Minutes
Student Senate Meeting
01 March 2023, 2:30 PM
Ballroom B

1. Attendance
2. Public Forum
   a. Chief Diversity Officer
      i. Dr. David Jones
         1. Always open to collaborating and connecting with the student body
         2. To improve culture and inclusivity on campus
         3. There is a Forum next Wednesday, March 8th in Ballroom A from 2:30 pm -4:00 pm
3. Old Business
   a. Senator Reports
      i. Human-Computer Interaction
         1. Samantha Paradero
            a. Refer to the platform
4. New Business
   a. Swearing In
      i. Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology
         1. Nicole Paula
            a. Sworn In!!!!!
      ii. Web and Information Systems
         1. Hehjun Lim
            a. Sworn In!!!!!
   b. Organizations
      i. CUSA
         1. 30 people showed up to the first general body meeting
         2. We want to spread awareness of Chinese Culture on campus
            a. Approve ()
            b. Not Approved ()
            c. Abstain ()
               i. Approved!!!
      ii. Students for Life
         1. Discussions will be about abortion and euthanasia
            a. Approve ()
            b. Not Approved ()
            c. Abstain ()
               i. Not Approved!
   c. Filling Vacancies
      i. Science, Technology, and Society

1. Justin Ferrao (he, him, his)
   a. Refer to Platform
      i. Justin Ferrao ()
      ii. No confidence ()
      iii. Abstain ()
         1. JUSTIN!!!
   d. Student Affairs Proposal Bylaws
      i. [Student Senate SA Proposal Bylaws](#)
5. Executive Reports
   a.
6. Senator Reports
   a. Computer and Electrical Engineering
      i. Kirlus Saad
      ii. Max Polonet
         1. Refer to platform
   b. Architecture
      i. Alvaro Coronado
         1. Next Week
7. Announcements
   a. Senator of the Month - February
   b. Reminder: Get your first meeting with your college dean/department chair before Spring break!
   c. After Hours Tonight!
      i. Bowling - CC Basement
      ii. 8:00-10:00 pm
   d. Senator Headshots
      i. Bring in your Quarter zips and ask an E-board member to take them for you
   e. Next Meeting
      1. March 22, 2023
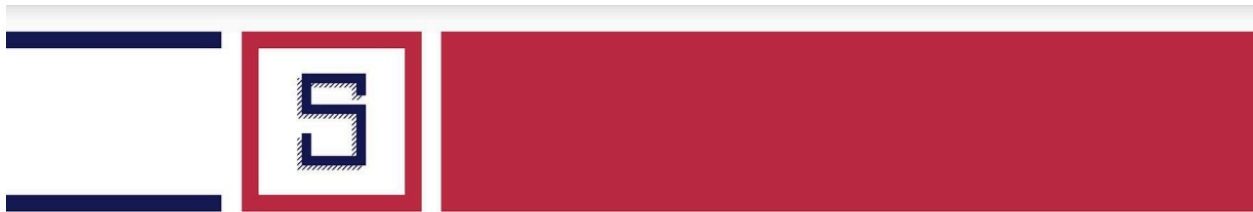   a. Ballroom B

Vacancy Platforms

Science, Technology, and Society

Justin Ferrao (he, him, his)
My name is Justin Ferrao. I am a Junior Science, Technology & Society major. On a regular day basis, I am always looking to improve upon the spaces around me and develop the best possible

outcomes for situations I find myself in. I currently volunteer for a soup kitchen in my free time as a way to give back to my community as well as intern for William Katchen CPA firm; analyzing data related to a housing development project and digitizing all clients files that can be dated back to the 80's. This experience has taught me that organization is the key to success. I have also volunteered at a COVID-19 Vaccination clinic where I assisted nursing staff in the post-vaccination area. I believe in always bettering our community and giving back. I plan to do this by having accessible free snacks to all students one day a week to help students interact with each other as well as share their struggles and find better ways to cope with through engaging in conversation.

NJIT STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Samantha Paradero, HCI Representative
Meeting with Dr. Lin Lin, Informatics Associate Chair
21 February 2023, 11:30AM

1. First, we discussed adding more NJIT courses to the course catalog/Degreeworks.
    a.) There are equivalent/overlapping courses available at NJIT
        i. R830: 301 (Rutgers - Statistical Methods for the Cognitive and Behavioral Sciences) and STS307 + STS307A (Quantitative Research Methods + Lab)
            ● Required for all HCI majors
        ii. R830:335 (Rutgers - Social Psychology) and PSY 321 (Social Psychology)
            ● Required for Cognitive Design Specialization
        iii. R830:411 (Rutgers - Intro to Cog Neuroscience) and PSY 215 (Biology of Behavior)
            ● Required for Cognitive Design Specialization

    b.) Adding existing NJIT courses to the Cognitive Design specialization.
        i. PSY 333 Principles of Psychometrics
        ii. PSY 339 Psychology of Diversity
        iii. STS 375 AI and the Human Mind
        iv. PSY 361 Foundations of Cyberpsychology 2

    Dr. Lin stated that he is working on this, and hopes to see these changes happening. In regards to PSY 361, students can already speak to their advisors about having this count.
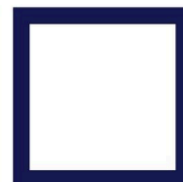
2. Then, we discussed changing the recommended order of IS247- Designing the User Experience and IS375 - Discovering User Needs for UX on the course catalog. It has been a topic of discussion within the department, but since IS247 involves other majors, it is difficult to work around. However, he recommended that because IS375 has no prerequisites, students can take it at the same time as IS247.

