



**RUSA Agenda October 11th, 2018**

**7:30pm @ Student Activities Center**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
5. Officer Report
6. Presentation
  - a. Allocations Surrogate Act (*this piece of legislation will be voted upon at the next meeting of the Assembly*)
7. Consent Agenda
  - a. The Permanent Legislation Act of 2018
8. Legislation
  - a. Resolution to Denounce the Decision to Bring Lisa Daftari as an Undergraduate Academic Affairs Speaker
  - b. Resolution to Establish a RUSA External Representative Caucus
  - c. Resolution to Call Upon the Administration to Publish a Comprehensive List of Rutgers University — New Brunswick Task Forces and Committees
9. Advisor Report
10. External Representatives Report
11. Public Sector
12. Adjournment
13. Campus Caucuses

*"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 Bill F18-4**

**Authors:** N. Tharney, *Parliamentarian*; Nick Pellitta, *Chairman of the Allocations Board*

**Sponsor:** Internal Affairs Committee

**Allocations Surrogate Act**

*Whereas* the RUSA Allocations Board is responsible for allocating RUSA's portion of the Student Activities Fee to student organizations on campus and ensuring its proper usage through conducting audits,

*Whereas* the Internal Affairs Committee has previously reviewed the auditing system and believes the current auditing process to be unthorough in nature,

*Whereas* it is the assessment of the Internal Affairs Committee, the Internal Affairs Subcommittee on Allocations Transparency, and the current Chair of the Allocations Board that having additional members working for the Allocations Board can help strengthen the auditing arm of the Allocations Board, and

*Whereas* other schools have had success with having representatives from the allocations entities working more closely with the organizations to which their funds are allocated,

**Therefore, be it enacted by two-thirds of the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) that the Standing Rules are amended as follows under Article XVIII:**

Adds Section 13:

13. In addition to the terms established above, the Allocations Board, its members, and surrogates, shall comply with all temporary and standing orders and directives of the Assembly and shall comply with the RUSA Code of Ethics (See Appendix B).

Adds Section 14:

14. The Allocations Board, through its bylaws, may establish the non-voting, member positions outlined in this section, and such positions shall serve as surrogates of the Board at its pleasure.
  - a. The Allocations Board may commission the position(s) of Deputy Auditor(s) and Assistant Deputy Auditor(s) to exercise the auditing powers of the Allocations Board, under the direction of the Auditor and to the extent permitted by the bylaws of the Allocations Board.
  - b. The Allocations Board may commission the position(s) of Allocations Liaison(s) and Assistant Allocations Liaison(s) for the purpose of advising and assisting RUSA-funded student organizations, operating under the guidance of the Vice Chair of the Allocations Board and in accordance with the by-laws of the Allocations Board.
  - c. No commission shall last past the approval of the new Allocations Board by the Assembly, though they may be renewed. All commissions will last until the approval of the new Allocations Board, but the Allocations Board may issue commissions for shorter periods of time. The Allocations Board may revoke any commission at will, provided they notify the Assembly.
  - d. The Allocations Board, in granting any commission under this section, shall notify the Assembly through its Secretary a minimum of two weeks before the commission shall be effective, and the Assembly may rescind any commission by majority vote; however, the Assembly must explicitly approve the commission of any person who was previously impeached by the Assembly or any student government recognized under the RUSA Constitution, or whose commission was previously rescinded by the Assembly.

**Be it further resolved,** the Assembly hereby refers the initial oversight of the implementation of these amendments to the Internal Affairs Committee.

**Be it further resolved,** the Assembly encourages the Allocations Board to implement changes to its bylaws to incorporate, at minimum, Deputy Auditor positions to ensure a comprehensive audit of RUSA-funded organizations in order to ensure proper usage of student fees.

