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MINUTES

Student Senate Meeting 28 January 2026 | 4:00 PM CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. December 13th, 2025
3. Public Forum:
 - a. Assistant Vice President of Institutional Access & Title IX Coordinator, Kristie Damell
 - b. Director, Office of Accessibility Resources and Services, Marsha Williams-Nicholas
 - i. Legally mandated to provide reasonable accommodations for students at NJIT
 - ii. Access to classes at NJIT
 - iii. The interactive process is very important as students come in asking for accommodations
 - iv. Sometimes they come in with docs that don't support the accommodations they are seeking
 - v. Show up to OARS, ask questions, have a conversation and let them know how they can support you
 - vi. It is important to understand your rights and responsibilities as an NJIT student
 - vii. Institutional Access
 1. Can talk about any concerns regarding harassment and discrimination
 - viii. Everything is on their website under "Access"
 - ix. Located in Fenster
 - x. You can report concerns on and online form
 - xi. Brittany Gaviria is there for office of prevention and advocacy
 - xii. Questions:
 1. If there is a student that feels uncomfortable what would you say to comfort them
 - a. There is confidentiality, and if they come in person, Kristie will work with them. They will not take action on the student's behalf. If you submit a report and speak with them, they will walk you through the process and give you all the support they can. The choice is yours!
 - b. All information is confidential. When it comes to accommodations, professors will not know about their diagnosis or any other personal info.
 2. How much students navigate situations where they have an oras accommodations but professors are not complying
 - a. They encourage open conversation with the professors, or they can go to OARS, who can reach out on the student's behalf. They encourage students to advocate for themselves but also want them to feel supported in what they are doing. OARS is in KUPF 201
4. New Business:
 - a. Resignations:
 - i. Director of Student Organizations: Hanna Khadr
 - ii. Mechanical Engineering Representative: Benjamin Youssef
 - iii. Digital Design Representative: Carolyn Toledo
 - b. Vacancies:
 - i. Secretary
 1. Andrew Shapiro
 - a. Has handled secretarial duties in the first year committee
 - b. Wants to establish a consistent routine for secretarial duties
 - c. Update senate drive and website
 2. Georgie Sewell

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- a. VP of DPhiE and member of large where they conducted secretarial duties
 - b. Lot of experience in this type of roles and has handled many conflicts
3. Sai Saranya Katuri
 - a. Clear reports, agendas created ahead of time, and clear communications
 - b. Work should not disappear at the end of the semester, it should stay and be built on
4. Pishoy Iskander
 - a. Was in Student council in high school
 - b. Efficient meetings, timely and clear emails
 - c. Will be the backbone, everyone should back each other up
5. Kashvi Shah
 - a. Will make sure things run smoothly
 - b. Keeps track of deadlines, notes,
 - c. Will make sure info is clear
6. Noah Stankus
 - a. Goal is transparency
 - b. Senate lacks transparency and needs enhancements
 - c. Reliable, dependable, and able to hold himself to a high standard
7. Questions:
 - a. One part of the sec role is being able to handle conflict with other ppl. Pls discuss how you've had to handle conflict and how you handled it
 - i. Noah
 1. In a capstone class, two groups had different approaches and he was able to mediate by taking ideas from both groups
 - ii. Khashvi
 1. In lab group one member didn't want to do work and one was feeling pressured. With professional communication she spoke to both and let them know that what they were doing was affecting the group and made sure everyone took accountability
 - iii. Pishoy
 1. In lab a group member isn't doing work, he would talk to the person and see if there is something he can help with. If this doesn't work then he would take it up with the eboard to see how to handle it
 - iv. Sai
 1. In high school club, there was only small space to store instruments. If someone falls out of a boundary or expectation she would speak to them to fix the issue
 - v. Georgie
 1. Worked in food service, hears people out and acts compassionately. Compromise is very important, she is good at cooperating and making sure things don't escalate too much
 - vi. Andrew
 1. At work, everyone has different ideas and contributions. He makes sure that ideas are taken from everyone, and everyone works together.
 - b. It is important to have programs and a weekly routine. If you have a history of having to be in charge of an organizational structure where



people rely on you, what skills do you have to rely on this. If you are in charge of people what skills do you have

i. Andrew

1. In order to work together and out in best effort, communication, meetings, listening to each other. Organization is an important skill when leading and being part of a team.

ii. Georgie

1. As VP of DPhiE she distributed minutes on time, responsible for google drive and calendar. A major thing is setting expectations early and following through with it. Send out constant reminders. Allows for organization and all to follow

iii. Sai

1. Google calendar is always blocked with stuff, always on top of tasks. Experience with coordinating with teachers and managing her and other's time. Always worked in group situations allowing all people to express their time well

iv. Pishoy

1. Maintains curriculum, makes sure materials are printed out. It is important to categorize things and keep schedules and organization. Communication is big and it is important to lift each other

v. Khashvi

1. President of club in high school where she tutored. Be ahead of all the tasks you have and be organized. Likes being in roles where she can support other people and makes sure everyone is supported.

vi. Noah

1. Was a project manager. Kept everyone on track, communication is key, be on time, let other people if you have a problem. Be dependable and excellent

c. Georgie!!!

5. Announcements

a. Committee Assignments!

b. Election Proposal

c. HEADSHOTS ARE NEXT WEDNESDAY 2:30PM - 4:00PM !!! 📸

i. 📢 MANDATORY 📢

ii. Please dress in business attire and bring your zip-up for photos 😊

d. Resignation:

i. Interior Design Rep: Brianna Alvarez

e. Next Meeting

i. February 4th, 2026

1. Campus Center Atrium

2/4/26



Minutes
Student Senate Meeting
4 February 2026 | 4:00 PM
Campus Center Atrium

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. January 28th, 2026
 - i. Approved
3. Public Forum:
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Correction to Standing Rules
 - i. Consent agenda is approved
5. Old Business:
6. New Business:
 - a. Student Affairs Grant Bylaws
 - i. Section II: If proposal is granted, student senate becomes an official partner of proposal
 - ii. Section III
 - iii. Section IV Grant Approval Process Edits
 - iv. Vote passes 27-0
 - b. Election Proposal
 - i. Split e-board elections and general elections
 - ii. Reason: increases preparedness and a longer onboarding experience, increase engagement, higher candidacy
 - iii. Proposal to add executive election committee
 - iv. Questions: If an e-board position goes unfilled, does it go to general elections?
 1. May remain vacant rather than go to general
 - v. Discussion
 1. Proposed amendment to add secretary to elections proposal
 - a. Amendment is approved 27-0
 2. Proposed amendment to change officers to "executive officers"
 - a. Amendment is approved 26-0
 3. Election proposal approved 24-2-1
 - c. Constitutional Changes
 - i. Elections
 1. Article V Section 4 & 5: Moved the descriptions of ABR and the Elections committee from under the Bylaws section to the Operational Documents section
 2. Article IX Section 2: Adding an Elections Integrity Officer
 3. Article IX Section 3: Grammar Change
 4. Article IX Section 4:
 - a. Changing from six to three weeks
 - b. Typo under ABR, election rules corrected to the operational document
 - ii. Community Officer Roles
 1. Transfer
 - a. Article VII Section 3 (Point 10): Transfer Rep is allowed to be in either academic or student affairs
 2. Athletic
 - a. Article VII Section 3 (Point 12): Athletics Rep does not need to meet with the Chief of Staff
 3. International
 - a. Article VII Section 1: "One International student" added to voting membership
 - iii. DEI Committee membership



1. Article IX Section 4 (Point 12): Added Int'l Rep and Disability Officer as the voting members of the DEI committee
 - iv. Discussion
 1. Move to vote approved 27-0-0
 - v. Vote passes 26-0-1, The constitutional changes are approved
7. Announcements
 - a. Annual Budget Review Committee starting next week
 - i. Reach out to Collins
 - b. Announcement about Vacancies
 - c. FILL OUT THE TABLING SIGN-UP
 - i. Everyone is required to sign up for at least 1 shift 😊
 - d. Next Meeting
 - i. February 11th, 2026
 1. CKB Agile Strategy Lab

