



MINUTES
Student Senate Meeting
18 November 2020, 2:30 PM
Virtual Meeting

1. Attendance
2. Minutes to Approve
 - a. November 11, 2020
 - i. The minutes were approved.
3. Public Forum
 - a. Joel Bloom President of NJIT
 - i. He explained how we are going to go fully remote after thanksgiving. All finals will be remote unless asked for an exception. A senator asked why the school limits COVID-tests for every committee member every month and how the limitation of COVID-tests for people working in NJIT. There is an exception, if asked. We have a vendor of 400 tests. The honors residential building does not allow students to go into other dorms but other residential buildings are fine with it.
4. Reports
 - a. Anuj Patel President and Michael Moussa VP Finance Board of Trustees Finance Committee
 - i. We will look to see if there are third-party applications other than Banner and are discussing the other two. The budget for athletics has not changed since there is COVID-19 testing. Is it a half a million of dollars a week for residents and parking. We are going totally virtual concerning patients and everything will be direct deposit. We decided we will audit 3 ATMs and see which one is used more. There are 50+ positions being paid for but are not filled. We need to find the right candidates to take them.
 - b. Jeremy Bedient VP Administration Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. There is a list of people who we honor and somebody got added. 5 degree programs got terminated that nobody uses. There is a plan of 2025 but it is repetitive to the last BOT meetings. There is no formal steering committee. The chair of the BOT “i do not think we have done okay” in terms of diversity. There is now a greater commitment to this and we will try approving on this. There is a 5 percent lower graduation rate for Pell Grant students, which is about 50 students. They are working on mental health.
 - c. Mark Nashed Director of PR and Owen Busler Director of Student Orgs Board of Trustees Campus Life
 - i. They talked about the Women Internship Program which connected professionals to our current students. Graduate students are experiencing similar things to us in terms of online proctoring and satisfaction. CCAPS came in and interviewed students and did not think we are doing great and we should have around 12 students in CCAPS but we have 3. There was a waitlist of 2-3 weeks and now it is a little lower. Some students bought up a lack of clarification of where students can study and take exams, and proctoring, (students are more concerned about proctoring than the actual exam).
 - d. Evan Markowitz YWCC Rep and Philopateer Ibrahim Secretary Board of Trustees Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - i. There were results of the housing survey and will be available in Fall 2022, and people really want kitchens. There were 15 new cases and there was a lack of relevance. There are 3k people on campus everyday. The crimes in Newark have gotten much better. Weston Hall and Lecture Hall should be done by the end of November. They are tearing down the flower shop. Cullmore Lecture 1 should be done by August 2021.
 - e. David Herz Chemistry Representative



- i. Students believed that people were not transparent and that the learning experience was very poor. They did not like how i-Clickers were used for correctness and not completeness and the quizzes in class. He will make sure that the students did not just look at the syllabus. He will be reaching out to the Chemistry Honor Study to make a how-to-study.
- 5. Old Business
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- 6. New Business
 - a. Student Org Committee Point Tiering Document
 - i. Owen is hoping to make a process that requires less work. Usually, every organization gets points but this is changing and this new system makes sure it can last and not have to look at every organization every semester. This way, we only have tier the new clubs, the ones that are noticeably doing poorly and the ones requesting to move up. This should be a better system to increase on-campus impact. This system is less focused on the amount of points since clubs do not have the traditional types of events. The new organization placements helps to see what organizations have done when they are out of probation. The mid and end of year report makes sure that the organizations did what they should during the semester. However, we do not want to overwhelm organizations and focus on the ones that are not doing anything. Evaluating organizations based on mid/end of year reports, seeing if their impact on campus and membership. Clubs can request to tier down or remove membership. Academically will provide tutoring services. Social clubs are extracurricular activities that require a lot of interaction. The document was approved with 27 voting yae and 1 person abstaining.
- 7. Announcements
 - a. Next Meeting
 - i. November 25th, 2020
 - 1. Zoom