



## **RUSA Agenda October 4th, 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 on the WRSU website\**

1. Call to Order
  - a. @7:35pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Unanimously Approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
  - a. Unanimously Approved
5. Guest Speaker
  - a. Dr. Salvador Mena, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
    - i. For audio record of the Town Hall, please find the recorded broadcast on the WRSU website.
      1. Motion for 5 minute recess
6. Officer Report
  - a. Updates can be found on the Assembly website, [ruassembly.com](http://ruassembly.com)
7. Consent Agenda
  - a. Resolution to Endorse Rutgers Student Health Flu Vaccine Clinics
    - i. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair
      1. Have you ever gotten the flu and was it bad?
        - a. This purpose of this resolution is so that students are aware that such resources will be available to them on campus; it does not require you to get a flu shot by any means.

ii. Jeffrey Kim, EGC Rep

1. Which social media platforms will you be advertising this resolution?

a. RUSA has a Facebook page, an instagram page and a twitter. We will be advertising on these sites, especially instagram.

iii. Jason

1. Do we need to bring an insurance card? What is the policy with that?

a. You can have your parents send a picture of your insurance card to you and you can use it. Be sure that your picture shows on the front and back.

iv. Maya, SAS Senator

1. How do you intend to spread this message to other students who do not follow the social media accounts?

a. Other members of the assembly will also be sharing this information on their personal social media pages.

**v. Approved by Unanimous Consent**

b. Resolution to Endorse the Efforts of the End Sexual Violence Campaign to Turn the Campus Purple

i. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair

1. Is the campaign going to address the recent sexual violence allegation tht occurred on campus?

a. We are not authorized to make a statement as further investigations are still being conducted.

ii. Priti Kantesaria, Treasurer

1. What will the assembly members do in support of this resolution?

a. Students may wear purple, post pictures on social media, etc.

**iii. Approved by Unanimous Consent**

8. Advisor Report

a. Karima

i. I wanted to take some time to tell you about myself. I am the new Director for Student Involvement, serving for almost three months now.

- ii. This is involvement week! This is an opportunity for us to really showcase who we are during Involvement Week. We really want to tell our story and advocate for our students. Please hashtag RUIInvolved.
- iii. Cookie Tent Program
  - 1. We will be having cookie tents up tomorrow at all 5 student centers from 1-3pm.
  - 2. This is an opportunity for our students to see our campus leaders, engage with our faculty and staff and connect with all of us.
- iv. Turn the Campus Purple
  - 1. The involvement office will be turning the whole office purple and the student center purple.
  - 2. I urge you to participate if you feel comfortable because this is a great way to advocate and create change on campus.
- v. Retreat
  - 1. I will be at the retreat and we will have a lot of fun. If you have not filled out your waiver, please be sure to fill it out and submit it to Jessica.
- vi. Lastly, I'd like to check in with all of you to make sure you're okay in light of Feel free to come down to my office downstairs to talk about anything that's on your mind.

## 9. External Representatives Report

- a. Nick Tharney, RBGA
  - i. For those of you in the business school, the RBGA elections are coming up— tomorrow at 12pm until Tuesday at 12pm. I encourage you get involved and vote. If you visit [getinvolved.rutgers.edu](http://getinvolved.rutgers.edu), you can check and see if you are eligible to vote.
- b. Chanel Jordan, RHA
  - i. I am a member of the Residents Hall Association and this coming monday we will have our next meeting. We will be voting on our Constitution, so feel free to come and join!
- c. George Zapata, LSC
  - i. Tomorrow the senator for Latino arts and culture will be having an event for students to meet with staff from career services. I encourage you all to take advantage of these opportunities.

- d. Rachel Bauman, DGC
  - i. We had our first meeting of the semester and we are working on safety and lighting on Cook Douglass as well as branding and outreach.
  - ii. I joined SEV Club and there was a Ban Initiative that died and we are working hard to get this initiative revived again.
- e. Sean Gilbert, IFC
  - i. We had our Phiesta this past week and are still counting up the total.
  - ii. We are also participating in the paint the campus purple event.
- f. Jean-Pierre Jacob, SGC
  - i. We just had our elections that ended on October 3rd.
  - ii. We have happy hour this friday from 4-7 at the CASC. Faculty and food will be present so feel free to attend!
- g. Nicole Lema, BOG Rep
  - i. Today we had our third meeting for the Board of Governors.
    - 1. President Barchi mentioned the sexual assault case that occurred on campus. They have not released an official statement as further investigations are still being conducted. I was told that Rutgers has a statute of limitation of 2 years to the state for investigating. We are working on changing this so that there are no numbers.
    - 2. US News- We jumped from #69 to #56 for New Brunswick.
    - 3. In regards to affordability of college and the quality of our education, a new science building is being built and there will be an opening ceremony.
    - 4. I will be posting more documents on the RUSA Facebook page, so please be sure to check them when I do.
- h. Saurabh Bansal, EGC
  - i. Guest speaker Interim Chancellor Molloy will be at our next meeting on Monday, October 8 at 8:10 PM in Richard Weeks Hall Room 102.
- i. Ilce Perez, BOT
  - 1. There was a raise in our tuition, and among the BIG 10 schools, we are in the middle range. They explained that a lot of students are working for an increase in

our minimum wage from \$11 to \$15, but a raise in anything else will result in a raise of our tuition.

## 10. Public Sector

### a. Neeharika Thuravil

- i. There is an RU Flu going around, so please get your shots and be safe.

### b. Zain Ahmed

- i. Congratulations to everyone that was elected!
- ii. ABSA is having our first event on tuesday on why we care about mental health and depression. Food will be present so please feel free to attend.