2/11/26



Minutes
Student Senate Meeting
11 February 2026 | 4:00 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. February 4th, 2026
3. Public Forum:
 - a. Executive Director, Career Development Services, Patrick Young
 - i. Open student dialogue for feedback to address concerns across the university
 - ii. Career Fair 2/18 in WEC and Tennis Center 11:30-4:00PM
 1. 200+ companies, with strong representation of engineering companies, followed by architecture and manufacturing
 - iii. Hamna on advisory board overseeing info regarding job market
 - iv. Open to more industry-specific events, events are coming for smaller targeted industries
 1. Questions:
 - a. Not a lot of tech opportunities at career fairs, how will you involve this more?
 - i. External factors that contribute to this, we target outreach to employers to continue their presence, but this is challenging. Advise that students come in early to CDS for internships/co-ops. Maybe a networking event in the future.
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Student Organization Bylaws: Renaming NSO Phases
 - i. Phase 2, 3 and 4 names edited
 1. Approved
5. Old Business:
6. New Business:
 - a. NJ SGA UWill Proposal
 - i. Do we want to support the petition from state schools for the state govt to continue to include funding for UWill in budget?
 1. Questions
 - a. What would approving this really do?
 - i. Show support for the school
 2. Discussion
 - a. NJIT is in a financially rough spot, but the advocacy of mental health services is important.
 - b. Important point: this resource would be free for students which is important
 - c. How long would it take to get funding for this?
 - i. Not related to NJIT funding, UWILL has a contract w the NJ State Govt, allowing colleges to give free mental health services. Current contract ends in July, want to renew it
 - d. What schools have signed?
 - i. ACCC, CCM, HCC, NJCC, Ramapo, Raritan, Rider, SHU, etc
 - e. What resources will students lose if this is signed
 - i. TBD, this is just a petition to prioritize mental health
 - f. How does this effect CCAPS?
 - i. CCAPS is a separate entity, UWILL is a 24/7 hotline for nj students
 - g. Mental health services could be improved on campus
 - h. When would this go to the state
 - i. ASAP



3. Passes 26-1-0

b. Vacancies:

i. Environmental Science

1. Thea Luise Zamora Cabrera

a. Intro:

- i. Sophomore, wants to run bc major is so small, only could find other ppl from the major from clubs

b. Questions:

- i. What are current issues with the major, and solutions
 - 1. Under represented in student government, position empty for 3 years, wants to represent the students, course schedule is very strict/tights and info is not widely accessible
- ii. If elected, how would u use senate resources to leverage your goals
 - 1. Easier Outreaching to other students to make sure their voices are heard

c. Discussion

d. Congrats Thea!

ii. Electrical & Computer Eng Technology

1. Marco Bautista

a. Intro:

- i. Senior, try to bring more programs into the program, hard in the past bc of the curriculum, member of SHPE and tries to bring community outreach, peer mentor for first years, wants more needs for the department

b. Questions:

- i. Elaborate on issues to resolve
 - 1. Increase engagement and communication, using IEEE and other clubs to help get ppl internships/co-ops
- ii. Is this your final semester
 - 1. Yes
- iii. What is one thing in the past 3 years that has been a roadblock you want to correct
 - 1. SHPE opened doors for me, people need to get the most out of NJIT, have communication to students and guide them

c. Discussion

d. Vote: Marco is not elected

iii. Mechanical Engineering Technology

1. Wilkins Martinez

a. Intro

- i. NSO leader, experience with helping people, part of nucleus so experience with club members+peers, goal to help Mechtechs get out there more (e.g makerspace and experience for internships)

b. Questions:

- i. Any specific problems to MET members you want to address?
 - 1. Many dont put themselves out there, could be doing more, makerspace has lots of resources people dont use enough, make projects to showcase



- ii. Which initiatives are you intending to promote toward the MechTech community?
 - 1. Get people more interested in different types of engineering courses (makerspace courses), creating portfolios
 - c. Discussion
 - d. **Vote: Congrats Wilkins**
 - iv. Biology
 - 1. Stephen Bishara
 - a. Intro
 - i. Junior, predental track, enjoys gym and basketball, in NJIT attended a lot of predental society and coptic society meetings. Issues he sees include students should have more guidance when they start freshman year
 - 2. Arena Chowdhury
 - a. Intro
 - i. Junior, understands underrepresentation in the bio department, started as premed with experience, tried to seek out other opportunities (Lab experiment) , URI winner
 - 3. Questions
 - a. Describe leadership experience
 - i. Arena: experience w student govt bodies in hs, senior and junior class pres, trains people in the lab and has lots of responsibility
 - ii. Stephen: Predental society guided people on the DAT, sunday school teacher and mentor since 2022, led food runs within church
 - b. Question for Stephen: elaboration on wanting to help students as they navigate college?
 - i. Ensure students know what they have to do: GPA, exam requirements, letters of rec
 - c. Question for Arena: Biggest problem in bio major? How to address?
 - i. Shift focus not only on premed, but other path students too. Premed resources are easier to find than other bio career paths. Want to provide resources for these other students.
 - d. Discussion
 - e. **Vote: Congrats Arena!**
 - v. Information Technology
 - 1. Tre Ramsburg
 - a. Intro
 - i. Sophomore, Experience w community service, successfully promoted rehabilitated justice in hs, continue service with senate
 - 2. Abizar Chawala
 - a. Intro:
 - i. Wants IT students to be heard and get the resources needed, and career opportunities. Ultimate Frisbee and Cybersecurity club. Volunteers at mosque. Has responsibility, teamwork, and listening. No experience as a senate, but commitment for learning.
 - 3. Suyash Adhikari
 - a. Intro:



- i. Junior Honors, involved treasurer in Nepali club, IFC and frat leadership roles, IT field evolves rapidly and wants stronger connections and resources for IT. Clear communication channels between faculty and students
 - 4. Questions
 - a. Give brief idea on how you would address a problem w IT
 - i. Suyash: encourage specific certificates, create a guide on what to do for IT students
 - ii. Abizar: Problem is the job market, want more students to have more opportunities with IT companies to come onto campus
 - iii. Tre: concern with curriculum being outdated information. Wants to advocate strongly for curriculum changes
 - b. Describe issue with a specific course you want to solve
 - i. Tre: IT 201 game design dept get undue weight, wants resources go elsewhere, some professors don't take content seriously
 - ii. Abizar: No problems with curriculum, Wants more AI
 - iii. Suyash: Specific concern with IT490, outdated curriculum until IT490 where students are expected to know knowledge not taught to students
 - 5. Discussion
 - 6. Vote
 - a. **Congrats Tre**
 - vi. Newark College of Engineering
 - 1. **Tabled to Next Week**
 - 2. Aadithiya Bharanidharan
 - a. Intro:
 - 3. Amr Rabie
 - a. Intro:
 - 4. Bishoy Samy
 - a. Intro:
 - 5. Bartek Broclawik
 - a. Intro:
 - c. Changes to SFO Finance Bylaws
7. Announcements
 - a. FILL OUT THE TABLING SIGN-UP
 - i. Everyone is required to sign up for at least 1 shift 😊
 - b. Senate After Hours Karaoke in the Highlander Pub
 - i. 6 PM - 9:30 PM on Monday February 16th
 - c. Next Meeting
 - i. February 18th, 2026
 - 1. CKB Agile Strategy Lab

