NJIT SOM gear.
**Senator Reports:**

**Hari Ravichandran, Chemical Engineering**

NJIT Student Senate Report – Fall 2015

*October 21, 2015*

**Name:** Hari Ravichandran

**Position:** Chemical Engineering Representative

**Event/Meeting:** Meeting with Department Chair and Scheduling Feedback Session

**When:** September 15th, 2015

**Where:** Tiernan 150E, Department Chair’s Office

**Who Was There:** Hari Ravichandran, Professor Lisa Axe (Department Chair)

**What Happened:**

During the second week of September, I sent out a survey to my fellow undergraduate chemical engineering students to gather their feedback to improve our Chemical Engineering Department. The survey was sent out on September 8th, and the last response was on September 11th. There were 42 total responses out of 357 undergraduates, amounting to 11.8% of the population. The survey asked questions about demographics, department issues, and feedback sessions. The questions that were asked and their answers are provided on the next page.

I showed the survey and its results to Professor Axe, the interim chair of our department, at our meeting on September 15th along with my campaign platform, which is presented at the end of the report. Professor Axe was excited to see the survey results and opined that the department needs to hire more faculty members. She also wanted me to summarize the survey results in a ten-minute PowerPoint Presentation, which I would present to AIChE (American Institute of Chemical Engineers) first and then to the department at their next meeting.

I faced a difficult decision in deciding the timing of the feedback session, since students wanted a Wednesday Common Hour session, but this would conflict with the AIChE meeting, potentially cutting my attendance levels significantly. In addition, AIChE meetings were completely booked, making it impossible for me to have the feedback session during a meeting. After some negotiation between Professor Axe, the AIChE Executive Board, and me, we agreed to a feedback session right after the AIChE meeting during Wednesday Common Hour. We chose a time of 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM on October 28th in Tiernan 411, the room where AIChE usually holds its meetings. By working with AIChE, I hope to increase attendance levels.

In addition, I will present the feedback from my feedback session at the department meeting on November 4th. This will hopefully spur them into action and help fix some of the major issues we currently face, including the student to faculty ratio, availability of seats in laboratory classes, and job placement.
Department Feedback Survey: Questions and Answer Summaries

NJIT Chemical Engineering Department Feedback Survey

We are reaching out to get your feedback so we can improve our department together.

- Monica Manchandran, NJIT Student Senate Chemical Engineering Representative

* Required

Demographics

Are (or were) you a resident or commuter? *
- Commuter
- Resident

What year of study are you in starting Fall 2015 (Or have you graduated)? *
- Sophomore (Graduating in 2018)
- Junior (Graduating in 2017)
- Senior (Graduating in 2016)
- Graduate Student
- Finished Undergraduate Degree
- Finished Graduate Degree

Chemical Engineering Department Issues

Let us know what we need to work on here.

Which of these issues is the most important? *
- Curriculum to Improve our Spoken and Written Communication Skills
- Graduate School Acceptance
- Availability of Seats for Laboratory Classes
- Availability of Chemical Engineering Tutoring
- Job Placement
- Student to Faculty Ratio in Lecture Halls

Total: 97.6%
Department Issues: Most Important Issue

Which of these issues is the most important?

- Student to Faculty Ratio in Lecture Halls 19%
- Job Placement 52.4%
- Graduate School Acceptance 6%
- Availability of Seats for Laboratory Classes 9.5%
- Curriculum to Improve our Spoken and Written Communication Skills 7.1%
- Availability of Chemical Engineering Tutoring 11.9%

How important are each of these issues to you on a scale of 1 (least important) to 5 (most important)?

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Has a shortage of lecture or laboratory seats forced you to stay at NJIT for an extra semester? *

☐ Yes
☐ No, but I almost had to
☐ No

Department Issues: Lecture and Laboratory Seats

Are adequate internship, co-op, and job opportunities available through Career Development Services, AIChE, and our Chemical Engineering Department? *

☐ Yes
☐ No

Does NJIT prepare you well for a future career in chemical engineering? *

☐ Yes
☐ No

Department Issues: Job Placement

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Does NJIT prepare you well for a future career in chemical engineering?

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**Which particular area are you seeking a career in (first choice)?**

We would like to make a concerted effort to give you more opportunities in the areas you want. You can select "Graduate School" if that is your current plan, "Other" if your career choice is not listed, or "Undecided" if you are still making up your mind.

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**What is the best time of day for a feedback session?**

- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Wednesday Common Hour, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
- Friday Common Hour, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**What is the best period during the semester for a feedback session?**

- Weeks 1 - 3
- Weeks 4 - 6
- Weeks 7 - 9
- Weeks 10 - 12
- Weeks 13 - 15

**Feedback Sessions**

- **What is the best time of day for a feedback session?**
  - 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM: 2, 4.8%
  - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM: 2, 4.8%
  - 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: 16, 33.3%
  - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM: 9, 18.8%
  - Wednesday Common Hour: 16, 33.3%
  - Friday Common Hour: 16, 33.3%

- **What is the best period during the semester for a feedback session?**
  - Weeks 1 - 3: 12, 26.6%
  - Weeks 4 - 6: 8, 18.8%
  - Weeks 7 - 9: 10, 23.8%
  - Weeks 10 - 12: 10, 23.8%
  - Weeks 13 - 15: 5, 11.1%
Campaign Platform: Goals

1. Work with administration on behalf of student community to decrease the student to faculty ratio, increase available student seats in laboratory classes, and improve equipment offerings in classrooms and laboratories.