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RUSA President

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Date



## **RUSA Bill F18-3**

**Authors:** N. Tharney, *Parliamentarian*

**Sponsor:** Internal Affairs Committee

### **The Permanent Legislation Act of 2018**

*Whereas* the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) enacts legislation from time to time where the legislation is meant to be effective for an indefinite period of time, and

*Whereas* it is necessary for a functioning governing body to have a proper and comprehensive record of all current rules and regulations which affects it, its subdivisions, and its members, and

*Whereas* no current system within RUSA adequately provides such record,

**Therefore, be it enacted by the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) as the “Permanent Legislation Act”:**

#### 1. Legislative Findings & Declarations

1-1. The Rutgers University Student Assembly (“RUSA” or the “Assembly”) declares it necessary to accurately record and organize an on-going, comprehensive list of all legislation enacted by the Assembly which affect its operations and the operations of its subdivisions and members on a continuing basis.

#### 2. Definitions

2-1. Within the scope of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) The “Permanent Legislation Act” as the operative clauses of this Act, and their titles and subtitles, beginning with Section 1-1.
  - (i) Amendments to this Act shall be considered to be part of this Act for the purposes of this definition.
- (b) “Permanent Legislation” as the operative clauses of any legislation, or portion thereof, where
  - (i) the legislation has been duly enacted by the Assembly; and
  - (ii) such clauses create rules or regulations which must be executed or complied with by RUSA, its committees, members, affiliated Boards or members therein, or agents of RUSA who are subject to the RUSA Code of Ethics (Standing Rules, Appendix B); and
  - (iii) such rules or regulations are not

- (1) dischargeable by any of the bodies or positions listed in (ii) above on a one-time bases, or
- (2) solely meant to express the opinion of the Assembly as in the form of a resolution, or
- (3) for the appropriation or designation of funds or other resources for a period less than three academic semesters, or
- (4) meant to serve on a temporary basis, or
- (5) explicitly stated to be temporary or not permanent legislation;

(c) All positions referenced in this Act are deemed to be the positions of the Assembly, except where explicitly stated otherwise.

2-2. Notwithstanding the criteria above, any legislation, either wholly or in part, which is ascribed the property of being “permanent legislation” in its operative clauses or the clauses of another legislation shall be considered to be “permanent legislation” under this definition.

2-3. All other terms in this Act shall have their generally understood definition, given the context of any provisions in the RUSA Constitution or Standing Rules where appropriate.

(a) Any ambiguity in terms of this Act, its terms, or its application shall be resolved in the same manner as prescribed under Article 15, Section 5(b) of the Standing Rules, as of January 19, 2018, or the successor section in subsequent amendments thereto.

### 3. Reference of Permanent Legislation

3-1. All Permanent Legislation shall be compiled into a directory, reference file, or repository, where

- (a) The Secretary shall maintain such records, which shall be ordered based on the advise and consent of the
  - (i) Secretary of the Assembly,
  - (ii) Parliamentarian, and
  - (iii) Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee; and
- (b) Such records shall be made available online where possible and made available to all RUSA Members upon request, and
- (c) Such records shall be annotated to include the initial bill number and enactment date, where known, and the bill numbers and their corresponding enactment dates for any amendments, including repealers.

3-2. Such records, which shall be ordered in a method as described above, shall be ordered based on a title and then the sections of the operative clauses of the permanent legislation, where

- (a) each new Act shall be given a new title, which may consist of alphanumeric characters and dashes and shall be ordered by subject matter, grouping like subjects together, except that

(b) any Act which specifically identifies that portion of a permanent legislation to be amended may have such language directly deleted or supplemented in the record where appropriate.

(i) The above clause shall only apply to the text within the record of permanent legislation and shall not affect the original record of any legislation as enacted by the Assembly.

3-3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3-1 above, the Assembly, through legislation, may designate titles within the record and may reorder or rename such, as it may deem necessary.

3-4. In accordance with Section 3-3 above, the following ordering is designated for the following documents:

(a) The current version of the Standing Rules shall be the second legislative item within the record, ordered as “1 - Standing Rules”.

(b) The current version of the appendices of the Standing Rules shall follow, in their order under the Standing Rules, and shall be ordered as “1” followed immediately by the letter for the appendix and then followed by “ - ” and the name of the appendix.

