



RUSA Agenda October 11th, 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.

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1. Call to Order
 - a. @7:30PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion by Jeff Zhang, RBGA Rep, to amend the agenda and add Resolution to Denounce the Decision to Bring Lisa Daftari as an Undergraduate Academic Affairs Speaker under Legislation
 - i. **None Opposed**
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
 - a. Motion by Zain Ahmed to have his announcement during public sector edited.
 - i. **Approved**
5. Officer Report
 - a. Updates can be found on the Assembly website, ruassembly.com
6. Presentation
 - a. Allocations Surrogate Act (We will vote on this bill during next Thursday's meeting)
 - i. Eleanor Meli, Douglass 2021 Rep
 1. What will the application process be like?
 - a. Nick P- I envision it as a similar process by how we appoint full time members in the Spring — a vote by the board.

- ii. Motion to postpone legislation to next week's meeting.

- 1. **None Opposed**

7. Consent Agenda

- a. The Permanent Legislation Act of 2018

- i. Brian Nager, Cook Class of 2022 Representative

- 1. How will people be able to check on the permanent legislation?

- a. Nick T- This legislation will be available on the website under legislation.

- ii. Nick Labelle, Cook at Large Representative

- 1. Could you clarify section 6 where you talked about nullification?

- a. Nick T- If there is a question about rules, it is the job of the parliamentarian to amend it, however, the IA Committee may also edit.

- iii. Eleanor Meli, Douglass Class of 2021 Representative

- 1. How did it come to be that all this legislation has been lost?

- a. Nick T- The legislation is not lost, we are currently working on making it available to you. Legislation from this point on will be uploaded to our website under "legislation."

- iv. Motion to pass by Unanimous Consent.

- 1. **1 Opposed**

- v. Motion by Jeff Zhang, RBGA Representative to pass by voice vote.

- 1. **Passed by majority voice vote.**

- vi. Motion for 3 minutes recess.

- 1. **Unanimously approved**

8. Legislation

- a. Resolution to Denounce the Decision to Bring Lisa Daftari as an Undergraduate Academic Affairs Speaker

- i. Motion to approve technical amendments

1. None Opposed

ii. Alex Anderson, IA Chair

1. How has your faith empowered you today to stand up and present to us today?

a. A lot of people don't know what Islam is and I constantly have to explain my religion to people. People have called me terrorist or extremist without even knowing my religion and that has motivated me to speak up and educate.

iii. Meet Patel, Off Campus Senator

1. In your meeting with Dr. Mena, did you discuss any possible events for the future?

a. In our discussion with Dr. Mena, we spoke about creating a committee to addresses such problems.

iv. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair

1. Why did you decide to bring this to RUSA today and what is your long term plan to get this stopped?

a. I went to a meeting with Vice Chancellor Mena and we had a discussion with other student organization leaders who were very supportive. We came to RUSA so that we could collectively create a resolution.

v. Rachel Bauman, DGC Representative

1. Do you have a response to her quote in the article in regards to free speech?

a. We believe in free speech and we do not want to hinder anyone because we respect that right. The difference is that this is event is being funded by University dollars and so it should represent the will of the students.

vi. Jason Yu, RBGA Representative

1. Do you know what she will be talking about during the program?

- a. Lisa Daftari will be speaking about radicalism and polarization on campus, which is pretty indicative of the conversations that will be held. Her expertise is Islamic terrorism and middle eastern affairs.
- vii. Standard Debate Procedure: Two Speakers For and Against the Resolution
 - 1. *SUPPORT*
 - a. Amna Ahmed, Douglass at Large Representative
 - i. It is very sad to me that this is being funded by the University. I am not paying tuition to be insulted. You may say what you wish under freedom of speech, but we also have freedom of speech to oppose you.
 - 2. *AGAINST*
 - a. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair
 - i. I do not support this because I believe that *more* should be done to support this— it does not go far enough.
 - 3. *SUPPORT*
 - a. Non-voting Member
 - i. This campus is my safe space and this makes me very uncomfortable and many other students uncomfortable.
 - 4. *AGAINST*
 - a. Nick LaBelle, Cook at Large Representative
 - i. I am likewise with Ms. Anderson and I'd like to recommend that the best way to advocate is not to criticize members of the assembly because we care about you very much.

viii. Motion by Jeff Zhang, RBGA Representative, for a Committee of the Whole

1. **Unanimously Approved**

ix. Motion to think of a Resolution

1. Logan Adams, Off Campus Representative

- a. This is a time sensitive issue before this speaker comes to Rutgers, so I think we should spend less time editing the bill and work on an immediate action plan.

x. Motion by Jhanvi Virani, Student Affairs Chair, to rise out of the Committee of the Whole