3. I brought up the possibility of adding an industry course to the HCI catalog, since classes currently teach different aspects of what an industry project would look like, but not entirely as a whole. Dr. Lin said he would look into this as a future possibility.

4. Lastly, I gauged his interest in participating in a faculty/industry panel event. Dr. Lin seemed very interested in this idea and said he would be more than willing to assist in contacting alumni to be able to host this event.

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**Max Polonet and Kirlus Saad, ECE Representatives, meeting with
ECE Department as Student Advisory Board
February 3rd, 2023, 11:00 AM
ECEC 202**

Done

1. Our first meeting as ECE Student Advisory Board. We met with Dr. Sosnowski, undergraduate chair, Ms. Mathes, undergraduate advisor, and Dr. Misra, ECE Department Head. During this meeting, we delegated our proposals among each of our student ECE representatives. Afterwards, we were able to set up monthly meetings with our entire board.
    a. Throughout this meeting we discussed changes to certain classes and even our entire curriculum. Our department was cooperative in hearing the constructive criticism we had regarding certain flaws within the majors.
2. ECE 101 Presentation
    a. Spoke in front of ECE 101 Course to first years about what we as their representatives can do for them.

Doing

1. We are currently in the process of scheduling another student advisory board meeting for March 29th, in which we will go over our previous proposals and resolve current issues.
3. Max - RF Track
    a. Sent out a mass email to all Electrical Engineering majors, will need to get more students from different grade levels interested to continue the track down the line.
    b. Track Course Descriptions included
4. Kirlus - IEEE Kit, CS courses within track
    a. Currently trying to solve IEEE's kit situation, potentially getting funding from NCE to pay for kits for students
    b. Current ECE CS courses‗ are extremely difficult and not actually useful for the major

NJIT STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Alvaro Coronado , Architecture Representative

Meeting with

-Gabrielle Esperdy, Interim Dean at HCAD (2/27/23)

-Darius Sollohub,Interim Director of the NJ School of Architecture (2/16/23)

-Maya Gervits, Director of Architecture Library (2/9/23)

-American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) (2/15/23 & 2/22/23)

1. Feedback Fair
   a. HCAD
      i. Studio times are currently from 1:00 PM- 5:20 PM for architecture and some of the other design majors. Currently trying to propose the time change to 1:00-4:20 PM or to give the option of Asynchronous studios for the upper year studios.
      ii. Studio Space Distribution, some studios have foldable tables with no lockers and these studios are hidden wy in corners of our building with no windows.
   b. Architecture
      i. Adjunct professors. A majority of the current studio critics are adjunct professors who cycle from school to school. This leads to different teaching styles and inconsistency between the studio years. A example was given to me as the project for the current 2nd years keep changing and to students it seems hard to keep up to constant changes in their curriculum.
      ii. More need of Revit courses.
   c. Digital Design
      i. Currently Adobe is not free for any students at NJIT. Pre covid NJIT had a plan with adobe to allow a student discount but due to many students pirating the programs the plan had closed. Will reach out dean to see if this could be brought back.
2. HCAD Library
   a. 3rd Printer
      i. The main concern that Maya had was the need of a 3rd printer. Currently HCAD is the only know consistent printer with 11x17 paper with color ink on campus. Due to high traffic on the monday and thursday, the printer line gets long right before studio. A 3rd printer would help adjust thai traffic and am currently in contact with Mike Kehoe from MTSS.

3.AIAS
- a. Meeting with Learning Culture Committee
  - i. Some of the topics that were brought up in the meeting were
    1. Adjunct Professors
    2. Studio Spaces
    3. Advisors for HCAD
    4. Transfer Credits for architecture students
- b. Meeting with Head Manager Print Room
  - i. Currently the Print room at HCAD is the only reasonably priced print service for large prints at NJIT
  - ii. AIAS currently not Senate recognized

4.Meeting with Darius Sollohub
  a.Studio Hours/Credits
- i. Currently studio runs for total 9 hours a week and is 5 credits. The topic was brought up
. about reducing these amount of hours but in conflicts with the certification requirements .
for architecte. But this does not apply to the other design majors.
- ii. Asynchronous Studio was also brought up as an alternative solution to the 9 hours a .
week of studio because another issue is the incoming freshman class. We are expecting .
a need of 6 more studio spaces just for architecture students and another 3 combined for .
Industrial design, Interior design, and Digital design
  b.Adjunct Professors
- i) Many students see an inconsistency in ways of teaching studio as the majority of the critics for studio are adjunct professors. A example brought up was the 2nd year studio which has had its curriculum and coordinator change in the past 3 years. Adjuncts are the heart of studio and are at times gambles for our education.
- b) Credit Transfers
  - i) Currently many good architect with on field experience that transfer from community colleges who are being put into 1st or 2nd year studios when their work represents that of a 4th year student. Due to the community colleges they come from, the AIA certification does not allow certain schools to transfer credits because the course they took do no match those required to be certified to become an architect. Darius proposed an idea called a "Bridge Course" in which the transfer students would take a summer course teaching them the basics of the programs and assuming they pass they would be put into a 3rd year studio.

a. Advisors
   i. HCAD currently has 2 advisors for about 750 students but Darius mentioned that NJIT requires 1 advisor for 600 students (he wasn't sure about the exact number but it was around there)

5. (unofficial) Meeting with Gabrielle Esperdy
   a. First topic brought up was about the Provost Summer Research Fellowships program and Esperdy trying to get more HCAD students involved and applying for it.
   b. The main project that I want to focus on with esperdy is trying to solve the studio space problem. Me and Nicholas are in the current process of making a form to send out to all of HCAD to get numbers to proof to esperdy that we are in need of space but can use the advantages of going online to help aid this.