GUEST SPEAKERS

David Ullman, Associate Provost for Information Services and Technology

Good afternoon, and thank you for having us today, Student Senate. I have with me today various members of the Information Services and Technology staff. I will be speaking to you all today about some of the major initiatives with regards to information systems and communications. There are four topics that I would like to briefly touch upon today.

The first topic is an update to the university’s website, including what the Office of Strategic Communications is doing to migrate the content from www.njit.edu to Drupal, which is a modern content-management system. Our former site needed not only a refresh in regards to its design but also repairs to the content management system. Due to the vast expansion of our site, we now require what is called “Enterprise Content Management”. As part of the clean-up efforts, we managed to remove all outdated webpages and their images. The target completion date for the migration to Drupal is January 2016. We are also looking to improve the University Calendar – specifically the event information being displayed. Students are now able to directly input their event information rather than going to the Campus Center staff.

The second area is the launch of a new campus-wide communications system. This is a joint initiative between the Office of Strategic Communications and our Public Safety Department. We are releasing a new product called “Send Word Now”, which is an industry-leader in the emergency alert “arena”. One of the biggest advantages of this is the ease of registration, whereby individuals can themselves opt-in to receive alerts. Additionally, specific groups (i.e. the academic colleges) can send out alerts to applicable parties. This product will enhance the university’s ability to release emergent and non-emergent notifications. The projected release date is set for later this month.

We are in the midst of deploying a new unified communications system. By this, I mean we are retiring an old telephone system that exists throughout the campus. Old technology was such that computers were connected via the telephone network. New technology, conversely, is such that telephones are connected by the computer network. The new project entails installing infrastructure that digitally manages voice, data and video through one system. While most of this pertains to the administrative aspect of our university, the part that affects the student population is the ability to integrate audio, web and video conferencing. This is being applied in the converged learning courses whereby students can remotely access class lectures.

The last topic that I would like to talk about with you today has to do with digital enterprise signage. You may have noticed a number of large displays throughout campus. Rather than having local computers managing one or two displays each, we are looking to create an infrastructure that manages all of the content simultaneously while repurposing material from the university’s website.

A question and answer session followed, including discussion of the following topics:

- The underlying portal of the Highlander Pipeline and the scheduled upgrades (including improvement suggestions)
- The NJIT Digital Repository
- Club websites and the process by which to go about creating and publishing them as per the NJIT Website Style Guide
- The NJIT Mobile Application, which is scheduled to be released prior to Fall 2016 registration in April 2016
- Convergence of Highlander Pipeline and Moodle
- The use of Epson Digital Ink boards in classroom instruction
Content creation for university-wide advertisements
Creation of an ad-hoc committee for student-related signage creation

ATTENDANCE
Present: Rajee 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), Kamal Raghibi (Newark College of Engineering), Cynthia Ahmed (School of Management), Aesha Shah (Biochemistry), Neha Syal (Biomedical Engineering), Julia Sun (Business and Information Systems), Awais Qazi (Business Management), Hari Ravichandran (Chemical Engineering), Lahiru Pathirage (Civil Engineering), Joshua Olayinka (Computing and Business), William Busarello (Digital Design), Jaemin Lim (Electrical Engineering), Kaila Trawitzki (Engineering Technology), Chirag Arya (History), Wuraola Ogunnowo (Industrial Design), Martyn Mendyuck (Industrial Engineering), Anthony Pereira (Information Technology), William Ruys (Mathematical Sciences), Anthony DeRitis (Mechanical Engineering), Amy Ng (Science, Technology and Society), Pritinder Singh (Web and Information Systems), Mark Neubauer (Resident), Mansi Sheth (Freshman Resident), Harshit Ratanpara (Freshman Resident), and Sarah Ahmad (Freshman Commuter).

Absent: Atharva Dhole (College of Science and Liberal Arts), Kelvin Siebeng (Sophomore Class President), Dylan Renaud (Applied Physics), Ashley Betts (Engineering), Siddharth Thiruvalluvan (Bioinformatics), Alisha Matreja (Biology), Marino Duran (Computer Engineering), Steve Diaz (Computer Science), Lea Burlew (Theatre, Arts and Technology), and Sandra Sawires (Commuter).

Non Senators: David Ullman (Associate Provost for Information Services and Technology), Blake Haggerty (Director of the Technology Support Center), Peter Tekinski (Director of Telecommunications and Networks), Joseph Bonchi (Associate Director of Instructional Technology and Media Services), Haresh Gopal (Director of University Information Systems), Robert Arms (Assistant Director of the Office of IT Projects, Policy and Audit) and Jenna Walther (Instructional Technology Specialist).

Point of Privilege: Jennifer Farah (Vice President of Finance), Rukayat Balogun (Treasurer), Al-Rashid Jamalul (College of Computing Sciences), Cynthia Ahmed (School of Management), Neha Syal (Biomedical Engineering), Joshua Olayinka (Computing and Business), and Pritinder Singh (Web and Information Systems).