2/18/26

AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
18 February 2026 | 4:00 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. February 11th, 2026
3. Public Forum:
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. NJIT Student Senate Scholarship for Leadership and Service: Charter Amendment
 - i. GPA from 2.75 to 3.0
 - ii. Must demonstrate financial need
 - iii. Second sem freshman included
 - iv. Committee changed to external affairs committee
 - v. Approved
5. Old Business:
 - a. Vacancies:
 - i. Newark College of Engineering
 1. Aadithiya Bharanidharan
 2. Massimo Gencarelli
 3. John Oldziej
 4. Amr Rabie
 5. Bishoy Samy
 6. Deev Kadakia
 7. Bartek Broclawik
 - b. Senate Funded Organizations Finance Bylaws
 - i. II. SFO eligibility
 - ii. VII. Reports and Forms- EOY Report Information, budget restructuring form
 - iii. Semantic Changes within document
 - iv. Grant: NSO grants, Merch grants and Asset Grants
 - v. Club Cabinet excusal information
 - vi. Discussion
 1. Changes make sense
 - vii. Vote 22-1 Approves
6. New Business:
 - a. Resignation:
 - i. Martin Tuchman School of Management: Zeynep Nalan Kus
 - ii. Electrical Engineering Representative: Thomas Bednarz
 - iii. Commuter Representative: Sarisha Singh
 - b. Swear In:
 - i. Mechanical Engineering Technology Representative: Wilkins Martinez
 - ii. Biology Representative: Arena Chowdhury
 - iii. Information Technology Representative: Tre Ramsburg
 - c. Vacancies:
 - i. First-Year Representative
 1. Laurant Ovbiye
 - a. Intro
 - i. Fintech, MTSS and club experience, discrimination against immigrants, help undocumented students, in contact with Dean Boger
 2. Dharaben Ankurbhai Patel
 - a. Intro
 - i. Fintech, School president and led soccer team in school. The problem is that first year students are isolated and in a social bubble and they are disconnected from the college community. Solution being feedback form and activities

3. Ayaan Awais
 - a. Intro
 - i. CS, sees problems with library and missing items, library system for checkout, water quality issues
4. Dia Jayadas
 - a. Intro
 - i. Bio major and psych minor, wants to focus on housing issues and facilities not working, wants communication to students broadened, in student council and leadership in HS
5. Edward Zheng
 - a. Intro
 - i. EE major, wants to make transitions easier for students, especially for commuters, president of green club in HS and did research and volunteering, can bring a commuter perspective
6. Arman Satani
 - a. Intro
 - i. CS, Volunteering+Leadership experience within religious institutions. Wants to host events for freshman about housing and any concerns
7. Jaime Huang
 - a. Business major, secretary for nhs in HS, rerunning for First Year rep. Habitats for humanity, CUSA secretary, and other NJIT club experience
8. Anisha Reddy Kusunam
 - a. Intro
 - i. Fintech, Leadership experience in HS, wants more communication (coffee chats, monthly meetings) with freshmen.
9. Questions
 - a. What is a specific issue on campus first years face and how would you address it
 - i. Anisha: Felt really lost in college, lack of upperclassmen connection. I would implement coffee chats, propose between upperclassmen in different fields and majors to help underclassmen
 - ii. Jaime: A problem would be lack of activities they may be interested in. Allow freshmen to think of the ideas for the senate to make happen
 - iii. Arman: Dorm common areas need work, equipment missing or broken. Will keep freshmen engaged
 - iv. Edward: Hard transition from HS to college. Change events to allow more conversation and discourse to encourage making new friends
 - v. Dia: So many social opportunities for freshmen, but lack of professional opportunities. Sees mainly research opportunities but wants different opportunities for other fields
 - vi. Ayaan: water quality issues, books missing in the library
 - vii. Dhabaren: People are in social bubbles and don't reach out to other people enough. Solution: Coffee chats, gather more feedback on events
 - viii. Laurent: Lack of understanding of financial aid. Provide workshops and events for them
 - b. There's a variety of different skill sets here, How have you used these skills and how will you in the future
 - i. Laurent: He was VP for his school govt and facilitated a fundraiser for the school

- ii. Dharaben: Leadership and communication, was president at school. Communicated problems to higher administration about food, changed the menu within three months
- iii. Ayaan: Boy Scout Leader, RMC leader
- iv. Dia: Student Council and a secretary position and captain of softball team. EMT. The calls have prepared her and given her skills
- v. Edward: Fundraiser + Food drive + starting a garden, In FED he addressed overcrowding issues
- vi. Arman: Leadership, volunteering, teamwork, sports, wants to organize sports events and tournaments for students
- vii. Jaime: Event Coordinator in her club. Wants to improve NJIT as a campus
- viii. Anisha: Being available and reliable. Elected to be DECA captain and was there for everyone

c. Closings

10. Discussion

11. Preliminary Vote:

- a. Remaining Candidates: **Laurent, Ayaan, Dia, Edward, Jaime, Anisha**

12. Discussion

13. Preliminary Vote

- a. Dia

14. Discussion

15. Voting

- a. **Congrats Anisha**

16. Discussion

17. Voting

- a. **Congrats Jaime**

ii. **Postponed to next week**-International Student Representative

- 1. Claude Djuje Simo
- 2. Tanwin Bhuiyan
- 3. Aaryan Chouhan
- 4. Rumi Rayyan Abbasi
- 5. Kanika Kanika

7. Announcements

- a. FILL OUT THE TABLING SIGN-UP (please.) 😊
 - i. Everyone is required to sign up for at least 1 shift 😊
- b. FILL OUT SENATOR REPORT SCHEDULE
 - i. If you do not fill out, I WILL ASSIGN YOU ONE WEEK
 - ii. 📅 Spring 2026 Senator Report Schedule
- c. Next Meeting
 - i. February 25th, 2026
 - 1. Campus Center Ballroom B

2/25/26



AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
25 February 2026 | 4:00 PM
Online

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. February 18th, 2026
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey
 - i. Professional organization chapter to help students in construction industries to connect with industry
 - ii. Approved
4. New Business:
 - a. Swear In:
 - i. Environmental Science Representative: Thea Luise Zamora Cabrera
 - ii. First Year Representative: Jaime Huang
 - b. Funding Study Sync Proposal
 - i. Proposal to cover 55% of costs
 - ii. Questions: Total is \$16k, will this increase over time?
 1. Moving forward, we cover a portion of the cost and this contract may prevent them from increasing the cost. Added things must be agreed upon by us in order for us to pay.
 - iii. Question: What are the expenses?
 1. Right now it is only Tutor wages. But could include operational expenses: scanned swiping in machine, materials,
 - iv. Question: How will you change the tracking of attendance (previous problem)
 1. Attendance tracking is required and in contract. Funding is contingent on attendance tracking.
 - v. Discussion
 1. No issues with this
 - vi. Vote
 1. 23-1-1 Approved!
 - c. SP26 Referendum on First Semester Freshman Bidding
 - i. First semester bidding is not detrimental to students
 1. Found that only a .01 gpa point different between first semester NMs and all FYS; no academic negative impact
 - ii. First semester does not affect member retention
 1. 88% NM retained and 100% chapter retention
 - iii. High extracurricular involvement, greek life does not prevent participation in campus life
 - d. Discussion
 - i. Seems like a net positive for campus engagement, and academics are not faltering
 - e. Move to Vote
 - i. 22-6-1 approved
5. Senator Reports:
 - a. Business Representative: Sarah Inoue
 - i. Moved to Postpone
6. Announcements
 - a. March 3rd AAPI Men's Basketball Game
 - i. 6-8pm
 - ii. AAPI Cultural Halftime Performance
 - iii. We will be tabling, please sign up in the tabling form
 - b. Committees:
 - i. DEI Committee



1. Please reach out to Natalia to join, they need more senators
 - ii. Move Out Waste Ad Hoc Committee
 1. Please reach out to Cassandra to join, they need more senators
- c. FILL OUT THE TABLING SIGN-UP (please.) 🙏
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- d. FILL OUT SENATOR REPORT SCHEDULE
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3/4/26



AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
4 March 2026 | 4:00 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. February 25th, 2026
3. Public Forum:
 - a. Senior Vice President of University Operations, Andrew Christ
 - i. University Operations overview
 - ii. IST projects
 1. Project SPARK: changing the NJIT ERP system to Workday for HR, finance, payroll, etc
 - a. ~2 year roll out
 2. Iron Scale implementation to clean up emails from phishing, no more daily digest
 - iii. Public safety updates
 1. Starting an emergency services unit
 - iv. Facilities
 1. Upgrades to use less natural gas and electricity, inputting high efficiency equipment. PSEG giving us loans us to update equipment at 0% interest
 - v. Campus planning
 1. Tiernan LH 2 renovations
 - vi. Strategic Events
 1. Disclosure Day (Spielberg film) filmed at NJIT last summer
 2. Power origins to be filmed at NJIT
 - vii. Question: will tiernan LH 1 be renovated soon
 1. No, as it's only 6 years old
 - viii. Question: Plans for a complete renovation of campus in the next 10 years
 1. NJIT is working on higher priority projects first
 - ix. Question: any talk on ADA updates
 1. Every year we evaluate elevators and modernization.
 - b. Chief of Staff: Sriya Jidugu
 - i. Legacy building
 1. Let's evaluate our initiatives and goals we have. We as senators serving our constituency should be achieving tasks and laying down a foundation for the person following us in our role. Another important role as a senator is committee active participation and attendance. Committee participation has dropped this semester.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Vacancies:
 - i. Newark College of Engineering
 1. Amr Rabie
 - a. Introduction: Civil Engineering, would like to solve the problems of NCE students, bridge the gap between students and faculty and opportunities
 2. Bartek Broclawik
 - a. Introduction: Senior Electrical Engineering. Main concern with transfer students (9,000 admitted a year) and advising
 3. Deev Kadakia
 - a. Introduction: MechE, SigPi member responsible for community service and fundraising events, internship experience. Leadership skills. Goals include improve student/admin relationship and increase opportunities



4. Questions: Define one problem with NCE, and how you would use senate to tackle problem
 - a. Deev: Assignments are on many different sites, not consistent
 - b. Bartek: Focus on how students and showcasing events and how students showcase their work
 - c. Amr: Provide more tutoring opportunities for NCE courses
 5. Question: FED is the first introduction class to NCE students, what are your thoughts on FED and how would you improve it
 - a. Amr: Transfer students are not allowed to take FED101 even if they want to
 - b. Bartek: Hasn't taken it, should give students an opportunity to showcase their projects, wants to dedicate time looking into this
 - c. Deev: Liked that they had projects, but very CAD based. They should include other makerspace type projects that aren't exclusively CAD
 6. Candidate specific question for Amr: as a NCE rep, how would u use ur skills to work with the major reps under NCE and address your role
 - a. Communication and availability is important
 7. Closed Discussion
 8. Voting
 - a. Prelim
 - b. Amr A-approve B-Deny C-abstain
 - i. 27-5
 - c. Bartek
 - i. 30-1-1
 - d. Deev
 - i. 4-26
 - e. Amr and Bartek
 - f. 21-11, Move to vote
 - g. A AMr, B Bartek C No contest D abstain
 - i. 13-13-4-1 no supermajority, open discussion again
 9. Closed Discussion
 10. Vote
 - a. A-Amr B Bartek C- No contest D- abstain
 - b. 2-26-2 Congrats Bartek
- ii. International Student Representative
1. Claude Djuge Simo
 - a. Intro: Civil Engineering student, in clubs and engineering society. Experiences challenges with the transfer system and its requirements. Major challenge is being away from loved ones, wants to improve community here
 2. Tanwin Bhuiyan
 - a. Intro: Business major, volunteered as a tutor in HS, and competed with HS club. Moved here from Bangladesh in 2020 and experienced culture shock.
 3. Aaryan Chouhan
 - a. Intro: Data science major, read the constitution
 4. Questions: How would you use your position to tackle the problems
 - a. Aaryan: Helping intl students integrate better with meet and greets
 - b. Tanwin: Integrating intl students by giving encouraging them to go to campus events
 - c. Claude: address career concerns, working with CDS and OGI to allow for better opportunities for intl students



5. Questions for Tanwin: Representing the intl community means knowing about visa and other intl specific problems.
 - a. Will educate himself on different statuses and information
 6. Question to Clade and Aaryan: If you were talking to a freshman intl student, what advice would you give
 - a. Aaryan: ensure they know about potential visa complications
 - b. Claude: don't be afraid to talk to people and get in contact with offices for an issues to get resources you need
 7. Closed Discussion
 8. Preliminary Vote A-approve B-deny C-abstain
 - a. Claude 30-0-0
 - b. Tanwin 3-26
 - c. Aaryan 6-22-1
 9. Vote A clade B aaryan
 - a. 26-0-0-0 congrats Claude
 - iii. HCSLA Representative
 1. Anthony Ibrahim
 - a. Intro: 3rd year bio students, need more participation for students, wants to be a voice to students and the smaller representations. Wants to address inconsistencies and wants to implement a s fair
 2. Question: Research fair vs research day ?
 - a. Get a feel at what students want to see rather than seeing only professor research
 3. Question: Large variety of major, how do you plan to work with major reps to help with problems that are college wide
 - a. Emphasize communication, and hear what problems they want to address
 4. Discussion:
 5. 21-3-1 congrats Anthony!
 - b. Senator Reports:
 - i. Business Representative: Sarah Inoue
 1. Event to help support art/musician students in the entrepreneurship space
 2. "How to Monetize Your Art"
5. New Business:
 - a. Swear In:
 - i. First Year Representative: Dia Jayadas
 - ii. First Year Representative: Anisha Reddy Kusunam
 - b. Senator Reports:
 - i. Albert Dorman's Honors College Representative: Soham K. Bhatnagar
 1. ADHC expanding the number of thesis tracks
 2. New scholarship program for 2027-2028 year
 3. Considering launching a new course for travel but still discussing due to geological issues
 - c. Funding the Extended Warren St. Gym Hours Proposal - postponed
6. Announcements
 - a. Headshot Makeups Next Wednesday Before GBM
 - b. Next Meeting
 - i. March 11th, 2026
 1. Teik C. Lim Public Forum!!!
 2. WEC Multipurpose Room



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AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
11 March 2026 | 4:00 PM
WEC Group Fitness

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. March 4th, 2026
3. Public Forum:
 - a. NJIT President, Teik C. Lim
 - i. NJIT Rankings, Exploration Day March 26th, #1 NJ midsize employer MTSM is ranked #62 in the country, unranked
 - ii. President Lim matches donations 1:1
 - iii. Will the Future supercomputer be available to all students
 - a. Yes, it will be for students and for industry use
 2. Can you speak on using HSI and other diversity initiatives in the future with the current situation with immigration
 - a. NJIT is committed to diversity, and supports students of all backgrounds. Top 20 in the country for producing minority engineers. Forward, we will continue to support students of all backgrounds
 - b. Intramural and Recreational Coordinator, Kyle Doctor
 - i. Increased involvement in intramural sports within the past year
 - ii. Raising female involvement and more involvement in general: suggestions including creating more non-competitive leagues, creating more female specific leagues, continue 3 offer events that extend beyond non traditional sports
 1. leading to an increase in signups
 - iii. Club Sports: advises 11 student clubs
 1. No women club sports, would like more communication and clarification on fundraising and club creation
 2. Need more student representation, working on incentives for attending
 - iv. Questions
 1. Is there any way to have a free agent team?
 - a. This is a good idea, there is no room this year as soccer fills up almost 3 weeks.
 2. Any data on intramurals being residents vs commuters
 - a. No, will find out this data next year. However, 66% of survey takers said the intramural times do not match their schedule, which can be attributed to this.
4. Old Business:3
 - a. Resignations
 - i. Financial Technology Representative: Joseph Rass
 - ii. Biochemistry Representative: Valarie Maly
 - b. Funding the Extended Warren St. Gym Hours Proposal
 - i. Summary: Student affairs seeks approval to use funds to cover student staffing costs for the extended gym hours for the remainder of the 2025-2026 academic year. Grant-based allocation. 2025-2026 \$4119.00 total; \$5.540.16 future yearly total
 - ii. Data from survey: Most people goes 3-4x a week, 75% use the extended hours frequently, 66% use the extended hours, 74% satisfied with extended hours, 97.9% say extended hours should continue, comments include extending hours more
 - iii. We are discussing if Senate should continue funding this initiative
 - iv. Discussion
 1. I like the initiative, people are unsatisfied with the hours only because they want the hours extended more
 2. This is a good use of senate funds