1. **Unanimously Approved**

xi. Motion to vote to adopt amendments on the bill

1. Motion by Jeff Zhang, RBGA Representative to vote by unanimous consent

a. **Amendments approved**

xii. Motion by Jason Yu, RBGA Representative, to extend debate the entire bill

1. **Motion opposed**

xiii. Motion to suspend the rules to adopt the amendment by unanimous consent

1. **Amendment adopted**

xiv. Motion to vote on the entire bill

1. **None opposed**

a. Motion to use role call vote

i. **Approved**

1. 48 Approved, 5 Opposed, 4 Abstain

ii. **Resolution Passed**

b. Resolution to Establish a RUSA External Representative Caucus

i. Eleanor Meli, Douglass Class of 2021 Representative

1. What is the purpose of this?
 - a. George Zapata, LSC Representative - External reps face different issues than caucus reps. Allowing us to form this caucus will enable us to interact with one another and work together to tackle similar issues.
- ii. Meet Patel, Off Campus Senator
 1. How many members will be in this caucus?
 - a. This caucus exempts people who currently hold other positions, so this limits the amount of people who can become a member.
- iii. Jeremy King, Cook at Large Representative
 1. Would the members have votes in both caucuses or just one?
 - a. Members would only have one vote.
- iv. Motion by Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair, to debate the amendments.
 1. Motion to approve amendments by unanimous consent.
 - a. **None Opposed**
- v. Motion to adopt legislation by Unanimous Consent
 1. None Opposed
 - a. **Resolution Passed**
- c. Resolution to Call Upon the Administration to Publish a Comprehensive List of Rutgers University -- New Brunswick Task Forces and Committees
 - i. Brian Nager, Cook Class of 2022 Representative
 1. What is the outlook for how long it will take to compile?
 - a. We are requesting that it be completed before the end of the 2018 Fall Semester.
 - ii. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair
 1. What prompted you to write this?

- a. Jhanvi- I am the chair of student affairs and if we are working on legislation, it's very valuable to know if there is already a department within the administration that is currently working on the issue.
- iii. Meet Patel, Off Campus Senator
 - 1. Have you had a chance to meet with the Chancellor?
 - a. Suzanne- I have met with the Chancellor and this has also been a discussion among the administration. There is no comprehensive list at this point, but it is not hard to ask for this list to be compiled and published.
- iv. Motion to approve by unanimous consent
 - 1. **None opposed**

9. Advisor Report

- a. Teri
 - i. If you did not hand in your waiver for this weekend, please hand them in!
 - ii. The use of alcohol or drugs is prohibited on this trip , and if it is caught, the entire student body will be sent to student conduct.

10. External Representatives Report

- a. Nick Tharney, RBGA
 - i. The election results for class rep have been published. We are looking to fill in the vacancies.
- b. Ryed Jadun, ASC
 - i. Congrats to all of our new members! Thank you for unanimously voting to pass the External Rep Caucus Bill.
- c. Sam Salem, PHC
 - i. On Friday, Zeta Tau Alpha is having their BMOC event at 7:00pm at the College Avenue MPR.
 - ii. On October 28th, Gamma Phi Beta is having their moon ball event. All proceeds will go to our philanthropy.

1. You do not need to be a member of greek life to be involved in this event, feel free to make a RUSA team.
- d. Dominique Little, University Affairs Chair
 - i. The dining hall advisor committee meeting went very well; we talked about how we can end waste in the dining hall.
 - ii. NAACP- We are having a voting panel discussion on Friday and many pro staff members will be there.
- e. George Zapata, LSC
 - i. Center of Latino Arts and Culture is having an event tomorrow here on College Avenue.
- f. Jean-Pierre Jacob, SGC
 - i. We have a few positions open for the SEBS governing council. We are looking for more RUSA reps.
 - ii. We are having a SEBS networking night on Tuesday 5-7pm here at the SAC to discuss the SEBS governing council.
- g. Chanel Jordan, SVE Department Director
 - i. If you recieved a purple shirt, please stay after to take a group picture.

11. Public Sector

- a. Jessica Tuazon, Vice President
 - i. Retreat
 1. Retreat is tomorrow and our theme is Warriors of the Student Voice!
 2. You cannot attend the retreat if you did not fill out and return your waiver form.
 3. If you are not taking the bus, you must discuss transportation with me by the end of the night. We will be departing at 5pm, so you should be reporting to check in by 4:45pm in front of the College Avenue Student Center.
 4. Please be sure to bring a reusable water bottle to the retreat.

5. Cabin Assignments are by gender and Ana, Emily and I will be arriving early to set up.

b. April Nicklaus, NJPIRG

- i. Voter registration deadline is on Thursday. To date, we have registered over 1,000 students to vote.
- ii. I was at Livingston for a panel on Food Insecurity and it went well.

c. Jason Yu

- i. This Saturday we will have our first RBGA event, a music festival. It is free to attend and we will also have free food. It will be in front of the Douglass post office from 2-5pm.

d. Zain Ahmed

- i. One of our alumni, James Lu, was rated one of the top Super Smash Bro players in the entire world. He is opting in to be part of the tournament and we need your vote so he can compete. Please visit Smash.gg and look through the homepage to find his name to vote.

e. Suzanne Link

- i. Members of the Executive Board cannot run for campus caucus chair.

12. Adjournment

- a. @10:33pm

13. Caucus Meetings



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.

RUSA President

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.

RUSA President

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.

RUSA President

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 expediently; 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.