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NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES Student Senate Meeting March 02, 2022, 2:30 PM CC Ballroom B

1. Attendance
2. Minutes to Approve
 - February 23rd, 2022
3. Public Forum
 - Raymond Wynne
 - Question regarding not being welcomed in a club.
 1. Referred to the Dean of Students
4. Old Business
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5. Executive Reports
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6. Senator Reports
 - Vishnavi
 - Renovating the Student Kitchen is the plan
 - NOMAS is a third-tier organization that she reached out to help with the renovation
7. New Business
 - Vacancies
 - Medical Informatics Technology
 1. Sony Ballem
 - a. Refer to platform
 - b. How do the people in your major communicate?
 - i. Through discord
 1. Sony (20)
 2. Abstain (0)
 3. No confidence (0)
 - a. SONY!
 - Applied Physics
 1. Wyatt Gray
 - a. Refer to platform
 2. Liam Murray
 - a. Refer to platform
 - i. Wyatt (5)
 - ii. Liam (19)
 - iii. Abstain (1)
 - iv. No confidence (0)
 1. LIAM!
 - Constitutional Changes
 - Article III Section 3 ~ Victoria G.
 1. Duties
 - a. Director of Public Relations
 - i. Yes (23)
 - ii. No (0)
 - b. Secretary
 - i. Yes (24)
 - ii. No (0)
 - iii. Prepare copies of the agenda within three business days prior to each upcoming meeting

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- Article VI - Committees ~ Victoria G.
 - 1. Public Relations Committee
 - a. Yes(24)
 - b. No (0)
 - 2. Internal Affairs Committee
 - a. Prior to meeting
 - i. Yes (24)
 - ii. No (0)
 - Article V Section 3 ~ Victoria G.
 - 1. Vacancies
 - a. Yes (24)
 - b. No (0)
 - Article V Section 4 ~ Victoria G.
 - 1. Restriction on Dual Membership
 - a. Yes (23)
 - b. No (1)
 - Resignation
 - Destiny Adeleye ~ Law, Technology & Culture Representative
 - 1.
8. Announcements
- After Hours Event ~ Tomorrow at 5:30-7:00 (Paint Night)
 - Dr. Lim & Dr. Bloom are coming next meeting
 - Multicultural Fest ~ Michael
 - Movie Night -Michael

Election Platforms

- MIT
 - 1. Sony Ballem

Name: Sony Ballem Year: Senior Major: Medical Informatics Technology It was the year 2015, For the first time, I traveled to the United States of America with my family. I was completely unaware of what was going on around me. Because my major is Biology, I intended to take the SAT and TOEFL tests in attempt to acquire admission to a reputable institution. I took the TOEFL and started to prepare for the SAT test. I received a phone call from my home country, from my relatives, informing me that I had been accepted and chosen to go medical school to pursue my MBBS. I returned to my home country by myself to attend medical school. After a year, I returned to the United States for a short visit to my brother and parents. I had to move back to the United States due to unforeseen circumstances. It takes at least 5 to 6 years to get to the same stage where I stopped my schooling in my own country, if I wanted to continue in the same field here, in the US. This was the time at which I realized that attending medical school in the United States would be difficult. It is also not affordable because we have only recently moved to this nation. It will be more difficult for my parents, who must also take care of my brother. I have determined that I must assist my parents and myself in saving money.
- Applied Physics
 - Wyatt Gray
 - Hello, my name is Wyatt Gray, and I am an Applied Physics student attending my first year at NJIT. During the previous semester, I was focused on studying, however, I intend on participating in the Kids Who Code, NAQ Tournament, SPS, and Robotics clubs now



that I have a grip on time management. If I am chosen to represent the Applied Physics major, I promise to provide a direct means for my fellow peers to communicate their concerns with the department. As someone who uses accommodations, I hold a particular interest in issues concerning student accommodation and disability resources and ensuring that they are respected by faculty and instructors.

