



AGENDA

Student Senate Meeting
14 February 2024, 2:30 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

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ii. Tabled discussion

c. Vacancies

i. Biology

1. Hossam Elzomor

a. Intro:

- i. Understand biology students issues face, made Google form, students said felt labs were disorganized, directions for lab not clear, poor advising, poor career opportunities in career fair, diverse background in club and research, familiar with career opportunities, will address these issues and form a biology student association for tutoring/social events

b. Questions:

- i. How do you plan to address problems?
 - 1. Career fair opportunities - reach out to more orgs, familiar with research and organizations, research hospitals
 - 2. Labs can be discussed with instructors, sent emails
- ii. Can you expand more on biology student association?
 - 1. Good way for bio students to network, tutoring events, has tutored in chem/physics for MSA, would be helpful for biology students, help with networking

c. closing:

- i. See several issues in bio major, will address these issues

d. Vote:

- i. Hossam 9
- ii. Abstain 2
- iii. No confidence 14
 - 1. Didn't reach supermajority
 - 2. Revote
 - a. Hossam 3
 - b. Abstain 4
 - c. No confidence 17
 - i. No confidence, he is not rep

ii. Law, Technology, & Culture

1. Jasmine Cetin

a. Intro:

- i. Serves as student-at-large, done 2 internships, pre-law society on campus, class representative in hs, can listen attentively and effectively

b. Questions:

- i. Main problems you see in major?
 1. Hard to get co-op/internship
 - ii. How do you think you will be able to convince students to look out for career opportunities?
 1. Career fair is sought out, it is required by major, difficult to find one, no one else on campus, very important for grad school
 - c. Conclusion:
 - i. Foster representation, committed to be advocate, ensure concerns are addressed, honored to run and will be well-suited, connected to department, pre-law society, advisors
2. Nikita Nair
 - a. Intro:
 - i. Apart of small major, wants to voice them, undergraduate journal, main thing noticed is difficult for internships and career opportunities, requirement for LTC major, interact more with diff companies
 - b. Questions:
 - i. How do you think you will be able to convince students to look out for career opportunities?
 1. A part of pre-law society so main way to contact is to get email lists from head advisor, email them, undergrad journal, weekly email
 - ii. Improve communication to promote less known classes, promote more opportunities, can expand larger than main laws taught here, can take classes at Rutgers/their law school to also expand, including criminal justice program
 - c. Conclusion:
 - i. Very well-connected, undergraduate journal editor, can help improve major and resume building, really lacking, wouldn't take that many resources, but empower voices
3. Vote:
 - a. Nikita 20
 - b. Jasmine 3
 - c. Abstain 1
 - d. No confidence 1
 - i. Nikita is new rep
- iii. Web & Information Systems
 1. Benjamin Shuster
 - a. Intro:



- i. NJIT needs more teachers, lecturers, I can talk to department, communication between deans
 - b. Questions:
 - i. Please continue your thoughts
 - 1. Issues with academics and permits, feedback form looked at
 - ii. You mentioned that there are issues with professors?
 - 1. Instead of professors in research, we should focusing on instructors and lecturers who should have a focus on students and teaching, less waitlists
 - iii. What are other issues?
 - 1. Pre-requisites: chain of IS117->IS421
 - 2. Jobs: it's a smaller field, going against CS and Web Development
 - c. Closing:
 - i. Explained issues, will be proactive, go through representatives and gather knowledge
6. Announcements
- a. Next Meeting
 - i. Feedback Fair February 21 2:30 pm - 4 pm
 - 1. CC Second Floor Gallery



Constitutional Amendment: Officer's Restriction

SECTION 4 - Restrictions on Officers

1. No officer shall serve on the executive board of any **Senate recognized** student organization during the duration of their term. **This shall not be construed to mean selective organizations.**
2. A decision of the President may be rendered invalid if a motion is made and receives two-thirds support of voting members in attendance of the NJIT Student Senate at which such decision is announced.

Hillier College of Architecture and Design

Shahd Ali Elsayed Ali

My name is Shahd Ali, I previously held the position of Architecture representative. I concentrated on architecture-related concerns while serving as an Architecture representative, but I couldn't help but get interested in broader HCAD subjects as well. I personally brought up the problems that students have been facing with advising in HCAD since there is only one adviser per student and the registration and appointment-setting process is inefficient. I've prepared a formal proposal on a new HCAD advising procedure that is presently being examined with Academic Affairs' assistance. Along with gathering information on hidden fees associated with various HCAD programs, I'm collaborating with Academic Affairs to secure additional funding for students' material purchases. Overall I think I have been focusing a lot on helping HCAD as a whole and learning about the HCAD representative position through the previous HCAD representative.