- v. Vote A-Approve B-deny C-abstain
 - 1. 24-1-1 We are continuing to fund the extended hours
- 5. New Business:
 - a. Swear In:
 - i. Newark College of Engineering: Bartek Broclawik
 - ii. International Student Representative: Claude Djuge Simo
 - iii. HCSLA Representative: Anthony Ibrahim
 - b. Student Affairs Grant Bylaws
 - i. Include athletic teams in eligibility of requesting grants
 - ii. Update proposal steps for grant requests, grant approval will be an announcement after approval from the two committees, as opposed to organizations coming to the GBM.
 - 1. Discussion
 - a. There are still criteria for getting these grants, must be applicable to student affairs type things. This option should be open to the athletics teams for events they want to host for students
 - b. Athletic already get a lot of money, there is not clear guideline of what money will be allocated for
 - c. Disagree, there are requirements and the committee will discuss and decide what is appropriate. Event/funds must be given back to NJIT community
 - d. Question: differentiate between intramural and athletics
 - i. Wording was very clear, only official athletic NJIT teams
 - e. Giving funding to a D1 athletic institution that already gets funding while clubs get their budget cut. There are more people in student organization than athletics and we don't have the money.
 - f. Students pay a mandatory athletics fee
 - g. Question: If there is an athletics fee, why would our student activities fee be allocated toward athletics
 - i. We are funding, but only for things strictly for competition not advertising. We'd like to make athletics more visible for the student body
 - 2. Vote for step 4 A-approve B- deny C-abstain
 - a. 10-16-1 Not moving to vote
 - 3. 10-17 GBM is not extended
 - c. Senator Report: Tabled
 - i. Ying Wu College of Computing Representative: Anthony De Nova
- 6. Announcements
 - a. Executive Elections Applications are open
 - b. Senior Senators Graduation Song Choice Bingo
 - c. Next Meeting
 - i. March 25th, 2026
 - 1. CKB Agile Strategy Lab

3/25/26

AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
25 March 2026 | 4:00 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. March 11th, 2026
3. Public Forum:
 - a. Student Senate Vice President of Student Affairs, Nandini Patel
 - i. Cans For Citations
4. Old Business:
 - a. Student Affairs Grant Bylaws
 - i. Including Athletics to apply for student affairs grants
 - ii. Grant Approval Process
 1. Discussion for grant approval process
 - a. What is preventing athletes from getting money from athletics?
 - i. They are able to, this is another avenue for them to do get funding for events
 - b. Concern about giving money to athletics last meeting, what has changed about the bylaws
 - i. The bylaws were not changed, this is being brought back as is
 - c. The committee can say no, we are not just giving money. They go through the standard grant process
 - d. Point of inquiry: What's the limit/cap to each sport
 - i. There is no cap, we also don't allocate money to each sport
 - e. Extend Discussion 25-2
 - f. Point of clarification: event must be for the school and follow conditions of bylaws
 - g. On the second part, it is redundant to have clubs present three times. Supportive of the amendment
 - h. Orgs should come to GBM because its the purpose of student senate to represent the entire student body
 - i. Committees are representatives of the student body, it is redundant and the committees serve a purpose
 - j. There is not enough time and not realistic to have every org come in. There are plenty of things that are decided that do not come to GBM.
 - k. POI: ABR committee does not have things come to GBM, for the sake of time a specified committee decides thing
 - l. Can we have the orgs come as consent agenda instead?
 - i. Consent agenda requires zero discussion
 - m. Extend Discussion 19-11
 - n. Suggestion of a friendly: The proposal grant approval will be presented during the Senate gbm under consent agenda presented by eboard member
 - o. Discussion on friendly amendment
 - i. Still redundant because any discussion would go to new business. Also an eboard member may not be able to answer all questions
 - ii. Consent agendas are a good compromise and rarely have issues
 1. Consent agendas don't have problems because they often don't deal with funding
 - iii. If student senate is approving it, then they should come to GBM
 - iv. Vote to move to 27-3
 - v. Vote 23-3-2 approved friendly amendment

- vi. Vote on on second half (GBM presentation part)
 - vii. 27-2-1 approved
 - viii. Move to open discussion on first half (athletics)
 - 1. Not voting to just give them money, leaving the option of funding open by approval of the committee
This is what Senate is here for
 - 2. Money is coming out of tuition, why isn't athletics funding these things?
 - a. The money is for only events, ones that
 - b. Athletics fee is much higher than student activities affairs. Athletics department should allocate money for the team events
 - c. Athletics has funding cuts
 - 3. Move to vote 20-7 we are voting
 - 4. Vote A-Approve B-Deny C-Abstain
 - 5. 21-10 Approved athletic teams can request event grants
 - b. Senator Report:
 - i. Ying Wu College of Computing Representative: Anthony De Nova
 - 1. Question: Did they decide to make the AI major
 - a. They are continuing to develop it
5. New Business:
- a. Student Affairs Event Grant Proposal
 - i. CADence: Additive Design Jam
 - 1. 4/4 8-hour event focus on CAD design
 - 2. Mission: challenge students to rapidly design and prototype medical solutions
 - 3. Question
 - a. Estimated head counts and how will you maximize attendance
 - i. Max is 40, emailed NJIT departments, went to classes to advertise, social media, flyers, CC poster
 - 4. Discussion
 - a. DEI event open to student population, support from makerspace, outside judges, student affairs approved as it is inclusive as well (projects are inclusion based)
 - b. POI: Is the event geared towards certain majors?
 - i. Open to everyone: Architecture, CS, Engineering, etc
 - c. Move to vote 20-3-1
 - d. Vote A-approve B-deny C-abstain
 - i. 24-2 Approved
 - b. Constitution
 - i. Eligibility for president
 - ii. College Reps meet with student reps
 - 1. Question
 - a. What happens with no major rep?
 - i. Falls upon VPAA
 - b. The reasoning behind it
 - i. Align goals,
 - c. Discussion
 - i. Great way to keep people accountable
 - ii. Biweekly meeting may be too frequent, monthly might be more sensible
 - iii. Friendly amendment to make it monthly
 - iv. Vote 25-1
 - v. Vote 29-0-0 approved
 - d. Discussion (President)
 - i. It's okay for president to be from outside senate

- ii. It's customary that every president has been a previous senator, common procedure of sgas at other schools
 - iii. In person training and experience is important
 - iv. Friendly amendment: major rep edit
 - v. Vote 5-20 denied
 - vi. Discussion on major rep monthly meetings
 - 1. This can be brought up in internal
 - vii. Move to vote 25-2
 - viii. Vote to approve constitution 24-2-2 approved
 - c. Standing Rules -Postponed to next meeting
- 6. Announcements
 - a. SP26 Referendum on First Semester Freshman Bidding Results
 - i. FOR: 58.7% AGAINST: 41.3%
 - ii. The Student Senate is bound by this result until March 14, 2027
 - iii. Senate will formally support and advocate for the continuation of the pilot program
 - iv. A resolution has been written that will be sent to administration
 - b. Study Sync
 - c. Move Out Waste Diversion Committee
 - d. DEI Committee
 - e. Senate Blood Drive Next Monday March 30th in the Campus Center Ballrooms! 🩸👩
 - i. Stop by and save lives 🩹
 - f. Additional Tabling Opportunity: Friday, March 27th!!
 - i. Sign Up Link for Tabling can be found in the Office Hours doc
 - g. Office Hours Cancelled Thursday for AI Exploration Day
 - i. Go to AI Exploration Day :P
 - h. Dice and Decks Casino Night 🎲
 - i. Come and help out let me know if you can help run tables
 - i. General Elections meeting starting next week
 - j. Next Meeting
 - i. April 1st, 2026
 - 1. CKB Agile Strategy Lab

