



RUSA Minutes October 18th, 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. @7:36pm
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 Approve the 2018-2019 Special Events Allocations (*this piece of legislation will be voted upon at the next meeting of the Assembly*)
 - i. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair
 1. What are the 4 requirements for applying for special events funding?
 - a. Nick P- You must meet 3 of the 4 criteria listed in our presentation to qualify as a Special Event.
 - ii. Jason Yu, RBGA Representative
 1. Can you explain the budget?

"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."

a. Nick P- There was no increase in the budget request. Every group had a 1200 dollar increase but for Islam Awareness week, there was an additional increase.

iii. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair

1. What aspects of events do we fund?

a. Nick P- For the other events that fall within our parameters of RUSA, security is funded separately. Dance marathon is funded separately. Everything that is fundable under a normal standpoint is also fundable under an allocations standpoint.

iv. Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian

1. I have a question about the funding guidelines and how they relate to Article 1 Section 7.

a. Nick P- In terms of the bystander intervention bill, there are adjustments that need to be made as soon as possible. I don't think one program should be punished for not participating in an event they weren't prepared for.. All events occur in the spring.

v. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair

1. Shark Tank Style Special Events Funding- How do you think our special events funding changed after you read the reports?

a. Kerri- Nothing in particular at the moment, but I will get back to you.

vi. Motion to postpone debate to next Thursday's meeting.

1. None Opposed

b. Allocations Surrogate Act

i. Motion by Adeel Ahmed, SAS Senator At-Large, to go into standard debate procedure.

1. None Opposed

ii. SUPPORT

1. Adeel Ahmed, SAS Senator At-Large

- a. I support this legislation because it doesn't negatively affect the student assembly at all. Allocations has been doing a good job.

iii. SUPPORT

1. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Chair

- a. This legislation is changing our governing documents and it is important for allocations to have more resources. I am concerned with some of the questions, because some of the members didn't quite have an opinion about the bill. I want to make sure that this is implemented successfully.

iv. Motion by Adeel Ahmed, SAS Senator At-Large, to call into question.

1. None Opposed

v. Motion to adopt the bill.

1. Bill Approved

7. Advisor Report

a. Laura K

- i. Meal swipes for charity closes tomorrow.
- ii. If you are a student, please fill out an application by tomorrow for a chance to win 1,000!
- iii. Continue to get sleep and make good choices.

8. External Representatives Report

a. George Zapata, LSC

- i. Next week we are having a conference about the crisis that is happening in Puerto Rico, so please feel free to attend.

b. Sean Gilbert, IFC

- i. IFC is hosting the dance marathon this Sunday at the College Avenue gym from 10-5pm. Feel free to create a RUSA team!

9. Public Sector

a. Neeharika Thuravil

- i. I have been angry about this since yesterday. I don't know how common this is but the Heisenberg Principle is annoying because you can never simultaneously know the exact position and the exact speed of an object. Apparently, everything in the universe behaves like both a particle and a wave at the same time. A physicist pretty much discovered something after 6 weeks with his mistress.

b. Patrick Grifone

- i. Welcome to all the new members!
- ii. I manage office hours and I just wanted to reinforce that. I sent out a google doc with all the office hours and you all have a commitment to do at least 1 office hour between the hours of 11 and 5pm. If you hold another position, you must do an extra hour and that can be found in the standing rules.

c. Nick Tharney

- i. I'm sure everyone read the standing rules.. If you have any suggestions for how it can change, please let me know.
- ii. I'd like to thank Emily for being one of the people to send a submission.
- iii. I wanted to address that last year in the fall, there was a bill to revise the student guidelines. One criteria was that we want at least 2 officers (F17-1). In order to be eligible for funding, we need at least 2 people to complete a 6 hour course. Any organization that gets over 1,000 will not be able to be funded at all for the spring semester. I encourage everyone to think about it.. Should we scrap it, change it, edit it? IA will be speaking about this tomorrow at 5pm, so please feel free to stop by if you are interested.
- iv. Feel free to email me or Alex about suggestions.

- d. Adeel Ahmed
 - i. We have students that are stuck abroad and cannot return to the United States because of the travel ban that was passed over the summer. This fills me with rage and I think we should do something.
- e. April Nicklaus, NJPIRG
 - i. Tuesday was the voter registration deadline and we registered many Rutgers student.
 - ii. I just came back from the National Conference on Citizenship.
 - iii. We are now in the get out and vote phase, so tomorrow morning and every friday morning at 9am, there is a voting meeting at Eagleton.
- f. Nick Labelle
 - i. We have two guest speakers coming next week, Charlie Kurk and Kelly Owens.
 - ii. Intramural volleyball tonight at the CAG, please feel free to come and join!
- g. Dominique Little
 - i. NAACP- We just had our voting pannel last monday, moderated with many administrators.
 - ii. We are having a halloween themed kahoot at the livingston student center for anyone who is interested!

10. Adjournment

- a. @8:41pm



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- 5

Author: Nick Pellitta, *Allocations Chair*; Priti Kantesaria, *RUSA Treasurer*

Sponsor: Allocations Board

Bill to Approve the 2018-2019 Special Events Allocations

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) is dedicated to providing a means for and promoting student involvement and awareness within the University and the community at large; and

Whereas, the RUSA Allocations Board is responsible for the allocation of funds to registered Rutgers University Student Organizations as well as various registered events on an as needed basis; with a goal to promote and support diversity of programming made available to all Rutgers University students through the fair and efficient use of the student activity fee; and

Whereas, the goal of the RUSA Allocations Board is to promote and support diversity of programming made available to all Rutgers University Students through the fair and efficient use of the student activity fee; and

Whereas, the Special Events Requests for recognized RUSA organizations for the 2018-2019 academic year were due on Monday, September 17th, 2018; and

Whereas, on Monday, October 8th, the RUSA Allocations Board met from 7:00 PM to 2:00 AM to approve Special Event funding to 10 organizations of the Rutgers University New Brunswick/Piscataway Campus; and

Whereas, in order for groups and organizations to effectively program events, the RUSA constitution requires the approval of the RUSA body to approve the Special Events allocations for the groups listed in the spreadsheet attached; therefore

Be it Hereby Enacted, that RUSA approves the 2018-2019 Special Events allocations for those registered student groups that applied by the due date of Friday, September 17th; and

Be it Hereby Resolved, that RUSA approves the allocation of a total of \$146,000 to 10 registered student groups and organizations at Rutgers University New Brunswick/Piscataway Campus using the student activities fee.

Special Event Organization	Special Event	Amount Funded
Association of Indians at Rutgers	AIR Show	\$17,200
American Medical Student Association	Rutgers Pre-Health Conference	\$11,200
Arab Cultural Club	N/A	N/A
Black Student Union	Unity Day	\$15,200
Muslim Student Association	Islam Awareness Week	\$15,200
Rutgers Dance Marathon	Dance Marathon	\$21,200
Rutgers Esports	Scarlet Classic V	\$18,200
Taiwanese American Student Association	TASA Nightmarket	\$9,200
TEDxRutgers	TEDxRutgers	\$0
TWESE	28th Annual Fashion Show	\$10,200
Undergraduate Student Alliance of Computer Science	HackRU Spring 2018	\$16,200
West Indian Student Organization	Caribbean Day	\$12,200

RUSA President

Date