GUEST SPEAKERS

David, Ali and Riccardo, Emerging Leaders Program

Hello Everyone, we are from the Emerging Leaders Program. Today, we will be discussing consciousness of oneself. To begin, please think about why you are here. Why are you a member of the Student Senate? What was your primary motive for joining? As you are thinking about this in your heads, hopefully there is a theme of wanting to create social change. You likely wanted to make a difference in your community, your organization, or even throughout the school in general. Regardless of your motive, we want to you connect to it and keep it in your mind while we go through our presentation.

Let us define what consciousness of self is. It is understanding one’s own personality traits, values, strengths and weaknesses. It is being mindful of the actions, feelings, and beliefs of not only yourself, but also others. Lastly, it is the ability to control your own thoughts and decisions.

An activity followed, where Senators were asked to choose ten values that describe the Student Senate and then narrow down their selections until only remained. Senators were then asked to share their selections and explain their reasoning.

While you all may not have had the same values that you felt were the most important, it should be noted that all of these values are important. The point we are trying to get across here is that when you are in-touch with your values, you are able to make better decisions.

So why is consciousness of self important? It allows you to be more familiar with your own strengths and weaknesses. This allows you to better utilize your energy and time, thereby resulting in a more effective outcome from your efforts. Additionally, consciousness of self helps to boost self confidence. Self confidence is an important facet of any organization. Lastly, consciousness of self helps you to free yourself, and avoid letting others make your decisions for you.

A good way to measure your personality is by utilizing the Myers-Briggs Test. There are five categories through which you can evaluate your personality. The first category is attitude – where is your focus and your energy going, predominantly. The second category is introverted vs. extroverted – where you fall on this spectrum, predominantly. The third category is perception – the way you think (intuitive) vs. how you perceive the world around you (sensitive). The fourth category is decision-making processing – making decisions based on logical vs. emotion. The fifth and final category is judgment vs. perceiving – planned actions vs. spontaneity.

The last bit that we want to leave you with today is:

1) knowing your values and the values of your group can help you and the group function more efficiently
2) knowing other people and understanding yourself helps to become a better communicator
3) connect to the values that encouraged you to join the Student Senate to begin with

ATTENDANCE

Present: Rajeet Das (President), Darshan Patel (Recording Secretary), Dorothy Chau (Corresponding Secretary), Kaelyn Gamel (Senior Class President), Kelvin Siebeng (Sophomore 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), Cynthia Ahmed (School of Management), Aesha Shah (Biochemistry), Neha Syal (Biomedical Engineering), Awais Qazi (Business Management), Hari Ravichandran (Chemical Engineering), Lahiru Pathirage (Civil Engineering), William Busarello (Digital Design), Jaemin Lim (Electrical Engineering), Chirag Arya (History), Wuraola Oggunnowo (Industrial Design), 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), Mansi Sheth (Freshman Resident), Harshit Ratanpara (Freshman Resident), Sandra Sawires (Commuter) and Sarah Ahmad (Freshman Commuter).

Absent: 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), Dylan Renaud (Applied Physics), Ashley Betts (Architecture), Siddharth Thiruvalluvan (Bioinformatics), Alisha Matreja (Biology), Julia Sun (Business and Information Systems), Marino Duran (Computer Engineering), Steve Diaz (Computer Science), Joshua Olayinka (Computing and Business), Kaila Trawitzki (Engineering Technology) and Mark Neubauer (Resident).

Non Senators: Kewal Patel.

Point of Privilege: Al-Rashid Jamalul (College of Computing Sciences).

The meeting was called to order at 2:40pm.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 18, 2015 were approved.

