



RUSA Minutes September 27th, 2018

7:30pm @ Student Activities Center

Statements are paraphrased and consolidated for the Minutes

All legislation contained in the minutes may be in its original form and may not be the final language.

Visual/Audio record available on official RUSA Facebook page

1. Call to Order
 - a. @7:39pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Unanimously Approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
 - a. Unanimously Approved
5. Officer Report
 - a. Updates can be found on the Assembly website, ruassembly.com
6. Legislation
 - a. Bill to Designate RUSA Fall Retreat
 - i. Presentation of Camp Mason Fall Retreat by Jessica Tuazon and Alex Anderson.
 - ii. Fall retreat waivers handed out to all voting members to be signed and returned at the end of the meeting.
 - iii. Questions
 1. Jeff Zhang, RBGA Rep- Concern about fourth clause on the waiver that states attendance is "voluntary".
 2. Rachel Bauman, DGC Rep- Concern for attendance if other academic obligations were previously scheduled.
 - a. Jessica Tuazon, VP- Valid excuses include not being able to procure transportation, regularly scheduled work shifts/internship, rutgers events, personal injury/illness, family emergency, religious

"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."

holiday, exam/class (during retreat)

- iv. Motion by Meet Patel, Off Campus Senator, to pass by unanimous consent

1. Unanimously Approved

7. Advisor Report

- a. Laura
 - i. Involvement swag: Fanny pack for sale.
 - ii. Tabling all week (10/1-10/5) at every campus student center from 1-3pm for Involvement Week.

8. External Representatives Report

- a. Nick Tharney, RBGA
 - i. If you are a student in the business school and wish to run in the fall elections, email RBS.
- b. Sean Gilbert, IFC
 - i. Game Day Banners.
 - ii. The mayor came to the community cleanup and it was successful.
 - iii. Phiesta- A fundraiser for the Reeve Foundation and the final event is tomorrow at CASC MPR at 7pm, come join! Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.
- c. Harsh Patel, EGC
 - i. Karima came to speak to EGC last week and it was successful.
- d. George Zapata, LSC
 - i. Leadership Retreat at Camp Bernie next weekend!
- e. Jean-Pierre Jacob, SGC
 - i. Elections 10/2-10/3 for SEBS Governing Council.
 - ii. You can still ask to run, it's not too late.
- f. Chanel Jordan, RHA
 - i. Fall Leadership Development Day is on September 27 at RBS, which is the official training conference for elected members of RHA.
 - ii. Election results should be posted by Tuesday.
- g. Cole Murphy, SAAC
 - i. This past week we had a pizza eating contest and the football team won for men and the women's soccer team won for women.

9. Public Sector

a. Laura Christiansen

- i. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Dr. Mena is coming next week.
- ii. Please let me know about the specific issues you have so we can ask VC Mena to bring the right administrators.
- iii. Will bring a lot of board and card games to the upcoming retreat!

b. April Nicklaus

- i. We had our kickoff meeting last night with lots of excited students.
- ii. Next week we will have voter registration drop off locations on every campus. Flyers will be given to Eboard.
- iii. Budget for Textbook spending will be renewed for this year!

c. Nicole Lema

- i. My sorority, Phi Sigma Sigma, is selling the official black out t-shirts for the black out game at \$15 each. \$18,000 will be donated to our philanthropy.

d. Adeel Ahmed

- i. Canvassing on Saturday and Sunday!
- ii. Be sure to register to vote and google "RU Voting" for more information. Deadline to register is October 16th.

e. NB Mayoral Candidate, Charles Kratovil

- i. I am an RU alum and RCGA alum so I wanted to come speak to all of you.
- ii. I started the newspaper "RU Today" and I decided to step up and become an independent candidate.
- iii. Deadline to register is October 16th. Students will have more power if they all register within the same place. Chris Roberts has voter registration forms.
- iv. I am advocating for the following:
 1. Better bus system because parking authority is in debt.
 2. We deserve clean air and clean water and I am very concerned with the cover ups and scandals that have occurred here in New Brunswick.
 3. I want to end the corruption here in New Brunswick because we've had the same mayor since 1981 and there have been 3 scandals within this

administration. I want to bridge the people of the Rutgers community and the rest of New Brunswick.

f. Mustafa Raza

- i. Verbal Mayhem every Wednesday in Vorhees Room 105 at 9pm. Everyone is encouraged to perform!
- ii. RU Corny- A club that is interested in growing and keeping maze.
 1. Question from Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian
 - a. I have previously tried to grow corn and I have had a problem with ants. What can I do?
 - i. Answer: Eucalyptis Oil or Raid helps!

g. Ilce Perez

- i. We had a BOT meeting this past Tuesday and it was successful.
- ii. Some BOT meetings are open to the public so please come to learn more about our University and how it works. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 6th.
- iii. The Scarlet Senior Campaign Coordinator wants us to be the most philanthropic class.

h. Jeff Zhang

- i. Spamming Initiative- Charge being brought to the floor next meeting that will limit the chair of the senate to two years instead of three years.
 1. Form will be sent out via email next week.

i. Neeharika Thuravil

- i. If you are experiencing difficulty, please know that you are not alone. If you are choosing not to keep up with the news because of recent events, do not feel ashamed. It is okay to take breaks.

j. Nicole Lema

- i. I am the BOG Rep and there is a meeting at Camden on Thursday next week. We can car pool, just let me know if you are interested!

k. Jessica Tuazon

- i. If you didn't get your attendance taken upon checking in tonight, please come up to the dais to check in with Ana before you leave tonight. Everone with a clicker must give it back before you leave.

- ii. Please return waivers for Fall Retreat back to me at the dais!
- 1. Suzanne Link
 - i. I've been doing a lot to work with other organizations on campus and it's been great so far.
 - ii. This week I will be meeting with Dr. McGinty and Dr. Mena separately, so let me know if you have any feedback to bring to them.

10. Adjournment

- a. @8:49pm



RUSA Bill F18-2

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Bill to Designate RUSA Fall Retreat

Whereas, it is the duty of the Assembly to have training sessions under the Standing Rules, Art. VI, Sect. 2,

Whereas, the Vice President has given ample notice to the Assembly of their responsibility to attend the Fall Retreat,

Whereas, the Fall Retreat will be held at Camp Mason in Hardwick, NJ from the evening of Friday, October 12th through the afternoon of Sunday, October 14th,

Whereas, the Fall Retreat will be using previously allocated funds from the 2018-2019 RUSA Operating Budget so no additional funds need to be allocated to the program,

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly designates the Fall Retreat organized by the Vice President as the training session requirements pursuant to the Assembly rules; there will be no absence regardless of excuse if member is absent for less than six (6) hours; half an absence will be counted towards fall absences if absent between six (6) and twenty-four (24) hours; and a full absence towards fall absences if absent for more than twenty-four (24) hours;

Be it further resolved, the Secretary is hereby directed to use a form through which members may request that their absence be excused with such responses being sent to the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee; and

Be it further resolved, any valid excuse for missing a regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly shall be a valid excuse for missing the retreat, except for early departure for the purpose of getting home at a safe hour, and any valid excuse shall be deemed appropriate for the entire retreat in the event that the member cannot reasonably procure transportation. Additional excuses may be granted at the discretion

RUSA President

Date

of the Internal Affairs Committee and may include regularly scheduled work shifts for gainful employment or previously scheduled internship, and any Rutgers course, as well as other events that have been scheduled before September 20th, if proper proof can be provided.