The meeting was called to order at 2:34pm.
MINUTES
The minutes of October 28, 2015 were approved.

REPORTS
Club Reports:
American Institute of Chemical Engineers

First of all, the NJIT student chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. The purpose of our trip was to accept our Outstanding Student Chapter Award as well as a few students accepting individual awards. Our Recording Secretary, Justin Pinca, was one of very few freshmen to receive the Outstanding Freshman Award. Also, our Vice President, Steven Vincent Jr., was one of very few students to receive the Othmer Scholarship Award. The conference not only allowed us to accept our awards, we were also able to network with several schools and professionals across the globe; such as schools from Puerto Rico and Qatar.

The Annual Student Conference took place from November 6 through November 9. We flew out on November 6 from Newark Airport around 5PM and landed in Salt Lake City around 8PM (there is a two-hour time difference). Upon our arrival, we went straight to the hotel and checked in, afterwards we went to a local restaurant; at the restaurant we grabbed dinner and there happened to be students who were in town for the conference so we were able to speak with them and make a few friends. The next day at the conference, we checked in, got our badges and attended the Keynote Presentation Brunch. At the brunch they welcomed all the students and spoke about the importance of Chemical Process Safety. Afterwards, we were able to attend several talks and seminars about chemical engineering.

Although our main focus was to attend the conference, we did have a chance to explore Salt Lake City as well. Salt Lake City was filled art and is a beautiful city. We had a chance to visit the Capital Building and also the campus of the University of Utah. Later that Saturday night, we made dinner reservations with NJIT faculty as well as other NJIT students. Dinner was at Texas de Brazil, a rodizio grill that was very good. Dinner was a pleasant experience that allowed students and faculty to interact on a more personal level along with great food.

Sunday morning was the time set for most of the award ceremonies. First of the morning, Justin Pinca accepted his Outstanding Freshman Award. Next, Steven Vincent Jr. accepted his Othmer Scholarship award as well. Finally, the Outstanding Chapter Award recipient was announced. This was the award we worked very hard all year to obtain. It was a great feeling being able to accept this award as a group as well as with our Chapter Advisor, Dr. Angelo Perna. After the award ceremony, we were able to attend the recruitment fair where we were able to talk to a few companies as well as a few graduate schools. The rest of the day, the conference had an event for one of the main competitions; the Chem-E car competition. The Chem-E car competition involves schools creating a car that must run and stop off of a chemical reaction. Unfortunately, we did not qualify this year but it was very interesting seeing the different ideas of other schools and hopefully our car will be able to qualify next year.

The final event we attended was a student mixer at another local restaurant, which was fun especially meeting new people and talking about experiences at school as well as jobs. The next day, Monday, November 9th, we left Salt Lake City around 10AM and landed in Newark around 4PM. The trip was a great experience and we hope to go back to the meeting in 2016 in San Francisco, California!

NEW BUSINESS
SAFRB PROPOSALS:
MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the NJIT Charging Lockers Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the NJIT Charging Stations Initiative Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION PASSES.
MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the Split Waste Bins Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the Student Music Groups Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION FAILS.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the CPR Instruction for the NJIT Community Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION FAILS.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the Water Bottle Filling Stations Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the Outdoor Wireless Access Points Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the Solar Umbrellas Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION PASSES.

MOTION (John Vito d’Antonio-Bertagnolli): To send the Material Dynamics Gallery Proposal to the SAFRB Committee. MOTION PASSES.

Finance Hearings:
MOTION (Jennifer Farah): To approve Highlander Chess Club for $100 in order to fund prizes for their upcoming tournament. MOTION PASSES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Any senators who have yet to complete their senator self-evaluations should do so by the end of this week.
• The Senator of the Month for October is Atharva Dhole (College of Science and Liberal Arts). Congratulations Atharva Dhole!
• A groundbreaking ceremony for the Wellness and Events Center will be taking place at 9:30AM on Thursday, November 12, 2015. Please do your best to attend.
• The Student Senate Thanksgiving Party will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 4:00PM following the Student Senate Meeting. A sign-up sheet will be sent out later this week for desserts, drinks, and paper products. It is encouraged that Senators sign-up to bring at least one item to the party.
• The Student Senate Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Each Senator is encouraged to invite one faculty member that has been crucial to their success during their term thus far. Formal invitations will be placed in each Senator’s mailbox by next week.
• Casino Night will be on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Senators will be required to sign up for at least one shift.
• Noble November has begun! This year’s charity drive is a penny war amongst the 5 classes at NJIT.
• Public Office Hours will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 in the Campus Center Lobby.
• The Senior Class is hosting an event, First Blast of Winter, on Thursday, November 12, 2015 in the Highlander Pub.
• Next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

**MOTION (Chirag Arya, Anthony Pereira): To adjourn the meeting of Wednesday, November 11, 2015. MOTION PASSES.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.

As submitted by:
Darshan Patel (Recording Secretary)