4/1/26 - Extended PF

AGENDA
Student Senate Extended Public Forum
1 April 2026 | 3:30 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Public Forum: Senior Associate Dean of Students, Sean Dowd
 - a. Elevating Student Well-Being and Success at NJIT
 - b. Beacon: the persistence intelligence platform for higher education, population screening tool
 - i. Models data of the students
 - c. Data is reviewed with a holistic view. Using student responses and its connection to data: financial aid, tutoring center sign in. Overall to find solutions for students.
 - d. Key Success Metrics:
 - i. Screen <30% of first time full time students
 - ii. Increase Mantra Health care sign ups through screening
 - iii. Drive participation
 - e. 465 new signups to mantra, 10% increase in tutoring, food pantry, peer wellness coaching are being used by students
 - f. Student main challenges: academic, lack of motivation, financial
 - g. Health and Social Metrics
 - i. Areas to improve exist
 - h. Changes in Needs
 - i. Improved housing insecure, dropout risk, lack of career opportunities, food insecurity
 - i. Spring 2026 Actions
 - i. Partnering with 10+ offices
 - ii. Personalized recommendations to flagged students
 - iii. cCollaboration with First Year writing “Culture of Care”
 - j. Fall 2026 Plans
 - i. Determine the next cohort
 - ii. Coordinate with departments to help new cohort
 - iii. Focus group, engage students, partnerships
 - k. Questions
 - i. Opportunities for more proactive solutions?
 1. The office is reacting to concerns in a proactive timely manner
 - ii. Overall list of resources available to students?
 1. On the student affairs website there is a comprehensive list
 - iii. Does Beacon have reported results?
 1. The office has resources for the beacon surveys
 - iv. Money amount? Opening up to incoming first year students?
 1. Beacon’s pilot was no additional cost, we are awaiting the cost. Will consult with Dean Boger.
 2. Keeping mantra health, but also want the beacon with it
 - v. Transfer students, Intl students are good cohorts to focus on
 - vi. Funding: If senate pledge an amount, would it be for a singular year or contracted to contribute every year
 1. Yearly is preferred for continuity and the pledge is ideal, up to the senate at the end of the day
 - vii. Downsides?
 1. Flood of students to a specific resource, however will demonstrate demand which is a positive. There is a concern to overwhelm certain resources.

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AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
1 April 2026 | 4:00 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Attendance:
2. Late:
3. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. March 25th, 2026
4. Public Forum: Extended PF Sean Dowd
5. Consent Agenda: Approved!
 - a. NJIT Italian Club
 - b. Autodesk Design and Make Club
 - c. JerseySTEM
 - d. Society for the Advancement of Materials and Process Engineering
 - e. Nutrition Network
 - f. Run Club
6. Old Business:
 - a. Standing Rules
 - i. Dress Code
 - ii. Committee Confidentiality
 - b. Questions: Expand on confidentiality
 - i. Concerns with finance committee
 - c. Questions: Clarifying questions
 - d. Discussion
 - i. Agree with the dress code amendment
 - ii. Second part makes sense, haven't faced this issue but can see how it would work
 - iii. Move to friendly: remove "only to senators part"
 1. Move to vote to approve
 - a. 23-1 approved
 - iv. Sunshine Law: regulations that ensure transparency in gov't meetings and records.
 - v. Following this information, send back to committee to discuss public
 - vi. Move to recommit
 - vii. Vote 21-4, recommittng back to internal affairs committee (pt 2)
 - viii. Move to vote on dress code portion 23-1
 - ix. Vote: 28-0-0 approved!
7. New Business:
 - a. 2026 Spring Resolution - NJIT Town Halls
 - i. Would like to enhance town halls to be more student focused
 - ii. Recent town hall focused on institution metrics like rankings, but limited discussion on initiatives and concerns that affect students. Transparent communication on the initiatives that cater to student problems is preferred. University should acknowledge the challenges and problems being directly addressed to allow NJIT body to understand efforts.
 - iii. Question: explanation on what would change
 1. This is a recommendation toward what the town hall should be-a more student centered town hall.
 - iv. Question: How will they be held accountable
 1. Sending referendum, if it is not followed the vector will post about it
 - v. Questions: what is lacking from the town hall meetings
 1. Town halls should have more agenda items about what the university is doing to help students
 - vi. Discussion
 1. I like this, these town halls seem like open house speeches however as current students the town halls should be catered to the community. Current information is insufficient.
 2. Move to Vote 25-1
 3. Vote: 27-1 resolution is approved

- b. SFO Finance Bylaws
 - i. Section IV. Conferences, Retreats, and Competitions, Per diem rate clause replacing “\$40 daily”
 - ii. \$40 -> “per diem rate”
 - iii. Per diem rate changes every fiscal year
 - iv. Move to vote 28-0
 - v. Vote 28-0-0 approved
- 8. Reports
 - a. Ron Tidhar - Athletics Representative: POSTPONE
 - b. Maryam Safe - Civil Engineering Representative: POSTPONE
 - c. Claude Simo - International Student Representative: POSTPONE
- 9. Announcements
 - a. First Year Professional Development Fair Thursday 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
 - i. Please help
 - b. WE ARE FILMING A REEL FOR THE CONCERT. PLEASE STAY BACK FOR 3 MINUTES, postponed
 - c. Next Meeting
 - i. April 8th, 2026
 - 1. Eberhardt 112

4/8/26 - Extended PF

AGENDA
Student Senate Extended Public Forum
8 April 2026 | 3:00 PM
Ballroom A

1. Attendance:
 2. Public Forum:
 - a. Director of the Office of Inclusive Excellence, Rachel Walker
 - b. Executive Director of the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Eugene Deess
 - c. Evaluation and Assessment Director of OIE, Yi Meng
 - d. Chief Campus Culture Officer, Dr. David Jones
- The impact of the data
 - In Fall 2021 they did the first campus culture survey
 - Established the Chief Campus Culture Officer
 - The surveys are done every 4 years
 - The survey this year shows 50% response rate - increase from 12 the first year
 - More positive experience that students are having
 - Working w the committee on inclusive excellence to drive culture change on the campus
 - Will roll out the recommendations made through the survey in September
 - There's a need to work w faculty and continue to improve areas of belonging
 - Student voice contributes to real change
 - Student experience survey
 - Advising,
 - 20% response rate
 - Campus climate survey
 - Respect, belonging, inclusion, bias, safety,
 - 15% response rate
 - Student report a more positive experience overall compared to 2021
 - Academic and campus life are the key drivers of student satisfaction
 - Improvements: physical spaces, communication on policies and resources, opportunities for student engagement, inclusive instruction
 - Campus climate:
 - Only 4-5% disagree that they feel respected by their peers
 - NJIT falls in the top 10% for inclusiveness
 - More people feel a sense of belonging compared to 2021
 - How do we go about promoting friendships on campus when most students are commuters
 - This is a consistent problem that has shown up in these surveys
 - More people disagree with the statement of availability of diverse learning opportunities compared to other statements
 - People are making negative comments on student support, events, etc
 - Many negative themes on professors, therapy sessions, campus spaces, advisors, teaching, facilities, event timing,
 - Net promoter score
 - There is an issue of the loyalty and commitment students have to NJIT
 - What can be done to promote the idea of commitment to NJIT and to raise the promoter score?
 - The reputation of a school depends on the promoting of the school
 - How is it that NJIT can more effectively develop a culture where students would recommend NJIT to family and friends
 - Student Experience Survey
 - Satisfied with library and technology services
 - Least satisfied with food and facilities, campus life and academic programs

