



**GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

**@ NJIT**

General Body Meeting - II

Meeting Minutes

9/23/2009

## 2.1 Attendees

E-board : Jaskirat Sodhi, Ashish Borgaonkar, Ashumeet Singh, Chitra Sridhar, Anurag Verma, Bharathwaja R.V

Voting Members: Gaurav Bagwe (BME), Balavignesh Thirumalainambi(MIE), Guogen Liu (Chem Engg.), Daniel Cargill (Math), Samarth Trivedi (Chemistry), Ashish Borgaonkar (Civil), Anil Shirrao(ECE) and Ke Yang (IS).

Clubs: CSSA, GAMEs, GBMES, Transportation, SPE, MSG, Sanskar, DeepCS, TSA, ISPE.

2.2 Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm

2.3 Meetings minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 09/09/09 was approved.

Motion was passed by Gaurav Bagwe and seconded by Ashish Borgaonkar. Motion was approved with 8-0-0 voting in favor.

2.4 Patricia Di Joseph was proposed for holding the position of the club representative for the term 09-10. She introduced herself. Motion was passed by Guogen Liu and seconded by Gaurav Bagwe. Motion was approved with 8-0-0 voting in favor.

2.5 Member Emeritus candidates were introduced in the last meeting and the voting was done this week.

a. Motion to have Chris Wamble was proposed by Gaurav Bagwe and seconded by Anil Shirrao. Motion was approved with 8-0-0 voting in favor.

b. Motion to have Lydia Pan was proposed by BalavigneshThirumalainambi and seconded by Ashish Borgaonkar. Motion was approved with 8-0-0 voting in favor.

2.6 GSA budget was presented in the last General Body Meeting. It has been approved by the NJIT administrators. The total budget for the FY 09-10 is \$158,250. The budget is in effect.

2.7 Constitution Committee updates were given. Still some grammatical errors, corrections and typo's have to be taken care of. Certain articles have to be reviewed. Recommendations from representatives were requested.

2.8 Update on the Research Abroad Stipend was given. E-mail was sent out on list-server asking for applications. Last date for receiving the applications is Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. It will be discussed on the Oct 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2.9 Election is scheduled for next week. Nominees introduced themselves. Bios of the nominees were requested and can be handed over to GSA election supervisor before 3:00 pm on 9/24/09. Election delay was justified. Elections will start most probably from 09/28/09.

#### 2.10 Announcements

- a. Phantom of Opera tickets will be sold from 09/30/09. Event on 10/07/09. Total 50 tickets.
- b. Highlander games are being held by NJIT on 10/10/09. Everyone was encouraged to participate and be present.
- c. GSA sports fest schedule is being worked upon and will be up on the GSA website by 09/28/09.
- d. Rafting trip success was briefed. A total of 110 people attended.
- e. Staff appreciation breakfast is being hosted by GSA on 10/01/09. It is to appreciate all staff who help GSA.
- f. Thesis and Dissertation Workshop is to be held on 09/30/09. It's mandatory for those graduate students who are doing thesis/dissertation.
- g. CSSA is holding a Networking and Job Searching workshop on 09/26/09. CSSA is also hosting Moon Festival on 10/03/09.
- h. Deep CS is conducting LINUX workshop on 09/30/09.
- i. SPE welcome party is on 09/24/09.
- j. Sanskar freshers' party is on 09/25/09.

Motion to approve the line item for CSSA Moon Festival was passed by Balavignesh Thirumalainambi and Seconded by Ashish Borgaonkar. Motion was approved with 8-0-0 voting in favor.

#### 2.11 Other Business

- a. Clubs who missed out GSA workshop were given first warning. They were informed that at the third warning, clubs lose their status and funds provided by GSA.
- b. Dr Kane insisted on Health Insurance for all the Domestic Students.
- c. GBMES will be sending their new constitution for the records of GSA.

2.12 Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm. Motion was passed by Samarth Trivedi.