(c) The current version of the Permanent Records Act shall be the first legislative item within the records, ordered as “0 - Permanent Legislation”.

(d) All other documents shall be numbered and named accordingly, beginning with “3”.

3-5. Any permanent legislation, or portion thereof, may be referenced as “P.L. (ordering number)” followed by the designated section where applicable.

(a) References thereto should include the date in parentheses following the reference scheme as indicated above.

3-6. The RUSA Constitution shall exist as a separate document and shall not be subject to indexing as permanent legislation.

(a) No part of this Act shall affect the Constitution or any provision therein.

#### 4. Permanent Legislation, as of the enactment of this Act in 2018

4-1. The following legislation, as amended and supplemented, shall be considered Permanent Legislation as of the first enactment of this Act, and shall appear as such in their current forms:

(a) The Standing Rules, including its appendices,

(b) The Standing Order to Adopt Revised Amendment Procedures (Resolution F16-6),

(i) except that this order shall not be misconstrued to prohibit the submission of the text of amendments directly to an online source of pending bills or resolutions (e.g., Google Docs),

(c) The Elections Code,

- (d) The Allocations Guidelines, and
- (e) The RUSA Allocations Process Transparency Act (RAPTA), and
- (f) The final two enactment clauses of the Bill to Create Foam Free Events (Bill F16-6) and the first and last enactment clauses of Bill to Host Zero-Waste Events (2016),
  - (i) both of which shall be considered as one piece of permanent legislation, and
- (g) this Act upon passage by the Assembly.

5. Repealer

5-1. Any legislation which would meet the definition of permanent legislation which is also not listed in Section 4-1 of this Act and which was enacted prior to January 1, 2018 shall hereafter be considered repealed, ineffective, and not enforceable.

5-2. This Act shall not prohibit any repealed legislation from being reintroduced in whole or in part.

5-3. The repealing of such legislation shall be considered to be done without prejudice to said legislation and shall not affect any opinions or other sentiments of the Assembly as expressed in said legislation.

6. Severability

6-1. In the event that any provision of this Act contradicts the RUSA Constitution, or the Standing Rules, or any subsequently enacted legislation, such provision shall be deemed nullified.

6-2. No portion of this legislation, except those rendered nullified under Section 6-1 above, shall be deemed void because of any actions of the Assembly listed in Section 6-1 above.

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RUSA President

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Date



RUSA Resolution F18-5

**Authors:** Jhanvi Virani, George A. Zapata

**Sponsor:** Student Affairs Committee

### **Resolution to Establish a RUSA External Representative Caucus**

*Whereas*, External Representatives of the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) are permanent fixtures in the Assembly that represent cultural umbrella organizations and special population groups,

*Whereas*, increased collaboration among external representatives from different groups can serve as a springboard for building initiatives and advocating for relevant issues in RUSA and at Rutgers University,

*Whereas*, external representatives do not serve on any campus caucus,

*Be it hereby resolved*, all RUSA External Representatives, as defined by Article I, Sections 5 and 6 of the Standing Rules and excluding members who hold other positions on the Assembly, in the 2018-2019 academic term will serve as members of an External Representative Caucus;

*Be it hereby resolved*, the External Representative Caucus will meet once a month, at the same time as the Campus Caucus meetings;

*Be it further resolved*, the Chair for the 2018-2019 External Representative Caucus will be elected in accordance with the Campus Caucus Chair election process defined in the Standing Rules immediately following the adjournment of the RUSA meeting in which this bill passes; and

*Be it further resolved*, the elected External Representative Caucus Chair will serve on the Student Affairs committee of RUSA.

