

# SENATE

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

**MINUTES**  
**Student Senate Meeting**  
**30 October 2019, 2:30 PM**  
**Ballroom B**

1. Attendance
2. Minutes to Approve (approved)
  - a. October 23, 2019
3. Public Forum
  - a. Kieth Chartrand, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator for Athletics
    - i. Fan engagement / student activities
    - ii. Name for fan section for students
    - iii. Nov
      1. Men's Soccer sunday 7 conference season title
      2. Semis finals Nov 10
      3. Tuesday women's basketball
        - a. I voted ( free adidas stickers)
      4. Nov 16 men's basketball opener
    - iv. Student engagement ideas needed for at
      1. [chartrand@njit.edu](mailto:chartrand@njit.edu)
    - v. Better communication
    - vi. Athletics tabling
  - b. Dr Perry Deess, Office of Institutional Effectiveness: Director of Planning and Accreditation
    - i. 20-205 Plan
      1. Whats students to work on different groups
      2. Different community input from surveys/committees/interviews
      3. Reviews
        - a. The prominence change (students 1, faculty 2)
      4. Sustainability has a greater goal (university core value)
      5. Prominence (wants the NJIT degree to mean something)
      6. What's to attract students with scholarships and send them to compete
        - a. More competitions
      7. Add machine learning to resources
      8. Advance faculty (National Academy of Science)
      9. Increase diversity
        - a. Teaching (in tenure)
          - i. Soliciting letters to students
          - ii. Course evaluations
      10. Add "teaching" professors (not awarded for research)
        - a. Advance people who are good at teaching
      11. Senior lecturer to Professor status (a proposal)
      12. Human resources / upgrade classes / updated technology and spaces
      13. Sustainable
      14. Prominence
        - a. (R1 rating in research)
        - b. 1 upward mobility (Forbes and NY Times)
        - c. 97 best national university (US News)
        - d. 43 best public college (US News)
      15. Build Reputation
      16. Help Newark
      17. Alumni Connections
      18. Mental Health Strategy (vague)



19. Focus where govt matters

4. Executive Reports

- a. Amanda Azer, President
  - i. Board of Trustees: Academic Affairs and Research Committee
    - 1. Fall enrollment assessment (increasing)
    - 2. Increasing ratio of non NJ students
    - 3. Master decrease enrollment
    - 4. Phd increase in enrollment
    - 5. SAT scores are higher
- b. Justina Shafik, Vice President of Administration
  - i. Materials Engineering, Experiential Learning, OER Initiative
    - 1. Materials engineering undergrad being approved F21
    - 2. Experiential Learning expansion not just CO-OP and internship
    - 3. OER (Vasu)
      - a. Help make video of students who used OER
- c. Anuj Patel, Vice President of Finance
  - i. Board of Trustees: Finance Committee
    - 1. Audit on GDS and other area of campus (financial)
    - 2. 300,000 on audit companies
      - a. If someone wants to audit something contact anuj
    - 3. Financial Highlights
      - a. Made 5 mil in interest (record)
    - 4. 585 Mil in Revenue
      - a. Tuition and fees / grants state support major forms of revenue
      - b. Salary and wages / and programs major expense distribution
    - 5. Compare to other universities to compare
    - 6. 3.7% increase of students expected but did not meet
    - 7. CIO chief information officer (for money towards new technology)
    - 8. NJIT responsible with money / doing good with investments
    - 9. Resident life audit proposal

5. Senator Reports

- a. Divjyot Singh, Applied Physics Representative
  - i. Organize research showcase
    - 1. In April every department does a research showcase
    - 2. Open for all students
  - ii. Plans to meet faculty to do highschool research
  - iii. Society of physics to increase research
- b. Tiffany Olivera, Chemistry Representative
  - i. Met with administrative coordinator and advisor
  - ii. Meeting with the chair
  - iii. 40% responses to feedback form
  - iv. Analytical chemistry tutoring
    - 1. Being run in fall and spring now and new sections for lab
  - v. Physical chemistry 2 being offered fall and spring
  - vi. Technical elective time conflicts
  - vii. Increasing major overall
- c. Krista Veliky, Environmental Science Representative
  - i. Met with advisors
  - ii. Instead of one physics class → two algebra based physics classes to prepare for higher level
  - iii. More field trips to solidify lecture information
- d. Owen Busler and Maria Abou-Diwan, Electrical Engineering and Biochemistry Representatives

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- i. St. Michael's Update
    - 1. Little room for NJIT students (NJIT promoted)
    - 2. Met with Dean of students
    - 3. Sending out form
    - 4. Gathering information
    - 5. Receiving feedback at Health fair with St Michael
      - a. Tues Nov 5 (Ballroom A)
  - ii. Discord seemed to be successful for EE and CoE majors
  - iii. Start discord server maybe
- 6. New Business
  - a. Filling Vacancies
    - i. Engineering Technology
      - 1. Alexander Massa (passed)
        - a. Wants to focus on all ET majors since they are unrepresented
        - b. Spoke to NCE rep for advice
          - i.
        - c. Freshman seminar class meeting and emails
    - ii. Web and Information Systems
      - 1. Akash Kathiari (passed)
        - a. Transfer student
        - b. Good communication skills
        - c. Wants to help more for his major
        - d. Issues: online classes wants to evaluate professor syllabus and how course build up
- 7. Announcements
  - a. Next Meeting
    - i. November 06th, 2019
      - 1. Ballroom B
  - b. Syllabus
    - i. 40% or Above Per Assignment
  - c. Senator of the Month
    - i. SURPRISE!
  - d. Halloween TOMORROW - Have fun, but stay safe! :)
    - i. Spooky Senate Breakfast
      - 1. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
    - ii. Highlander Halloween: Trick or Treat
      - 1. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
    - iii. SAC Monster Mash
      - 1. 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
  - e. Senator Appreciation Week
    - i. Fill out the Form