2. Bring student feedback on curriculum and teaching to the attention of the administration and faculty to improve our Chemical Engineering program.

3. Strengthen relationship between Senate, AIChE (American Institute of Chemical Engineers), and Chemical Engineering students.

4. Work with our department to incorporate measures into the curriculum to improve our communication skills and achieve a competitive advantage.

5. Work with Career Development Services to increase awareness and opportunities of Full-Time/Internship/Co-op opportunities in Chemical Engineering.

William Ruys, Mathematics

Department Chair Meeting on 10/1/2015

Cullimore 606

Present: W. Ruys, E. Michalopoulou, J. Luke

I met with Dr. Luke, Chair of the Department for Mathematical Sciences, and Dr. Michalopoulou, Undergraduate Chair of the Department for Mathematical Sciences on October 1st. I opened the meeting by speaking with them about Calculus II which seems to be the largest current problem area for the student body. I was told that over one semester about 80% of the students pass but that the course has a 50% pass rate as a whole over the four times a student can take it. Historically one of the math courses in the main engineering/sciences track has always been a problem area for students and this problem area has been moved around a lot over the years. Pressure from other departments and students keeps it out of
lower level courses due to prerequisite requirements and pushes the problem area into the midlevel. I was told that differential equations used to be in the position that Calculus II is currently in.

MATH 110 is a new course this semester that takes the place of MATH 139. All calculus has been removed from the lesson plans and a greater focus is on logarithms, trigonometry, and algebraic manipulations. We talked about why there isn’t a strong focus on mathematical modeling and problem solving in any of the main track math courses and about the focus on arithmetic.

Both chairs support common exams because they provide standardization across the sections of each course but they are both very interested in knowing what the student body thinks of common exams. The department strongly desires to have a positive and strong relationship with their students.

We decided to split the feedback session into two to get a better idea of the needs of the general student body versus the needs of math majors specifically.

We discussed my idea for the formation of an undergraduate chapter of SIAM that would enable applied math students to better network with industry, professors, and graduate students while also providing a platform for them to encourage autonomous learning through student led workshops. [I have since contacted and met with the president and advisor of our graduate chapter of SIAM. I have their full support and only need to gain student involvement.]

CUE Meeting on 10/12/2015

Architecture AIA Meeting Room

On October 12th I met with the Committee for Undergraduate Education for the first time. I was the first student to become a member of the board in recent memory. The meetings first priority was approving course prerequisites changes. Changes for BIOL 350, BIOL 462, and IS 218 were changed. This was largely just a clearing up of the registration and banner systems as the departments mentioned handled the prerequisites manually in the past. The second order of business was the approval of a new course, BIOL 345. This course had previously been taught at Rutgers but after a professor retired last year the course has not been taught since. It covers the comparison of species to understand the forces that drive adaptation and evolution. There was a quick discussion of an imbalance with Rutgers but the faculty and administrators present were uncertain whether this imbalance was with the number of kids enrolled in the cross-school program or who was teaching the classes. The new course was approved.

COMM 303, COMM 350, COMM 352, COM369, and COMM 390 were approved to be added to the open HSS GUR requirement. E. Bilgili presented a report on the GUR subcommittee. The subcommittee is still in its early stages and is attempting to identify ten competencies that students should have. E. Michalopoulou suggested using data on what employers want to drive this identification process. How these competencies would be measured was a point of much discussion. The Architecture and Design representative brought up ‘out-of-classroom’ assessments with the example of a portfolio and presentation at the sophomore level. The room was divided on whether to measure students purely on their GPA and whether it was fair to have ‘out-of-classroom’ competency checks. The existence of “easy A” classes and professors was brought up.

I mentioned that it was important for classes outside of GURs to develop these competencies and to collaborate with the GUR curriculums. I reasoned that it would be a good idea to break down the walls between skills learned in each class to develop them further and more holistically. I used an example of general communication/writing skills taught in their GURs being given focus in discipline specific scenarios.

The charge and purview of the committee was reviewed and CUE should be involved in all aspects of undergraduate education including the advising process and the formation of learning communities.

Lastly, a new subcommittee on Academic Standing was formed. The subcommittee is tasked with reviewing current policies and recommending changes to ensure uniformity and consistency across the colleges and advisors. It was mentioned that standards are not currently being enforced, especially the specific probation level of a 2.0 major GPA.

Food was served at the meeting.