- Negative themes: parking, food, professors, facilities, curriculum, transportation, cleanliness
- Next steps:
 - Build the infrastructure by integrating data cross students
 - Apply the insights to deliver tailored dashboards, feedback loops, generate belonging and engagement indicators, etc
- What they need from us:
 - Promote surveys, give comments, encourage peer participation, provide ongoing feedback, partner on solutions
- Discussion
 - Parking deck is open but there is no one actively checking for IDs. It's unfair for a student who is paying for parking but when the deck is open, anyone can go in and park. It feels like the university is not being fiscally responsible with the money students are putting into it. Although parking is a continuous complaint, there is no active solution or measure being put into place. How would you mitigate a solution like that?
 - They can bring this issue to the parking services as it is inequitable to make people pay for parking while others do not incur the same charge
 - The net promoter score has been going down for who would recommend NJIT to others. Have you found why this is happening or solutions to mitigate this? What are the predictors of this score?
 - Every question asked is used as a predictor, but the main one is sense of belonging. Sense of belonging is improving, but there is no real reason as to why that number is low
 - One reason why it could be low is that NJIT isn't aiming to be a school to recommend as we are a special polytechnic school. It would have to be a different institution from what it is now if it wanted to be recommended to others
 - Can you give us more info on the topic of clubs being a 50/50 positive and negative theme of student connections?
 - There are reports out there on why this is the result
 - They ask question on how many clubs students participate
 - The clubs have been shown as important, team clubs seem to be more important to students in sense of belonging
 - They have advisory boards that discuss the problems students are facing from ICE to visas to resources
 - How much comparison is done to other school when it comes to these survey analysis.
 - They do not do comparisons to other schools as it must be very particular
 - A lot of the comparisons have been to 2021, is this because we have been coming off of the covid pandemic?
 - This is because we are mandated to do the survey every 4 years so it was the last time the survey was conducted
 - Students usually rate professors by how friendly they are, so how do you think this affects the results and analysis as we also want professors that give the best education
 - Questions are asked about the rating of the instructor and the educational value of the course. There is a correlation between the two but
 - Do you comment on the incentive for having higher metrics on these issues. Is there more than for the purpose of improving campus life
 - This is for the issue of continuous improvement. If people aren't satisfied with something, then they are able to hear about it and learn about it from these surveys.

4/8/26

AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
8 April 2026 | 4:00 PM
Ballroom A

1. Attendance:
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. April 1st, 2026
3. Public Forum:
4. Old Business:
 - a. Resignations
 - i. Mechanical Engineering Technology Representative: Wilkins Martinez
 - ii. School of Applied Engineering Technology Representative: Jhabril Harris
5. New Business:
 - a. Constitutional Changes
 - i. Club Policy Manager should have experience as an eboard member
 - ii. Created Organization Manager
 - iii. Committee cabinet members are held to the same standard as senators
 - iv. Questions
 1. What is the difference btw DSO and Club policy advisor
 - a. Advisor is an exec in a different student org that can come give insight and DSO manages all the student orgs
 2. Is it one of each?
 - a. There is no limit for these positions
 3. Is there a dress code for committee meetings
 - a. No
 - v. Discussion
 1. It makes sense
 - vi. Vote: 22-5 Approved
 - b. Capital Project: NJIT Beach Volleyball Court Revitalization
 - i. Commit
 - c. SFO Finance Bylaws
 - i. Semantic changes
 - ii. Budget restructuring form cant be used to move funds to new event not initially approved
 - iii. Unused grants will be returned to Treasury committee
 - iv. Grants are non transferable and cannot be restructured towards another category
 - v. End of Year reports
 - vi. NSOs transitioning to an RSO in the spring may request up to \$700
 - vii. NSOs transitioning to an RSO in the spring may request transition grants for spring in the fall
 - viii. Questions:
 1. If a club thinks of an event later why can't they repurpose the funds to that?
 - a. There is a specific form for changing that budget. Adding an additional event is requesting more money for their budget. The restructuring form can't be used to add more money
 2. Are clubs able to make an event and if they have money left over, can they shift money from one event to the new event?
 - a. Technically yeas but it is based on the review of the purpose shift form that they submit
 - b. This is to make sure that money is used towards a mission appropriate event
 - c. They cannot change the number of allocations of their budget
 - ix. Discussion:
 1. POI: Is there a new form of grant for the NSOs transitioning or is it the same type of grant?
 - a. Is is not under a category fo a new type of grant but essentially it is the same type of grant but received in a different way

2. POI: if these changes would be approved, when would it be applicable?
 - a. It would be immediately applicable after the gbm
3. POI: If an org requests 1000 and they only spend 800, then this means they cant use the 200 for another event? What if they use the budget restructuring form?
 - a. You can use the money for another event but you can restructure it towards something else
4. Most of this is semantic changes or things mostly enforced already. It makes sense but we can commit a certain section to the committee for more clarification. Look into making a way to shift excess funds to another event as events can be different and need different funding based on audience and attendance
5. The act of getting funding funding for new event is prohibited by orgs the only people that can get funding for new events it through the student affairs grant
- x. Extend discussion 19-10
 1. Wants to recommit to make everything consistent across and committing will allow for more discussion and thought on the process
 - a. Recommitting this doesn't make sense as this process already is in place, its just being put into writing. This is more of a systematic change to be made if anything wants to change. Make a proposal to ABR, treasury, and finance if you want to make an operational change
 2. Move to vote - objected
 3. We have been functioning using this process the whole time, but its not a good process. Would committing this back to committee allow the time to make the change?
 - a. No, you would have to join the committee to make the change of the operation, everyone has the opportunity to come in and discuss to make the change
 4. Everyone needs to take a step back and go through roberts rules to fully understand how the governance of finances. This discussion should not be happening and we need to evaluate
- xi. Vote - 19-8-4 Reopen discussion
 1. The way the changes are presented, they aren't changing the way the current policy is working. Does not agree with how the system is set up bt thats a larger proposal that needs to happen outside of this. Approve this, then go back to the committee and change the process overall.
 2. This is a matter of transparency. This needs more time, in favor of approving for transparency and then changing policy outside
- xii. Vote - 25-1-1 Approved
- d. Student Senate Finance Bylaws
 - i. For the Student Senate to host a campus engagement event, it must charter to a relevant USO and cohost to conduct it
 - ii. This improves the relationship btw extensions of senate (usos and osil)
 - iii. Finance committee will make recommendations regarding the continuation, modification of funding
 - iv. Student affairs initiatives must be submitted to the finance committee 6 weeks in advance for review and then must be presented at the gbm
 - v. Proposals will be evaluated based on alignment of the respective mission
 - vi. The USOs and OSII will be included in the Student Senate end of semester and year report
 - vii. If senate cant allocate 25% of its annual budget to ABR and treasury, finance committee will determine an appropriate amount to allocate
 - viii. Student Senate chartered entities will have priority for additional funding from sales/revenue from the previous academic year as needed
 - ix. Questions:
 1. Will the amount allocated to student orgs be approved by gbm?
 - a. No that is done by finance committee

x. Discussion:

1. The changes make sense. For the end of the year report, why is it combined?
 - a. We are trying to make everything uniform, we are not separate entities. Having everyone in one report makes everything more streamlined
2. Friendly: Such events require approval from the VPF, Finance Committee, and DPR

a. Discussion:

