

# SENATE

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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

1. Attendance
2. Minutes to Approve
  - a. October 18th, 2019 (passes)
3. Public Forum
  - a. Lenny Kaplan, Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics
    - i. In charge of WEC, PE classes, Warren gym, Intramurals
    - ii. Talk if there are issues want to book for an event
    - iii. Soccer game and opening Basketball games
    - iv. Intramural and Recreational sports program increasing enrollment
    - v. Halloween Run - Nov 10
      1. Free t shirts
    - vi. Noc 9 2:00PM Police Bball game
    - vii. Coat drive
  - b. Lt. Cyr & Chief Marsillo, Department of Public Safety
    - i. Thank you for everything
    - ii. Continue the partnership
    - iii. ALICE Training (assistance to set up training)
    - iv. Safety with uber, email (no scams)
    - v. Training available after sent
    - vi. Alcohol awareness
      1. Care cutting
    - vii. Cops in CrossWalks
      1. Officer at crosswalk
      2. Tomorrow central summnet
    - viii. Lighting Surveys
      1. First Thursday of every month
    - ix. Challenge Coin
      1. Tues DEC 3
      2. 1 PM
      3. CKB 116
4. Old Business
  - a. Constitutional Changes
    - i. Student Recognized Orgs
      1. Passes
    - ii. Financial Bylaws & Student Org handbook Reference
      1. Changes  $\frac{2}{3}$  to supermajority
      2. Passes
  - b. Graduate Student Clause
    - i. The environment is different for grad and undergrad
    - ii. GSA meeting to amend their documents to follow ours
    - iii. Passes
  - c. Financial ByLaws Co-Hosting (passes)
    - i. Change student senate recognized to student senate funded (selective orgs terminology)
    - ii. Amendment
      1. Organized to funding (passed)
5. Executive Reports
  - a. Justina Shafik, Vice President of Administration

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- i. One-on-Ones, 2025, Pass/Fail, Student Rights Fair, Syllabi
  - 1. Want to meet one on one with Justina starting nov
  - 2. Thank you for input on 2025
    - a. More revisions
    - b. Another draft nov 1
    - c. Sent to CFO to see if its good
    - d. Feb board of trustees
  - 3. Pass/Fail
    - a. Faculty senate on thursday Oct 31
    - b. If passes
      - i. Wont start next sem
    - c. Meeting with registrar to see if it works
  - 4. Students rights fair
    - a. Senate tabling
      - i. Contact Juliana for involvement
  - 5. Course Syllabi
    - a. Teaching evaluations will not be out
    - b. Own website to rate professors
    - c. NJIT digital commons (website)
      - i. Course syllabi
  - 6. Faculty Senate meeting every other Thursdays
    - a. Next: Oct 31
    - b. IDS honors second floor honors
    - c. 11:30-1:30
- 6. Senator Reports
  - a. Divjyot Singh, Applied Physics Representative
    - i. (did not present)
  - b. John Tobia, Biology Representative
    - i. Spoke to chair
    - ii. Upper level courses at RU
      - 1. 3:1 ratio for NJIT Students
    - iii. Bio is 5% percent of NJIT Students
      - 1. No budget for labs for these courses
      - 2. Changing but slowly
      - 3. Talk faculty to expend budget for bio
  - c. Sara Subbanna, College of Science and Liberal Arts Representative
    - i. Spoke to dean
      - 1. Worry for faculty 2025 vision
        - a. Reduce adjunct profs
          - i. Fix have better ones
      - 2. Faculty evaluations
        - a. If bad score over 2 years
          - i. Look over comments
          - ii. Performance plan
      - 3. More classes for bio and environmental science
        - a. Slow process
      - 4. Course syllabi
        - a. Specific person for NJIT digital commons
          - i. Many departments have updated syllabus
      - 5. Research Symposiums
        - a. Advertise
        - b. Research opportunity hub (career fair type)

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6. Upper Level Tutoring
  - a. Tutoring center being reorganized
  - b. Update later
7. Take both pre reqs for bio classes
  - a. Open more slots at Rutgers?
    - i. Cannot be pushed more
    - ii. 3:1 ratio is being dissolved?
      1. Fact or Fiction
      - iii. Cross class with history isn't federated
  - ii. Danielle Tuneshell, STS Representative
    1. Spoke to director
      - a. Addition to new professors
      - b. Awareness of the major and what can be done with the major
  7. New Business
    - a. Filling Vacancies
      - i. Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology (passes)
        1. (Simon) Jiawen Chen
          - a. Took core class
          - b. Wants to improve classes
          - c. Some issues wants to be addressed
            - i. HSS Humanities and Ethics before senior project
        - d. Previous Leadership
          - i. IEEE member
          - ii. new member in groups
            1. Can spread interest about solar car
      - b. Cricket Club (passes)
        - i. Won the regional tournament
        - ii. Want to play cricket if they don't make the team
        - iii. Will play with other clubs in different universities
    8. Announcements
      - a. Halloween (October 31st, 2019)
        - i. Spooky Senate Breakfast
          1. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
            - a. Student Senate Office
        - ii. Highlander Halloween: Trick or Treat
          1. 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
            - a. Student Senate Office
        - iii. SAC Haunted House
          1. 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
            - a. Campus Center Ballroom
      - b. Commuter Lunch
        - i. November 12, 2019
          1. 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
      - c. Senator Appreciation Week
        - i. November 18th, 2019 to November 22nd, 2019
          1. Fill out When2Meet!
      - d. Next Meeting
        - i. October 30th, 2019
          1. Campus Center Ballroom B