



## MINUTES

### Student Senate Meeting

17 April 2024, 2:30 PM

### CC Ballroom A

1. Attendance
2. Previous Minutes
  - a. Approved
3. Public Forum
  - a. The Vector
    - i. Yukthi Sangoi and Logan Kriebel
      1. Concerns from prior election
      2. No abstain button for VPF, major/college reps
      3. missing/inconsistent info from election packet
        - a. Doesn't need supermajority for position to be won
      4. Delay in debates
      5. Poor advertisement
      6. Student at larges should be in election committee, not senators
      7. Confusing sanction point systems, not enough punishment
      8. Need more transparency
        - a. Questions/open discussion
          - i. Realistic solutions to these issues?
            1. Need better advertisement
            2. Would break rules if running b/c no penalty  
- not personally, generally
          - ii. Changes to election committee couldn't be done later in time
          - iii. Opportunity to contest sanction points
          - iv. Candidates are thought to run with good faith and intentions
          - v. Revote is logistically going to be difficult, little time, month long process, no revote in constitution
          - vi. Election committee is disbanded
          - vii. Appeal period would have this input taken
          - viii. Lack of accessibility, solutions to this?
            1. Public drive, being updated
          - ix. Vpf no abstain button
            1. No confidence button was there
          - x. major/college reps votes had no abstain or no confidence
            1. Should have a no candidate button to be clear they don't have to provide a name
          - xi. Confusion between no confidence and abstain difference, explain at top or provide info/clarification



1. What if we combine no confidence and abstain in one button?
    - a. They have different meanings
4. Senator Reports
  - a. Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology Representative
    - i. Nicole Paula
      1. See below
  - b. Civil Engineering Representative
    - i. Jelani Blow
      1. See below
  - c. Fraternity/Sorority Life Representative
    - i. Suraj Bhardwaj
      1. See below
5. Announcements
  - a. Next/Last Meeting
    - i. April 24, 2024
      1. CKB Agile Strategy Lab
        - a. Transitioning Meeting



## ECET Senator Report

Nicole Paula: ECET Senator meeting with Daniel Brateris and Fitzpatrick, Conor

1. I met with Dr.Brateris on (Date) to discuss the concerns brought to my attention
  - a. Courses that do not relate to our major
  - b. Updates on Degreeworks for certain courses/electives not offered (ECET 211-CPT 315)
    - i. Providing him a list of the electives that ECET majors can take with their prerequisites
  - c. Lack of communication between professors and the department
2. I met with the president of Esports, Conor, to discuss a possible collaboration
  - a. Minecraft Night
    - i. Competition: Recreating a NJIT building
    - ii. Free play
    - iii. Spring event

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## NJIT STUDENT SENATE REPORT

Civil Engineering Representative | Meeting with Department Chair Dr. Marhaba

Jelani Blow, CE Representative

18th March 2024, 12:00 PM

Colton Hall

### Curriculum Change Proposals:

- ENGR 320 (Prototyping Essentials) suggestion to make this course a CE elective. → The departments current philosophy is that elective courses need to be beneficial to CE students and applicable to CE curriculum (no prerequisites for any elective courses); Dr. Taha and Stephen George will look into incorporating ENGR 320 into the elective options
- CE 494 (Design 1) student complaints about forced Site Civil focus → However, the curriculum is designed to have all students complete a site civil design course then allows for branching out in CE 495 (Design 2)

### Professor Issues:

- MECH 236 Yuan Ding → Complaints from multiple students concerning her teaching style → These issues will be addressed as per Dr. Taha (will follow up in a later meeting)

### Electives:

- Students believe that CE **elective courses** focus primarily on site civil → however Dr. Taha explained that elective courses range most disciplines including construction, environmental, and transportation (he is aware we are lacking in structural, I will follow up to see if efforts are being made to make more structural electives)

### Event Ideas:

- **Research Meet & Greet** → Dr. Taha supports the idea however, he recommends we create a google form to send out to all staff that may be interested in attending the event so as to have more concrete data on who will be tabling.
- Dr. Taha was fully in support of both the basketball fundraiser and Social dinner (aimed to be held in the CC Pub)

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Additional concerns:

- **FED 101** (Fundamentals of Engineering design) → The Dean of NCE wanted FED to be universal for all engineering majors. Current curriculum does not cover many topics that would be useful for CE majors. New course **CE100 (Introduction to Civil Engineering)** planned to be implemented to fill this gap.
- **4-Hour courses** (ENE 262 for example) → These courses are necessary and few and far between; the additional 4th hour is meant to be dedicated to a lab portion of these courses
- **Civil Lounge** → The lounge located in Colton Hall receives heavy student traffic throughout the week, however, the current facilities do not reflect this fact. Students have asked for:
  1. Microwave, toaster oven or airfryer
  2. Cleaning supplies (sponges, dish soap, broom & dustpan, paper towels, etc)
  3. Study supplies (dry erase markers,

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Suraj Rajesh Bhardwaj, FSL meeting with

FSL Advisor (Brittany)

21 March 2024, 3:30

FSL Advisor Office

- 1) Brittany expressed concern about a new fraternity coming to our campus which is operating outside of NJIT's jurisdiction.
- 2) We spoke about the process that fraternity should be taking to come to our campus and why exactly it is an issue that they are present and not going through that process
- 3) The solution that we came to was to raise awareness that the new frat is not sanctioned by NJIT so anyone joining is joining at their own risk.
- 4) Realistically, as a school we can not prevent students from joining their own "interest groups" so if they want to join, they are perfectly allowed to do so.
- 5) Additionally, Brittany expressed concern over poor attendance from greeks for mandatory events as well as community building events.
- 6) The solution we came up with was taking out a couple members from each organization and going on a retreat similar to the senate retreat
- 7) the idea is to incentivize students to go because the retreat will be fun and during that time, Brittany wants to take care of some administrative stuff which she normally has difficulty getting people to show up to

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