New York City College of Technology General Board Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: A-106

Attendees:

•   Board Members Present: [List board members and key attendees, if specified]
•   Clubs Represented: Various clubs including Architecture Club, IDC, PTW Club, Data Science, Girls Who Code, Students for Justice in Palestine, and others.

Agenda and Minutes:

1. Budget Allocation for Student Clubs

•   Discussion: The budget committee proposed a $700 allocation for each student club for Fall 2024, with a total club budget of $55,299. Members discussed the suitability of this allocation.
•   Motion: [Name] motioned to approve $700 per club; [Name] seconded.
•   Vote: 09
•   In Favor: 8
•   Opposed: 0
•   Abstentions: 1
•   Outcome: Motion passed; $700 per club approved.

2. Approval of SGA Leadership Retreat Budget

•   Discussion: The proposed $47,200 retreat budget initially required 45% funding from SGA, 45% from student clubs, and 10% from CAB. Concerns were raised over using significant student funds for the retreat, suggesting alternatives.
•   Motion: [Name] motioned to approve the $21,240 allocation from SGA; [Name] seconded.
•   Vote: 09
•   In Favor :01
•   Opposed: Majority opposed, motion failed.
•   Alternative Motion: Revised funding with 35% from SGA and 10% from clubs.
•   Motion: motioned to approve this revised allocation; seconded.
•   Vote: 09
•   In Favor: Majority
•   Outcome: Motion passed with majority support.

3. Approval of New Student Government Officers

- Discussion: After interviews, the ad hoc committee presented several candidates for SGA positions, including Tamika Flores (Senior Professional Studies), Maureen O'Hare (Senior Technical and Design), and others.
- Motion: motioned to approve all candidates; seconded.
- Vote:09
- In Favor: Unanimously approved
- Outcome: Motion passed; all candidates confirmed.

4. Certification of New Student Clubs

- The following clubs presented their missions, objectives, and plans for student benefits. After each presentation, motions were raised, and votes were conducted for certification.
    - a. Architecture Club (AC)
        Mission: Compete in sustainable design, such as the Solar Decathlon.
        Motion: motioned to certify Architecture Club; seconded.
        Vote: 09
        In Favor: 09
        Outcome: Motion passed; Architecture Club certified.
    - b. Interdisciplinary Design Club (IDC)
        Mission: Foster collaboration across design, media, and engineering disciplines.
        Motion: motioned to certify IDC; seconded.
        Vote: 09
        In Favor: Unanimous
        Outcome: Motion passed; IDC certified.
    - c. Professional and Technical Writing Club (PTW)
        Mission: Develop skills in writing, editing, and communication across disciplines.
        Motion: motioned to certify PTW Club; [Name] seconded.
        Vote: 09
        In Favor: Unanimous
        Outcome: Motion passed; PTW Club certified.
    - d. Data Science and Technology Innovation Club
        Mission: Provide opportunities in data science through hackathons and projects.
        Motion: [Name] motioned to certify Data Science Club; [Name] seconded.
        Vote:09
        In Favor: Unanimous
        Outcome: Motion passed; Data Science Club certified.
    - e. Girls Who Code
        Mission: Empower female students to learn coding and engage in tech fields.
        Motion: motioned to certify Girls Who Code; seconded.
        Vote:09

In Favor: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion passed; Girls Who Code certified.

    f. Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP)

        Mission: Advocate for Palestinian rights and celebrate cultural identity.

        Motion: motioned to certify SJP; seconded.

        Vote:09

        In Favor: Unanimous

        Outcome: Motion passed; SJP certified.

    g. Black National Society OF Black Engineers Chapter (NSBE)

        Mission: Support and represent Black engineering students in their career paths.

        Motion: motioned to certify Black Engineers Society; seconded.

        Vote:09

        In Favor: Unanimous

        Outcome: Motion passed; Black Engineers Society certified.

    h. Women in Engineering

        Mission: Promote gender equality in engineering fields through networking and mentorship.

        Motion: motioned to certify Women in Engineering; seconded.

        Vote:09

        In Favor: Unanimous

        Outcome: Motion passed; Women in Engineering certified.

    i. Data Science Club

        Mission: Provide access to resources, hackathons, and data science projects.

        Motion: motioned to certify Data Science Club; seconded.

        Vote:09

        In Favor: Unanimous

        Outcome: Motion passed; Data Science Club certified.

    j. South Asian Student Association

        Mission: Create an inclusive space for discussions on community and cultural topics.

        Motion: motioned to certify South Asian Student Association; seconded.

        Vote: 09

        In Favor: Unanimous

        Outcome: Motion passed; South Asian Student Association certified.

    k. City Tech Maker Faries

        Motion: motioned to City Tech Maker Faries; seconded.

        Vote: 09

        In Favor: Unanimous

        Outcome: Motion passed;City Tech Maker Faries.

    L. Green Spaces Club

        Motion: motioned to Green Spaces Club; seconded.

        Vote: 09

        In Favor: Unanimous

Outcome: Motion passed;City Tech Green Spaces Club.

5. Upcoming Student Events and Initiatives

- Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway: Plan to distribute frozen turkeys to students in need through the campus food pantry. Event scheduled for late November.
- Action Item: Finalize logistics and notify students.
- Holiday Harmony Event: Planned for December, featuring a holiday-themed celebration with music and activities.
- Action Item: Confirm budget and finalize details.
- Potluck Collaboration: Potential for a campus-wide potluck in collaboration with various clubs.
- Action Item: Secure space and set dates.

Decisions Summary

- Club Budget: $700 per club allocation approved.
- SGA Retreat Budget: Revised allocation of 35% SGA and 10% club funding approved.
- Officer Appointments: All nominees confirmed.
- Club Certifications: Each presented club was certified.
- Event Planning: Thanksgiving and Holiday Harmony events to proceed.

Next Meeting

- Date and Time: To be scheduled
- Location: [Specify, if known]

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