



RUSA Minutes April 12th, 2018

7:30pm @ Student Activities Center

Statements are paraphrased and consolidated for the Minutes

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1. Call to Order
 - a. @7:34pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Unanimously Approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
 - a. Unanimously Approved
5. Consent Agenda
 - a. Resolution on the Schedule of Meetings
 - i. Unanimously Approved
6. Presentations
 - a. Fall 2018 Allocations Budget Presentation
 - i. The RUSA Allocations Board presented on how the allocation process works and then answered questions. The Budget itself will be voted on at the next meeting of the Assembly.
 - b. RUSA 2018-2019 Budget Presentation
 - i. Nick Pellitta, RUSA Allocations Board Chair, and Shannon Chang, prior RUSA Treasurer, presented the budget in place of the RUSA Treasurer and then answered questions. The Budget itself will be voted on at the next meeting of the Assembly.
 - c. Spring 2018 Elections Report Presentation

- i. Viktor Krapivin, Chair of the Spring 2018 Elections Committee, presented an overview of the report and recommendations and then answered questions.
- d. 5 minute recess
 - i. Unanimously Approved

7. Internal Elections

Debate following the speech and Q&A (total of 7 minutes per candidate) for each election will consist of no less than the following debate procedures (unless there is a suspension of the rules):

Debate #1- moderated caucus, 2 speakers in favor of each candidate (alternating), 2 minute speaking time each

Debate #2- 5 minutes unmoderated caucus

a. Parliamentarian

i. Candidates

1. N. Tharney
2. Nicholas LaBelle

ii. Debate 1:

1. Alex Anderson, Tharney

- a. The experience in booking rooms is extremely important
- b. Has experience with evaluating and rewriting the rules
- c. I've never seen him make a mistake
- d. He knows the current Robert's Rules very well, Alex references a meme involving Tharney and Chris Kay

2. Neeharika Thuravil, LaBelle

- a. Reaching out to new members is honorable
- b. Model UN training is very important for strictly enforcing Robert's Rules for engraining details into that individual
- c. He is fully qualified

3. Austin Schlessinger, Tharney

- a. Tharney knows how to get stuff done and there's no one else I would trust to get stuff done in RBGA
- b. He took it upon himself to give RBGA members training and maintain structure
- c. Tharney was also in Model UN

- d. This semester, he has emphasized his understanding and took it upon himself to give everyone information about Robert's Rules

4. Adeel Ahmed, LaBelle

- a. LaBelle will be an efficient and qualified parliamentarian
- b. Robert's Rules are a necessity for the position but doesn't make you the most qualified
- c. We want a RUSA where more than just a few people are involved in debates and know what is going on
- d. He will give his time to the position

iii. Debate 2

- 1. No objections

iv. Congratulations N. Tharney (20: Tharney - 13:LaBelle)

b. Internal Affairs Chair

i. Candidates

- 1. Alex Anderson

ii. Motion by Jessica Tuazon to suspend the rules in order to vote right now

- 1. No objections

iii. Congratulations Alex Anderson (29: Anderson - 2: No Confidence - 2: Abstain)

c. Secretary

i. Candidates

- 1. Jessica Sarah Tuazon
- 2. Jeffrey Zhang

ii. Motion to suspend the rules to allow the current Secretary to hold her position until the end of the meeting by N. Tharney

- 1. No objections

iii. At this point Senate Executive Committee Representative for New Brunswick Special Population Representative was appointed acting secretary by unanimous consent of the Assembly.

iv. Both candidates spoke in favor of why they should be elected and answered questions.

- v. **Structured Debate 1:**
 - 1. Emily Kane Spoke in favor of Jessica Sarah Tuazon. Ali Pasha spoke in favor of Jeffrey Zhang. Dominique Little spoke in favor of Jessica Sarah Tuazon. Jhanvi Virani spoke in favor of Jeffrey Zhang. Speakers reflected on the candidates' characteristics and reasons for why the candidate they support should be elected.
 - vi. Recess for the purpose of discussing the candidates for Secretary.
 - 1. Without objection, the Assembly entered a five minute recess.
 - vii. Upon reconvening after the recess, the Assembly proceeded to vote on the candidate for Secretary. The vote was 20 for **Jessica Tuazon**, 9 for Jeffrey Zhang, 5 for no confidence, 0 abstaining, and 0 present.
 - viii. After the conclusion of the Election, a recess was taken for a period of two minutes.
 - ix. After the conclusion of the Election, Secretary Tuazon resumed taking minutes.
- d. **Public Relations Chair**
- i. Upon resumption of the recess, a interpretation of the Parliamentarian was made on the constitution. The Parliamentarian ruled that a candidate must be an active member of student government the semester prior to their candidacy for internal election. The Parliamentarian ruled that minutes of the Assembly, minutes of Assembly committees, or other records must show active participation by a student to run for internal election. Additionally, records may be used from other student governing organizations mentioned in the RUSA Constitution.
 - ii. **Candidates**
 - 1. Ana Long, nomination declined due to above ruling
 - 2. Emily Kane
 - 3. Calvin Ferrera, declined nomination
 - 4. After the conclusion of the nominations, Secretary Tuazon resumed taking minutes.
 - iii. Motion to suspend the rules to ask for unanimous consent to confirm Emily Kane by Julie Serrano
 - 1. No objections

iv. Congratulations Emily Kane

e. Legislative Affairs Chair

i. Candidates

1. Paul Ziessler
2. Julien Rosenbloom

ii. Debate 1:

1. Meet Patel, Ziessler

- a. Paul has had an excellent history in RUSA
- b. He is an incredible person and is well suited for the position