Financial Technology Representative

Zeynep Kus

I co-founded Smart Home School and Young Leaders Over the Horizon, helping young people learn about technology and leadership. As an Advisory Board Member at Talents for Future, I've worked on programs that teach high school students about the tech and business world. Recently, as a Graphic Designer/Social Media Specialist at MTSM, I led projects that improved how we use digital media to share our school's story. This experience showed me how to use creativity to communicate well. As a mentor at Technoprep Consulting, I've guided many people who want to work in technology, helping them grow their careers and skills. This has taught me a lot about supporting others in their professional journeys. As a member of the E-Board for the Dean's Executive Leadership Scholar Council and an active participant in the Investment Club, I've gained insights into leadership and financial acumen. These experiences have deepened my understanding of the intersection between finance and technology.

Paolo Nunez

My name is Paolo Nunez, I'm a third year Financial Technology major that's an active E-board member in Volleyball Club (Public Relations Officer), FinTech Club (Expansion and Outreach Director) and SOMA Club (Ensemble Representative). I have been responsible for making sure that the clubs I'm a part of are safe, collaborative environments for all members involved. In my time at NJIT, I've organized NJIT's very own rock band, The Lowlanders, and we've been active for the past year. If I am elected, I would like to make strides for allowing MTSM majors and information to be more represented in the career fair, featured more in a tech-oriented university, as well as introducing more national level opportunities for business clubs on campus.

Shanell Encalada

Hello, my name is Shanell Encalada and I'm a sophomore majoring in Financial Technology. I've engaged in various activities on campus, I contributed to the vibrant student community as a member of the Student Activities Council, Finance and Actuarial club, and Art Club. My achievements include securing an internship at Pfizer as a Data Analyst, consistently making the dean's list for three semesters, being recognized as an Avande scholar, and being featured in the Martin Tuchman School of Management newsletter. If elected, my primary goal is to foster a stronger sense of community among fintech students by creating more opportunities for connection and organizing career development workshops to enhance their professional growth. If elected I will provide a thriving environment for financial technology students at NJIT.

Biology Representative

Hossam Elzomor



As a Biology major and Honors College student conducting research on central venous catheters, I understand the needs of my fellow biology students. If elected as your Biology Representative, I will leverage my diverse medical experiences, from shadowing cardiologists to leading a club that has provided thousands of medical supplies to underserved communities, to secure more research and professional growth opportunities, including non-medical opportunities. This includes expanding collaborations with local companies to create research positions and organizing career panels and informational interviews to expose students to various biology and healthcare paths. Additionally, I will foster community by establishing a Biology Student Association for networking, tutoring, and social events. With my proven leadership, research background, and passion for empowering students, I will be a strong advocate for the resources and supportive community biology majors need to excel at NJIT and beyond.

Law, Technology, & Culture Representative

Jasmine Cetin

My name is Jasmine Cetin, I am a Freshman at ADHC majoring in Law, Technology, and Culture. I'm honored to run for the position of Representative of my major. As one of the smallest majors at NJIT, it's important that pre-law students at a tech school are taken seriously. One of my main goals is to ensure that students' voices and concerns within the LTC major are heard and represented effectively within the Student Senate, ensuring that our needs are not overshadowed by larger majors on campus because we matter as much as they do. I believe I am well-suited for this role because of my involvement in the Senate as a Student-at-Large, where I have gained insight into its operations and established valuable connections. My experience as a class representative in high school has equipped me with the necessary skills to listen attentively to the concerns around me and effectively advocate for their interests. If elected, I will do my best to foster representation within the LTC major.

Nikita Nair

My name is Nikita Nair and I am a Junior in the LTC major. I am a part of the 3+3 program with Seton Hall Law School and am pursuing law school after NJIT. I believe I would be a good representative for the major because I can identify the different areas I think our department and major can grow and improve. I hope to offer insight in Senate meetings to make sure our small major is not neglected. I also hope to organize the department so that attaining a law-related internship is simpler, as this is a requirement for the degree and credit. I worked for over a year at Gorostiaga Law Firm, an Immigration firm in Elizabeth as well as the ACLU of NJ last semester. I am also currently interning with the Attorney General's Consumer Affairs Division. I am also the Secretary of the NJIT Law Journal. Building job experience and a resume is especially important for people in our major and I hope to offer our voice in Student Senate Meetings and with the people in the major. This would be one of my major goals and focuses if I were elected for this position.

Web & Information Systems Representative

Benjamin Shuster

Hey I'm Ben - Currently a 2nd semester Web & IS Junior. Last semester I was advocating for the IS322 course. This was due to the professor showing up to less than half the lectures and teaching little to no content. After contacting multiple people in the IS department like Professor Wu, and Dr Halper, they resolved the situation. Aside from what I have already done I have a lot of plans for the future. Firstly - the Web & IS curriculum needs to be updated if IS333 is not going to be offered. Additional for B.S. M.S. there needs to be more transparency as to what courses are able to be taken at the graduate level - and there should be a page with the available courses. There also needs to be a better process (as I have already mentioned in the feedback form to the senate) for the course listing - as courses are being modified a week (or less) before the semester. Lastly - Professor Williams has been talking about updating the whole curriculum for WIS. I would like to meet with him and actually start that. While some of this may be ambitious, my connections inside will help me achieve and potentially surpass these goals.