After the meeting I met with Professor Tyson of the Physics department. We had both independently thought of attacking the problems from the analytical point of view by looking at conditional pass/fail rates
to identify problem areas and successes across the curriculum. This brings accountability to the professors and courses themselves. We agreed that the departments need easy access to historical measures of how they are doing. He noted that a lack of standardization and accountability leads to "easy A" classes and professors that kids flock to which undermines the meaning of a GPA. We further discussed alternative assessment methods and that the size of the school prevents making many of them effective. This lead to a discussion of the current multiple choice physics exams. Although they would be a better assessment if they were open ended the physics department lacks the staff to grade them in a one-week period.

Mark Neubauer, Resident

NJIT Senate Monthly Resident Representative Report

Senators: Mark Neubauer, Harshit Ratanpara, Mansi Sheth

September 18th – October 18th

The first month of the school year has been eventful for myself and the freshmen resident representatives. After coming back from Frost Valley, we wanted to get started on our goals right away, including foremost to re-establish ties with Residence Halls Association. Due to unprofessional attitudes by some members of the RHA E-Board, we were delayed in meeting for a couple of weeks. This was overcome simply by persistence in reaching out again and again to establish a proper meeting. Every Friday, either Mansi or Harshit attends the RHA weekly meeting on Senate’s behalf. Harshit also briefly met with the Dean of First Year Students on October 2nd to introduce himself and discuss our upcoming feedback session.

Although RHA has now agreed to work together with Senate for the common interests of residents, it came too late for our feedback session. The Resident Feedback Session is scheduled for October 23rd, during the 11:30am -1:00pm common hour. RHA has a meeting during the same time, but we are still working with them so that the administration and representatives from public safety and GDS can attend our feedback session after the normal meeting. Most of the work of the resident representatives has been to prepare for the upcoming feedback session. We have printed out and hung up flyers in the residence halls. We have also filled out the necessary paperwork to reserve a room, obtain food and prizes.

After our feedback session, we will create a checklist addressing the concerns residents may have voiced. We will have a weekly meeting time not only with each other, but also with at least one member of the RHA E-Board. Through this relationship, we will also become better acquainted with the Hall Councils and RA’s of each residence hall.

Sandra Sawires, Commuter

Student Senate: Monthly Report

18 October 2015

In the past month, I met with Bob in order to discuss starting the “Society of Commuting Students” back up. Previously, the club was in charge of hosting events specifically for commuters and making them feel involved around campus. To me, it seems like the only popular events that occur are free commuter breakfast every Tuesday morning, and commuter deals in the Pub every first Friday of the month. In addition, I met with Public Safety in order to discuss the parking issue in the deck. This issue is in regards to students constantly parking illegally and causing hazards to themselves and other students who park and drive through the deck. Before this semester, parking tickets were given out to those who parked on yellow lines, out of the lines, or on emergency lanes in the basement. This was effective and I believe implementing this again would prevent a majority of students from parking illegally. As of now, Public Safety is being lenient because they are aware of the parking issue around campus, since many students are having trouble finding parking. Lastly, I have set up a Commuter Feedback Session that will be taking place on November 4th from 2:30-4:00pm in the Campus Center Room 235. Once the fliers go up on October 19th, Public Safety and the Dean of First Year Students will be emailed and invited to the session.
NEW BUSINESS

Clubs for Approval:
MOTION (Michael Bebawy): To Amnesty International as a Y Club. MOTION PASSES.

Finance Hearings:
MOTION (Jennifer Farah): To approve American Society for Mechanical Engineering for $150 in order to fund their CAD Competition. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (Jennifer Farah): To approve Highlander L.o.L. Club for $180 in order to fund their event, World Finals Viewing Party. MOTION PASSES.

New Senators:
MOTION (Atharva Dhole, Kelvin Siebeng): To approve Steven Tighe as the Law, Technology and Culture Representative. MOTION PASSES.

Congratulations Steven Tighe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Senate Hangout is scheduled for the evening of Friday, October 23rd. Senators are encouraged to come hangout and enjoy a movie together.
• Jaemin Lim and William Ruys are in charge of updating the Student Senate Website. Please take a few minutes to visit the website and report any errors that need to be fixed.
• We are looking to form a NJIT Student Senate team for HighlanderThon. Each participant will have to raise $62 dollars before the event in April, though there will be ample opportunities to fundraise. All interested senators should contact Darshan Patel.
• The following Feedback Sessions will be taking place between today, October 21 and our next meeting:
  o Resident: October 23, 2015 at 11:30AM
  o Engineering Technology: October 28, 2015 at 2:30PM
  o Industrial Engineering: October 28, 2015 at 2:30PM
  o Mathematical Sciences: October 28, 2015 at 2:30PM
• Next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 28, 2015.

MOTION (Atharva Dhole, Neha Syal): To adjourn the meeting of Wednesday, October 21, 2015. MOTION PASSES.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm.

As submitted by:
Darshan Patel (Recording Secretary)