

## AGENDA Student Senate Meeting 16th October 2024, 4:00 PM CKB Agile Strategy Lab

- 1. Attendance
- 2. Minutes to Approve
  - a. October 23rd, 2024
- 3. Consent Agenda
  - a. Process for Recruiting Committee Cabinet Members
    - Establishes voting for cabinet members as the same process for GBM but with simple majority.
  - b. Committee Cabinet wording change
    - i. Majority to Simple Majority
- 4. Public Forum:
  - a. Ed Wozencroft, Vice President for Digital Strategy and Chief Digital Officer, Vice President Digital Strategy CIO
    - i. Working to get more AI into the school
    - ii. Student powered cyber security program
    - iii. Get hands on experience to a lot more majors and get paid for it
    - iv. Partnering with smaller businesses
    - v. Ouestions
      - 1. Who do I email?
        - a. Email directly Wozencraft
      - 2. Are there still openings?
        - a. Ask kamil and ben
      - 3. AI used in classroom surveys?
        - a. Shows that student are different from faculty, the harder questions on there are for true feedback and data that is needed
      - 4. Where in AI research are you looking to delve into
        - a. Every aspect since AI is so wide open
      - 5. Is there a way to view everything that might be needed for financial data?
        - a. Will be opened up to organizations
  - Blake Haggerty Associate Vice President Digital Learning & Campus Support & Deputy CIO, Vice President Digital Strategy CIO
- 5. Old Business:
  - a. Constitutional Changes #5
    - i. Removing workshops we don't actually end up running
    - ii. Setting minimum of one at the start and end of the semester (4 week)
    - iii. DSO needs to post the schedule before the semester starts
    - iv. Impeachment wording changes
    - v. Questions
      - 1. Is it specifically required for treasurer or finance
        - a. Need the specific parts of the club, the treasurer and other so they aren't just discussing budget but all club matters at cabinets
    - vi. Discussion
      - 1. Friendly amendment
        - a. Article 8, section 5

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- i. Attended by the VPF for the first meeting
- b. Ended 25-1
- c. Vote
  - i. Approved 22-2-1
- 2. Ended Discussion 26-0
- 3. Vote
  - a. 26-0
- b. Constitutional Changes #6
  - i. Defining the actual governing documents of the Senate
  - ii. Semantic amendments for clarifying text without having to bring it through gbm
  - iii. Secretary can determine whether an amendment is semantic or not
  - iv. Eboard can veto secretaries decision
  - v. Announcements and put into the minutes
  - vi. Discussion
    - 1. Ended 23-0
  - vii. Vote
- Approved 27-0
- 6. New Business:
  - a. New Student Organization
    - i. Munch Madness
      - 1. Competition based food eating club
      - 2. Questions
        - a. Finish your presentation
          - i. Present, convince and debate what is the better food item
          - ii. Prediction bracket prize
          - iii. Provide students with fun and relaxed setting where they can develop their talking skills and foster a community
          - iv. Give back to the newark community through food drives
        - b. How many people are coming and the future
          - i. Averaging 20-30 students not all are from NJIT
          - ii. Collab with more clubs
        - c. Discussion
          - i. Good reach for the Newark Community
          - ii. Good ideas
          - iii. Ended 25-0
        - d. Vote
          - i. Approved 27-0
    - ii. Remote Area Medical
      - Service based organization focused on giving health care to those who aren't able to afford it.
      - 2. Questions
        - a. Different from other health clubs
          - i. Healthcare disparities and helping marginalized communities
          - ii. We provide direct care
          - . How much have you been involved with RAM
            - i. Went to a few clinics, as a chapter they would be able to provide manpower and help these clinics
      - 3. Discussion
        - a. They have a national chapter backing them
        - b. Great for volunteering for pre-health students