- i. What is the reasoning behind wanting these people
 1. The VPF is in charge of all the spending so they should have approval. And the DPR is in charge of the image of senate so any events should be approved by them to anything senate is putting their name on is in benefit of senate
- ii. What is the reasoning of having both finance committee and VPF if the VPF would make the decision anyways
 1. The chair has power to veto always
- iii. There is legitimacy to this previous point. Having both the committee and the chair is redundant

b. Vote: 8-19-3 Denied

- i. Friendly: Such events require approval from the Finance Committee and DPR
 1. Denied by VPF
- ii. We all represent Senate so its fine as the finance committee.
- iii. Anything approved in finance committee is ensured to be following senates mission
- iv. Any first year event had to go through finance and dpr, so the pr committee should be in the conversation of the approval of events. If its already done for first year events
- v. Friendly: Such events require approval from the Finance Committee and the Public Relations Committee
 1. It should be specified that it goes through pr for only branding guidelines and senate image, not for the event itself
 2. PR committee works to oversee all events. It is prs job to see these events line up
 3. Disagree with this friendly. Having a proposal pass through 2 committees and then go to gbm is too long of a timeline. Talk to the people planning the event
 4. POI: This is strictly talking about senate event that don't have to go to gbm. Any event that senate cant host will get charted to the respective uso, so the approval process is for the finances
 5. Its not a good enough reason to say we dont want an extra checks and balances because it would extend the timeline. Events needs to be planned far in advance, so it would be good to have an additional eye on this esp if it doesnt go through gbm
 6. Vote 26-3-2 Approved
- vi. What would happen to first years for events, if they do an event similar to what SAC does?
 1. Since first years are on senate, they are senators, thus they have to follow these rules
- vii. How do we allow first years to develop as senators? If they wanted to run an event that aligns with a USO, will they be shut down or will they have to go down a different avenue?

1. The first year event is an element, but the idea of a first year is to represent your year. How are first years adding something new and specialized from the senate for the first years
 - viii. Events like professional development have also been done by other orgs
 1. This specific section is about USOs and overlap btw them and senate
 - ix. So it is ok for an overlap btw orgs and senate but not USOs and senate
 1. Yes, the committee approved that as senate has professional development opportunities through external affairs where their function is also aligned with professional development
 - x. If we find that this would impede first year event in the future we can change it but it makes sense
 - c. Vote: 23-6-1 approved
6. Senator Reports
 - a. Ron Tidhar - Athletics Representative
 - i. Established the athletics rep role in senate
 - ii. Promoting games
 - iii. Sent out surveys
 - iv. Met with director of athletics, and other administrators
 - b. Maryam Safe - Civil Engineering Representative
 - i. New BS in Environmental Engineering
 - ii. New minor
 - iii. Problems with electives
 - iv. FE Exam success initiative
 - c. Claude Simo - International Student Representative
 - i. Met with OGI
 1. OGI's responsibility signs with visas and similar issues
 - ii. Student ambassador program
 - iii. There are strict federal limitations
 - iv. Proposed meeting with GSA
 - v. Wants to advocate for more flexible policies and initiatives
 - d. David Pritchard - Mathematical Science Representative
 - i. Math Science Undergraduate Research Involvement Fair
 1. Not enough interest
 - ii. Math Lightning Talk Series
 1. Professional development talks in conjunction w PiLanders
 - e. Sam - Applied Physics Representative
 - i. Physics dept wants to implement mcgraw hill connect
 - ii. Adopt an advising checklist as a department wide advising tool
 - iii. It is unclear who advises spring admits
 - iv. Discussion standardizing course titles nationwide for compliance
7. Announcements
 - a. Banquet
 - i. RSVP for Banquet
 - ii. Vote for Banquet Awards
 - b. SIGN UP FOR A MULTICULTURAL SHIFT!!! 🌍🔥



- c. Seniors fill out the form in the email please
- d. Public Hearing on the FY27 Tuition, Fees, and Housing Rates
 - i. Thursday April 9th at 10 AM
- e. Next Meeting
 - i. April 15th, 2026
 - 1. CKB Agile Strategy Lab

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AGENDA
Student Senate Meeting
15 April 2026 | 4:00 PM
CKB Agile Strategy Lab

1. Attendance:
 - a.
2. Minutes to Approve:
 - a. April 8th, 2026
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Circle K International
 - i. Approved unanimously, organizes service projects on campus and greater newark
 - b. New Jersey Institute of Technology College Democrats
 - i. Space for political topics to be discussed, engage student body
4. New Business:
 - a. Student Affairs Grant Bylaws: tabled to after New organization approval
 - i. Rewrote bylaws for consistency among OSIL handbook and other rules
 1. Grant eligibility
 2. Proposal Grant Requests
 3. Event Grant Requests
 4. Event Grant Conditions
 - a. May not be used for greek recruitment
 - b. Funds may not be used to provide monetary and in-kind donations
 - c. May be used to purchase supplies for the event
 5. Approval of Grant
 - ii. Questions
 - iii. Discussion
 1. These bylaws are more streamlined and coherent, I like the restrictions added
 - iv. Vote
 1. 28-0-0 approved!
 - b. New Organization Approval
 - i. NJIT Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE)
 1. Went through the appeal process and approved. Initially rejected because they did not submit a required document (system error)
 2. Questions:
 - a. Events you hope to run?
 - i. Will determine soon
 - b. How do you incorporate systems engineering?
 - i. We haven't because of the process delay, we have done networking events
 3. Closed Discussion
 - a. All requirements, only had a submission error
 - b. 28-0-0 approved
5. Executive Reports:
 - a. Vice President of Student Affairs: Nandini Patel
 - i. Warren St Gym hours funding
 - ii. Cans for citations - not continuing further
 - iii. Study Sync
 1. Added writing tutors, aiming to host more engagement events next year
 - iv. Referendum on first year bidding
 - v. Ad Hoc Committee
 1. Move out waste diversion program
 - vi. Vending machines: working to bring AI powered vending machines
 - vii. Greek Way: wifi, water bottle filling stations, locks
 - viii. Mantra Health
 - ix. Grant Bylaws
 1. Gave 2 orgs grants: CADence and Pi Kappa Phi

- x. Questions:
 - 1. Ice machines
 - a. Can be brought up!
 - 2. Study sync numbers?
 - a. Numbers aren't ideal, attendance is not taken perfectly and not advertised enough
 - 3. Any discussion on locks of bathrooms of martinson?
 - a. Didn't know, will bring to andrew christ tomorrow
- 6. Senator Reports:
 - a. Industrial Engineering Representative: David Shockley
 - i. Certification education to student body including six sigma, FE exam, PMP, etc
 - ii. Initial meeting with interim chair
 - 1. IISE discussion, future meeting planned next monday
 - b. Architecture Representative: Richard Bregman
 - i. Schedule and Elective changes
 - ii. Studio Safety and Wellbeing
 - iii. HCAD tutoring and class help
 - iv. Study abroad options for students
 - v. IST help and studio PCs
 - vi. Improvement on studio culture
 - c. Cyberpsychology Representative: Amanda Montero
 - i. Cyberpsych to psych
 - ii. BS instead of a BA
 - iii. Addition of specific classes to program
 - iv. Changes of specific classes to program
 - v. Talk of further tracks in the future
 - vi. internship/co-op opportunities
 - vii. Have certifications within psych
 - d. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer: Natalia Peña
 - i. Cultural Initiatives
 - ii. Committee on Inclusive Excellence meetings
 - e. Chemical Engineering Representative: Parker Moorhead
 - i. CS115, Statistics, Research opportunities, Thermodynamics and Pchem updates
 - ii. Feedback session
 - iii. Adjusting course times
 - f. Business & Information Systems Representative: Arjun Merchant
 - i. Meeting w/ Calron Dover
 - ii. IS117 218 curriculum
 - iii. Integrating investment strategy into IS Coursework
 - g. Newark College of Engineering Representative: Bartek Broclawik
 - i. System to track student concerns
 - ii. Serving on student advisory board
 - iii. Bergen CC communication for a student pipeline
 - iv. Trying to schedule 1on1 with Moshe Kam
- 7. Announcements
 - a. Student Affairs Event Grant:
 - i. Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity: War of the Roses
 - 1. Apr 21-24
 - b. Next Meeting
 - i. April 22nd, 2026
 - 1. Eberhardt 112

Tab 14