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RUSA President

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Date





RUSA Resolution F18-4

**Authors:** Suzanne Link, *President*; Jhanvi Virani, *Chair of the Student Affairs Committee*; Jessica Tuazon, *Vice President*; N. Tharney, *Parliamentarian*; Priti Kantesaria, *Treasurer*; Julien Rosenbloom, *Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee*; Aneesh Deshpande, *Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee*; Dominique Little, *Chair of the University Affairs Committee*

**Sponsors:** Executive Committee, Student Affairs Committee, Internal Affairs Committee

## **Resolution to Call Upon the Administration to Publish a Comprehensive List of Rutgers University – New Brunswick Task Forces and Committees**

*Whereas*, student engagement has been identified as a priority of the University,

*Whereas*, access to information is a vital prerequisite for engagement,

*Whereas*, students are the front-end stakeholders in decisions made by the University,

*Whereas*, administrative task forces and committees are, for the purpose of this resolution, meant to include all formal, standing, and ad hoc groups established under any department represented in the Cabinet of the Chancellor of Rutgers University – New Brunswick,

*Whereas*, information about the administrative task forces and committees at the University is not readily available and accessible to the public, despite this information being vital to the progress of all university-related initiatives,

*Whereas*, the publication of this information may aid in the missions of said task forces and committees by allowing stakeholders to volunteer, where volunteers are sought, and provide crucial information and feedback for consideration by those task forces and committees in discharging their responsibilities,

*Whereas*, the division of resources and duplications of efforts are pervasive issues at the University that stifle progress and effectiveness,

*Whereas*, the University should be held accountable for the progress, or lack thereof, made by the administrative task forces and committees charged with developing recommendations and solutions to issues at the University,

*Whereas*, it is crucial that the membership of these groups represent the various backgrounds and opinions that surround the issues these task forces and committees are intended to explore,

*Whereas*, members of the University community cannot hold administrative task forces and committees accountable if they are unaware of their existence,

*Be it hereby resolved* that the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA), in its capacity as the official representative voice of the undergraduate student body of Rutgers University – New Brunswick, supports the publication of a comprehensive list of all administrative task forces and committees, and their respective memberships; and

*Be it further resolved* that RUSA calls upon the Chancellor of Rutgers – New Brunswick to ensure that all of said administrative task forces and committees be published in an expedient manner; and

*Be it further resolved* that RUSA urges that this task be completed before the end of the Fall 2018 Semester; and

*Be it further resolved* that all other administrative task forces and committees which do not meet the above specification should also be published expeditiously; and

*Be it further resolved* this list should be made accessible to the public via the web, edited on a regular basis to provide up-to-date information, and be organized by the department under which the task forces and committees fall; and

*Be it finally resolved* that all task forces and committees on this list should be required by the Chancellor to give a public report of their progress each academic year, at minimum, to update the public on developments made since the previous report or since the creation of the task force or committee.

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RUSA President

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Date



**RUSA Resolution F18-6**

**Authors:** Jhanvi Virani, *Chair of Student Affairs*; Zain Ahmed, *Member of Student Affairs*

**Sponsors:** Student Affairs Committee

**Co-Sponsors:** Muslim Public Relations Council, Ahlul-Bayt Student Association, RU Progressive, Latino Student Council, Muslim Student Association

**Resolution to Denounce the Decision to Bring Lisa Daftari as an Undergraduate Academic Affairs Speaker**

*Whereas*, the Undergraduate Academic Affairs (UAA) Speaker Series is funded by the Academic Affairs Department at Rutgers University— New Brunswick (hereby referred to as the University), in the portion of 30% of the University Operating Budget that comes from Student Tuition and Fees<sup>1</sup>;

*Whereas*, speakers like Lisa Daftari have been brought to speak as a part of the UAA Speaker Series without gauging meaningful input from students at the University;

*Whereas*, Lisa Daftari has a history of inciting and encouraging rhetoric that marginalizes minority groups, specifically the Muslim community, which represent a significant portion of the Rutgers undergraduate community;

*Whereas*, it is important to spark thought-provoking conversations, but they cannot be made at the expense of minority groups on campus, especially when these conversations may be funded by the undergraduate student body;

*Be it hereby resolved*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) stands in solidarity with Muslim organizations and students across campus and condemns the decision to bring Lisa Daftari as an administratively sponsored speaker to Rutgers University— New Brunswick and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rutgers.edu/about/budget-facts>

endorse any opposition event to the Daftari speech hosted by organizations in the Muslim community.

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RUSA President

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Date