- c. Would be good for supporting the community and those without healthcare
- d. Opens up great experience for the pre health track
- e. Possible track for honors kids
- f. Ended Discussion 27-0
- 4. Vote
  - a. Approved 25-2
- iii. Girl Gains
  - 1. Nationwide organizations made to empower looking to get into fitness in a safe environment
  - 2. Body positivity, courage, and strength
  - 3. GBM, group lifts, fitness classes
  - 4. Questions
    - a. What events?
      - i. Guest speakers, all types of fitness, boxing, hiking,
      - ii. Community bonding events
    - b. Non-binary only hour?
      - i. It's not for those communities only, but it's an hour for club members to feel safe and uplifted in the gym environment.
  - 5. Discussion
    - a. Good energy and inclusivity
    - b. Good strategies and backing
    - c. Fit all the requirements
    - d. Controversy online, looking to restrict people from going to the gym
    - e. Safety of the students
    - f. Net positive for the school
    - g. Ended discussion 25-4
  - 6. Vote
    - a. Approved 25-1-1
- 7. Executive Reports
- 8. Senator Reports
  - a. Marwan Kashkoush Applied Physics
    - i. Faculty agrees but its hard to implement because of the number of students
    - ii. Never tried to but it is possible
    - iii. Close off part of curriculum for physics students so they don't have to learn items that should've been taught
  - b. Marianne Doss Albert Dorman Honors College
    - i. Tabled
  - c. Jelani Blow Civil Engineering
    - i. Tabled
  - d. Natalia Pena Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
    - i. Tabled
- 9. Announcements
  - a. Next Meeting
    - i. November 6th, 2024
      - 1. Campus Center Ballroom
  - b. Remember to do your Senator Reports!!
    - i. You need 2 a semester
  - c. Feedback Fair
    - i. November 20th, 2024
      - 1. Campus Green



- 2. Coordinate with your College Representative!
- d. Kick or Treat
  - i. October 31st, 6pm to 8pm
  - ii. If you are in office hours tomorrow you will be expected to help out until 7
  - iii. If you can help out after that until 8, that would be much appreciated
- e. Senator Spotlight for September and October
  - I wonder who it will be...

## **SECTION 8 - Process for Recruiting Committee Cabinet Members**

- 1. Cabinet recruitment may start as soon as the committee is able to meet as per the Constitution.
- A Senator or Student-at-Large that wishes to become a Committee Cabinet member must inform their chair of their interest.
- 3. Any student not currently involved in Senate must fill out the Cabinet Application form on Highlander Hub and specify their desired position on the form, following all instructions.
  - a. To be approved, the candidate must fulfill the requirements set forth in the Constitution for their desired position. The Director of Student Involvement & Leadership will check and approve all requirements.
  - b. The Cabinet Application shall be opened no later than the last week of August, and closed no earlier than the first week of March.
    - i. Cabinet Positions within the Senior Class, DEI, and Elections committees may accept applications until the first week of May at the discretion of the Committee Chair.
- 4. Once their application is received, the Vice President of Administration will review their application and send it to the appropriate committee chair within two weeks of approval.
- 5. The candidate(s) are then invited for an interview by the committee of the cabinet position they have applied for.
  - a. The chair of the committee must interview a potential Cabinet member within two weeks of their application being approved.
  - b. The chair of the committee shall brief their committee members on the criteria they are looking for in the candidates and other information regarding the candidates.
- 6. After the interview, candidate(s) will be temporarily moved outside of the room, as well as any voting members that must abstain from the voting process.
- 7. The final vote of the individual is majority with the options including the candidate(s), abstain, and no confidence.
  - a. In the case that the position has no limit on the number of spots available, the committee shall vote for each candidate individually instead of pitting the candidates against each other.
  - b. In the case of more than two candidates running for the same position, and that position being limited in nature, the first motion to vote shall be a preliminary approval vote, in which all Senators vote yea, nay, or abstain on each candidate individually. The two candidates with the highest percentage of yeas will then be moved to the final vote. After the preliminary vote, a senator may move to either extend discussion or move to the final vote.
- 8. If the candidate is denied, they may still become a student-at-large at that committee, or choose to run for a different cabinet position. The student must wait until the next semester to apply for the same cabinet position.