REPORTS

Senator Reports:

Mansi Sheth, Freshman Resident

Over the semester, Harshit and I have alternated going to RHA meetings every week. At the meetings there are usually three main topics that are discussed: GDS, Public Safety, and upcoming events. Harshit went to a meeting on November 20th and I went to one on November 12th. From both meetings, we have gathered that there have been various events in each hall such as potlucks on November 22 and Honors “Turkey Talk” where students will make Thanksgiving thank you card, arts and crafts. Also as far as GDS updates, there are possibilities for taco seasoning at the pasta bar, a Mediterranean bar weekly or biweekly, pita bread and hummus in a cycle with other things, and return GDS stolen item bins around campus. In
In addition, there have been complaints about roaches in the food and mice so they will ensure that that issue is fixed. For physical plant and maintenance, there is going to be another maintenance blitz, the staff will start using tags to let us know that the work was completed, the elevator with lights out in the parking deck will be fixed, and the elevators in Redwood will be fixed soon. There have been complaints about FMH 318, the leaks of Cypress hall 8th floor roofs, a shaky elevator in laurel, an elevator down in the parking deck, cockroaches in redwood.

Harshit has sent email to several Physical Plant members (10 days ago) about the current maintenance system (notification that problem is fixed) and the possibility of more maintenance blitz’s. He had not received a response until after sending a follow up email. They response was positive and Harshit will be meeting with them soon.

I had a meeting with Rob Gjini on November 23rd to talk about the new maintenance system that will be put into place. The new maintenance system being put into place is going to use Schooldude. It will replace Reslife and overall benefit the maintenance of the school. It is going to be integrated with the current pipeline. There will be a gatekeeper for Reslife so they can approve the request and after approval, the request will be transferred to physical plant. The student will know if the request is not accepted and if it is accepted, they will know a time estimate. Students will be able to login through the pipeline and check the status and they will have the option to know through email as well. This system will be installed over break so it should be set up in time for the spring semester of 2016.

In the meeting we also talked about possibly changing the ids. The idea to change the ids have already been in the works and NJIT is trying to find a bank that will fund it since the estimated cost of the project about $200,000. Mr. Gjini mentioned that the plan is to get smart cards. This is hopefully coming in a less than a year to a year. There will be a chip in the card that we can put info on so third party systems can use the information. There is a possibility for a new template/design and there will not be too much personal information such as major. We will be able to use this to track club hours and possibly use it as a laundry card and vending machine card.

Other miscellaneous things we talked about was that we would have to contact the Dean of Students to see if we could get an account for other flex point type money on the card. By doing so we could use our NJIT ID on Halsey street and at Giovanni’s. Also we talked about possibly having a take out GDS food option and smart card vendors.

My next step is to meet with the Dean of Students to speak about possibly having a second money account for students. Harshit will also meet with Mr. Nepomnyashchy when he returns.

NEW BUSINESS

New Senators:

MOTION (Atharva Dhole, Kelvin Siebeng): To approve Kewal Patel as the Industrial Engineering Representative. MOTION PASSES.

Congratulations Kewal Patel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The November Senator of the Month is Awais Qazi. Congratulations Awais.
- The Annual Student Senate Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 4:00PM on the Campus Center Fourth Floor.
- Please be sure to sign up for an End-of-the-Semester Mentorship Meeting with Rajeet Das.
- The Student Senate Spring Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2016.
• Casino Night will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 8:00PM. Please be sure to sign up for a shift.
• Each Senator was given four Casino Night playing cards that are to be handed out throughout campus. The purpose of these cards is to help draw more students toward our event. Each card is worth 100 points (the equivalent of 1 raffle ticket). Each student is allowed to redeem a maximum of two cards.
• Judicial Review: The following Senators have amassed 3 or more absences: Ashley Betts and Steve Diaz. Ashley and Steve have 48 hours to contact the Judicial Review Committee regarding a hearing.
• Jennifer Farah, Vice President of Finance, has announced her resignation from the Student Senate. We would like to thank Jennifer for her contribution to the Student Senate.
• Ashley Betts, Architecture, has announced her resignation from the Student Senate. We would like to thank Ashley for her contribution to the Student Senate.
• Kaila Trawitzki, Engineering Technology, has announced her resignation from the Student Senate. We would like to thank Kaila for her contribution to the Student Senate.
• Next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 9, 2015.

**MOTION (Atharva Dhole, Lahiru Pathirage): To adjourn the meeting of Wednesday, December 2, 2015. MOTION PASSES.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:27pm.*

As submitted by:

Darshan Patel (Recording Secretary)