SENATE
NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

MINUTES
Student Senate Meeting
25 November 2020, 11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

1. Attendance
2. Minutes to Approve
   a. November 18, 2020
3. Public Forum
   a. Blake Haggerty Executive Director of Digital Learning & Technology Support
   b. Kamalika Sandell Vice Provost and Chief Information Officer NJIT
      i. They ordered equipment in march right as the pandemic started shutting down the country. Converged equipment is stationary as opposed to previous dynamic carts moving around campus for setups which is better right now. Owl systems are going to be transitioned out because their follow system is distracting. Looking into whiteboards that will transmit the written marks digitally for converged classrooms. To answer a question they do have wireless mics to let professors have dynamic lectures. They transitioned moodle to canvas over the course of a year and are happy with the performance. Iclicker web app for free to let interaction happen in person and online at the same time. Proctoring is aligned with peer institutions via the softwares we use. They encourage professors to use live mass video calls. Banner is a better software than Kamalika's old university; they are going to move Banner to the cloud.
4. Reports
   a. Ameera Seetahal Chemical Engineering Representative Department Chair Meeting
      i. Met with Dr. Axe, reviewed survey results. Students mentioned specific classes, students wanted more interaction, more applicable problems, better exams, and more. Students want to transition to python over c++, they said it's not replaceable at this time. Going to review orgo 1 and 2 class to potentially refine material because it is a lot for students.
5. Old Business
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6. New Business
   a. Student Organizations Approval
      i. Lego Club (24 Yae) (1 Abstain)
         1. Contribute to student happiness. Large lego models, like the thinker. Would like to sell some products to the njit bookstore. Foster teamwork and creativity. Giveaway lego mini sets as events. Lego build battles events.
      ii. Investment Fund (TABLED)
         1. Analysts would be student members. Donations of $40,000 in a portfolio from the school of management. Would provide students learning opportunities.
      iii. SIGCHI (21 Yae) (1 Nae) (2 Abstain)
         1. Human computer interaction organization related. Supported by ACM national organization, but affiliated with our ACM on campus.
      iv. SPS (science and politics society) (22 Yae) (2 Nae) (1 Abstain)
         1. A place for njit students to engage in respectful political discussions, have speakers, and have volunteering opportunities
   b. Finance Bylaws Amendments
   c. Announcements
   d. Senate Giving
   e. Next Meeting
      i. December 2nd, 2020

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1. Zoom