### c. Patrick Grifone

- i. If you are a voting member, you are required to complete office hours. They are held in the SAC. All of your hour requirements can be found in the standing rules. I sent out a link that has the schedule of office hours, so please be sure to check it and sign in when you arrive.
- ii. External governmental meetings also count towards office hours, FYI.

### d. April Nicklaus

- i. The voter registration deadline for NJPIRG is on October 16th. We have been out tabling all week and will continue to do so next week.
- ii. If you have a club meeting, I would love to schedule a voter registration with you or to come into your meeting.
- iii. The LWCF was under threat of losing funding so we intialized a grassroots effort to make sure they are funded; Senate just gave them funding again!

### e. Saurabh Bansal

- i. If you or someone you know is a painter/artist, we are looking to get some examples for a mural in Barr Hall lounge. If you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out to me at [sb1770@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:sb1770@scarletmail.rutgers.edu).

### f. Nick Tharney

- i. We are working on transparency within the student governing process. In the past, the senate has tried to hinder students from running for senate. As of right now, we are trying

to reduce the number of years required for a student to run, which currently stands at 3 years.

g. Hira Hussain

- i. New CAC At-Large Rep.
- ii. My friend Cory passed away a few nights ago after getting struck by a car. Please remember life is precious.
- iii. RUSA members have shown me so much kindness in my grief and I look forward to working with all of you.

h. Jessica Tuazon

- i. If you are interested in signing up to table and give out cookies tomorrow for the last Involvement Week event, please let me know because we still have volunteer shifts available and you will get a snazzy involvement apron.

i. Suzanne Link

- i. Tomorrow I have a meeting with Dr. Felicia McGinty and Dr. Ballantine
- ii. I have a meeting with President Barchi scheduled for later this semester
- iii. The power of the student voice is so strong and you should rally your friends to stand together and join RUSA if they are interested
- iv. #SACtastic #BringafriendThursdays
- v. It's been a difficult week for a lot of people, so feel free to come talk to me.

## 11. Adjournment

- a. @9:54 PM



RUSA Resolution F18-2

**Authors:** Hinita Patel, Emily Kane

**Sponsors:** Health and Wellness Committee, Public Relations Committee

### **Resolution to Endorse Rutgers Student Health Flu Vaccine Clinics**

*Whereas*, the United States experiences annual epidemics of seasonal flu,<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, flu activity most commonly peaks in the United States between December and February,<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, over 20% of Rutgers students report missed assignments and lower grades due to colds and the flu,<sup>3</sup>

*Whereas*, Rutgers Student Health, Walgreens, and Phi Delta Chi, a pharmacy professional fraternity, are partnering to have free flu vaccine clinics open to all undergraduate Rutgers students from 1-9 p.m. on October 10th at the Livingston Student Center Coffeehouse and the Sojourner Truth Apartments (The Yard), on November 13th at the Busch Student Center International Lounge and Douglas Student Center Traves Hall A, and on January 29th at the Livingston Student Center Coffeehouse and the Sojourner Truth Apartments (The Yard),

*Whereas*, it is important that all students at Rutgers University – New Brunswick are aware of the benefits of services offered by Rutgers Student Health, and

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly believes in protecting the health of students and our Rutgers community, as a whole, as well as sharing resources available to students.

*Be it hereby resolved*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly supports the flu vaccine clinics, and the Public Relations Committee will advertise the clinics through social media platforms.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2018-2019.htm>

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> <http://health.rutgers.edu/medical-counseling-services/medical/immunization-requirements-allergy-shots/flu-shots/>



RUSA Resolution F18-3

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**Sponsors:** Public Relations Committee, Health and Wellness Committee, Sexual Violence Education Department

**Resolution to Endorse the Efforts of the End Sexual Violence Campaign to Turn the Campus Purple**

*Whereas*, research indicates that approximately 1 in 5 women<sup>4</sup> and 1 in 33 men<sup>5</sup> will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetime,

*Whereas*, sexual assault is the second most common violent crime committed on college campuses,<sup>6</sup>

*Whereas*, in 2014, 32 sexual assaults were reported on the Rutgers University – New Brunswick campus,<sup>7</sup>

*Whereas*, 30.7% of survivors have suffered academically because of sexual assault,<sup>8</sup>

*Whereas*, as a student government, we have a duty to our constituents to advocate for student concerns, specifically concerning a pressing issue such as the prevention of sexual violence,

*Whereas*, we support survivors of sexual violence,

*Whereas*, the Sexual Violence Education Department has already begun efforts to support the End Sexual Violence Campaign to Turn the Campus Purple, and

*Whereas*, Rutgers University’s annual Turn the Campus Purple Week, which will serve as a week-long educational platform on sexual violence prevention and awareness, will be from October 6th to October 12th this year.

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<sup>4</sup> [https://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS\\_Report2010-a.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles/172837.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NACJD/studies/3074>

<sup>7</sup> [http://rupd.rutgers.edu/RUPD\\_files/RU-New%20Brunswick%20Crime%20Stats.pdf](http://rupd.rutgers.edu/RUPD_files/RU-New%20Brunswick%20Crime%20Stats.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> <http://endrapeoncampus.org/eroc-blog/2016/1/26/bjs-campus-climate-survey-key-highlights>



***Be it hereby resolved,*** the Rutgers University Student Assembly endorses the efforts of the End Sexual Violence Campaign to advocate for survivors and end sexual violence on campus; and

***Be it further resolved,*** to aid in the efforts of the End Sexual Violence Campaign during Turn the Campus Purple Week, we will create a social media campaign for Turn the Campus Purple Week that turns all of our social media purple and provides useful facts and resources for our constituents.