2. Dominique Little, Rosenbloom

- a. I was very impressed having been in the Legislative Affairs committee before
- b. Julien has concrete ideas for the committee and getting tangible experiences as well as changes
- c. He also wants to create subcommittees

3. Ali Pasha, Ziessler

- a. Paul has always gone above and beyond what RUSA asks him
- b. He's gone to city council meetings
- c. Paul actually has a good idea of what's going on and what he's going to do with the committee

4. Patrick Grifone, Rosenbloom

- a. It's obvious both candidates are qualified. I was on Legislative Affairs this past year
- b. Julien has intimate knowledge of the position from the previous chair
- c. It's important to involve those outside of RUSA in speaking to the student government and hearing from a lot of people and pushing forward the student agenda

iii. Debate 2

1. Unanimously Approved

iv. Congratulations Julien Rosenbloom (14: Ziessler, 20: Rosenbloom, 1:Abstain)

f. Student Affairs Chair

i. Candidates

1. Hazem Mohamed
2. Jhanvi Virani

ii. Debate 1:

1. Zain Ahmed, Mohamed

- a. Hazem was part of overthrowing an oppressive dictator in Egypt
- b. He listened and was very passionate on the campaign trail and will do the same here
- c. His work in community college is in line with Student Affairs
- d. From his proven track record, he is the perfect person for SA chair

2. Aneesh Deshpande, Virani

- a. Jhanvi's ideas spoke to me so much that I wanted her in the position more than myself
- b. With her background in her organization and working with professors and members of the public, she has proven that she is capable of bringing people together to do good work
- c. If students could anonymously drop comments, we could get a lot more work done

3. Ilce Pere, Mohamed

- a. Hazem has a great background in event planning
- b. He has so much passion and has already done incredible work in RUSA
- c. He's brought together international students in just the span of his campaign and has so much potential given a whole year

4. Alex Anderson, Virani

- a. Student Affairs chair needs to do a lot in terms of responsibilities
- b. Jhanvi has great concrete ideas pertaining directly to these goals and will have an easy to follow approach

iii. Debate 2

1. Unanimously Approved

iv. **Congratulation Jhanvi Virani (12: Mohamed, 17: Virani, 3: No confidence)**

The following positions shall not be elected after 11:00pm. The positions will be elected at the next meeting of the Assembly should this be the case. This can be amended prior to the approval of the agenda, or can be changed by 2/3rds after approving the agenda.

g. Senate Leader

- i. Not elected and postponed to the next meeting of the Assembly

h. Academic Affairs Chair

- i. Not elected and postponed to the next meeting of the Assembly

8. Officer Report

a. Suzanne Link, President

- i. Please congratulate Patrick Grifone to b

b. Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian

- i. Looking to create a parliamentarian website
ii. If you have feedback about parliamentary procedure in the past, please reach out

c. Jessica Tuazon, Secretary

- i. For those who are returning to the Assembly, please RSVP for the end of the year awards banquet
ii. Students from Old Bridge High School Student Council are visiting us on Wed, April 25th 10am-12pm

d. Jaidev Phadke, Vice President

- i. I have very concrete goals and expectations for RUSA members and committees in the upcoming year
ii. I want to make this a better community

e. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair

- i. IA needs to have a member from each caucus so please join
ii. Meetings will likely be Friday afternoon

9. Advisor Report

a. Lori

- i. Every Eboard member needs to have advisor meetings

10. External Representatives Report

- a. Jeff Zhang, RBGA
 - i. Passed constitutional referendum and held internal elections
- b. Jessica Tuazon, EGC
 - i. EGC had elections this past week
 - ii. If you are interested in getting involved with EGC, let Jess or Hazem know

11. Public Sector

- a. Patrick Grifone
 - i. Tickets are over now
- b. Neeharika Thuravil
 - i. May 19th is the kickoff for our bike ride and there is a part that people can participate in for a shorter distance
- c. Ilce Perez
 - i. 4/21, 1-4, Alpha Gam is having an event for philanthropy (soccer inside of the big people blow up balls)
- d. April Nicklaus
 - i. Thank you for everyone to coming out to help with city wide action plans
 - ii. Held state NJPIRG organizational meeting
 - iii. Going to DC on Wednesday to help at press conference for Help Students Vote Act
- e. Aneesh Deshpande
 - i. Meeting with Sifuentes tomorrow to round out Academic Affairs for the past year
- f. Nick Tharney
 - i. I think we are going to have a good Assembly next year
 - ii. I want to create a free and accessible parliamentarian website
 - iii. Please join Internal Affairs Chair
- g. Nick LaBelle
 - i. LTC is having Legally Blonde this weekend!
 - ii. My friend is having a podcast about local politics and is spotlighting RUSA
- h. Austin Schlessinger
 - i. This was a great first RUSA meeting

- ii. 4/22 is the RBGA volleyball tournament in CA Gym

12. Adjournment

- a. @11:53pm

"Public notice of this meeting has been given to all undergraduate students requesting such notice. Please speak to the Secretary of the Assembly after this meeting to learn more about how you can join the email list to receive a 24 hour meeting notice and a copy of the Agenda."



RUSA Resolution S1819-1

Author: Viktor Krapivin

Sponsor: RUSA Spring 2018 Elections Committee

Resolution on the Schedule of Meetings

Whereas, the Assembly Standing Rules require a RUSA meeting to be held during each week of the Fall and Spring semester; and

Whereas, the Assembly historically does not hold a meeting during the day of the banquet or during finals.

Be it hereby resolved, the Assembly sets April 19 as the last meeting of the Spring 2018 semester; and

Be it hereby resolved, the Assembly shall reconvene during the first Thursday of the Fall 2018 semester.