- Liam Murray
 - Hello, my name is Liam Murray, and I am seeking the position of Applied Physics Representative. I am a sophomore, seeking a bachelor's in applied physics with a focus in optical engineering. I am also pursuing a minor in theater arts and technology. Primarily I'm involved with theatrical production, building sets for the play. I have a more senior role in the construction and help new members learn new carpentry skills and how to follow plans. This employs a lot of skills pertaining to leadership and training. My second highest involvement is direct with the Physics department working as a grader. I work with various professors and coordinators to grade assignments, create spreadsheets, and provide analysis. This has let me meet and work together with many people across the physics department, which I'm confident will help me in my position as representative. I also have previous experience with AFJROTC, Mock Trial, and Stage Crew in high school. AFJROTC has given me plenty of experience in leadership positions and management. Doing Mock Trials helped me develop skills such as public speaking, time management, and how to prepare arguments and presentations. Stage Crew, like Production, gave me skills in planning, delegating, and communicating between various teams.



6. Director of Public Relations

- a. Serve as chairperson of the Public Relations Committee
- b. Execute the Student Senate Public Relations Budget
- c. Supervises the relations between Student Senate Alumni
- d. Coordinate and host all NJIT Student Senate events.
 - Should coordinate at least one headline senate event per semester.
- e. Overlook all the NJIT Student Senate social media accounts.
 - Should create a social media calendar for upcoming events.
- f. Must manage Highlander Hub and the NJIT Student Senate website.
- g. Perform all duties as assigned by the President.

7. Secretary

- a. Act as secretary at NJIT Student Senate meetings
- b. Serve as chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee
- c. Supervise the use of NJIT Student Senate facilities and equipment
- d. Keep a record of membership and attendance at NJIT Student Senate general and committee meetings
- e. Manage the staffing of the Senate Office to ensure that there are always senators available to assist students
- f. Prepare copies of the ~~agenda~~minutes within three business days of each meeting. Maintain files of Senate proceedings including all minutes, reports, resolutions, and Senate decisions in both the Student Senate Drive and the Public Drive.
- g. Assist in updating senator information on the NJIT Student Senate website.
- h. Perform all duties as assigned by the President

SECTION 3 - Vacancies

- ~~2. In the event a Senate position is vacant, the Senate shall advertise and attempt to fill the vacancy by accepting applications. aspirants will then go before Senate after more than one applicant has submitted an application, or one week after a single applicant has to a submitted an application. The Senate will vote on the applicants, with a supermajority being needed to accept them as a new Senator of the Student Senate. In the event a Senate position is vacant, the senate shall advertise and attempt to fill the vacancy by accepting applications. Consequent to the approval of the application, aspirants will then go before the Senate and present their case. The members of the Senate shall vote on the applicants, with the vote having the status of supermajority. After the completion of this process, the candidate will then either accept their role, or be dismissed.~~



SECTION 4 - Restriction on Dual Membership

No person shall hold more than one NJIT Student Senate position at any time. No individual may run for a position whilst holding a position within Senate. Therefore, an individual must resign from their current senate position prior to running for another position. However, if one does not attain their new position, they are able to re-run, if vacant.

6. Public Relations Committee

- a. The committee will be chaired by the Director of Public Relations Manager
- b. The voting members will be at least four Senators
 - i. The Director of Student Organizations may vote to break a tie
- c. A member of the committee will be appointed by the chairperson to act as secretary of the committee
- d. The duties of the committee will be to:
 - i. Publicize all NJIT Student Senate events, on and off campus
 - ii. Maintain the NJIT Student Senate social media accounts
 - Each member of the committee should actively be responsible for one social media platform, while abiding to the social media calendar.
 - Update social media platforms, as directed by the Director of Public Relations.
 - iii. Submit Senate-approved articles in the Vector
 - iv. Open and maintain dialogue with student governments of other colleges and any other interested parties
 - v. Coordinate all Student Senate Events

d. The duties of Internal Affairs Committee are:

- i. Function as the disciplinary committee for the NJIT Student Senate
- ii. Hold hearings regarding the impeachment of Senators
- iii. Interpret the meaning of the Constitution and recommend the impeachment of officers and senators who violate it
- iv. Each member of the committee should be well versed on their assigned articles of the Constitution given by the Secretary.
- iv. Develop the Standing Rules of the NJIT Student Senate and submit them to the NJIT Student Senate by the fourth Wednesday of the fall semester
- vi. Develop the Elections Packet of the NJIT Student Senate and submit