



RUSA Agenda December 6th, 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. Legislation
 - a. Resolution for RUSA to Support University of Pittsburgh's Efforts for Common Sense Gun Legislation
 - b. Bill to Amend the RUSA Allocations Process Transparency Act
 - c. Resolution to Support and Promote the University Locker Initiative
7. Advisor Report
8. External Representatives Report
9. Public Sector
10. Adjournment

"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 F18-9

Authors: Ilce Perez, Julieline Serrano, George Zapata

Sponsor: Executive Committee

Resolution for RUSA to Sign University of Pittsburgh's Open Letter Calling for Stricter Regulations on the Sale of Weapons

Whereas, an AR-15 and three handguns were used to murder eleven people at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and¹

Whereas, a total of 323 mass shooting incidents have occurred in 2018 as of November 28, 2018; and²

Whereas, weapon sales made at gun shows are not required to comply with federal background check requirements; and³

Whereas, the Murphy administration has committed to toughening gun safety laws in New Jersey; and⁴

Whereas, the University of Pittsburgh Student Governing Board has written an open letter calling upon our representatives and lawmakers to enact common-sense gun legislation; and⁵

Whereas, student governments from universities across the country are coming together in support of this letter.⁶

¹ <https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2018/10/27/heavy-police-presence-near-synagogue-in-squirrel-hill/>

² See <https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/reports/mass-shooting>. "Mass" is defined as four or more people shot or killed in an incident.

³ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1612>

⁴ <https://www.murphy4nj.com/issues/getting-tough-on-gun-violence/>

⁵ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/16axsrTuY4zvKvWTXTgD4dyrPHs4vyypAXVTki2DN6gw/edit>

⁶ *Ibid.*

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) will sign the University of Pittsburgh Student Governing Board’s open letter in support of common-sense gun legislation; and

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA supports the expansion of background check requirements, the closure of the gun show loophole through the revision of the Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2017, and the immediate federal banning of bump stocks and any other device that allows for legal weapons to become illegal.

RUSA President

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RUSA Bill F18-10

Authors: Nicholas Pellitta, *RUSA Allocations Board Chairperson*, Priti Kantesaria, *RUSA Treasurer*

Sponsor: RUSA Executive Board, RUSA Allocations Board

Bill to Amend the RUSA Allocations Process Transparency Act

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) Allocations Board has researched the practices used by the funding bodies of the other Big Ten institution student governments; and

Whereas, the results of that research were presented to the Assembly and published as the RUSA Allocations Board Alternative Funding Methods report; and

Whereas, based on the findings of that report, the RUSA Internal Affairs Committee developed the Allocations Surrogate Act to empower the Allocations Board to more effectively serve student organizations; and

Whereas, the Allocations Board is also revising its auditing methods to better monitor the use of student funds; and

Whereas, the Allocations Board believes that these changes are positive steps towards increasing the transparency of the Board's operations and improving its relationships with student organizations; and

Whereas, Section 5 of the RUSA Allocations Process Transparency Act (RAPTA) would compel the Board to publish a wide range of confidential documents that could compromise the effectiveness of the current budgeting process;

Be it hereby enacted that Section 5 of RAPTA be repealed in its entirety; and

Be it hereby resolved that the RUSA Allocations Board shall publish a full explanation of its budgeting process on the organization’s website and all future budget application forms, which shall explain the budgeting process in its entirety, but shall not necessarily include specific documents, numeric amounts, and/or formulas used by the Board during its deliberations.

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RUSA Resolution F18-10

Authors: Emily Kane, Ash Krishna, Ilce Perez, Julieline Serrano

Sponsors: Public Relations Committee

Resolution to Support and Promote the University Locker Initiative

Whereas, 56% of the undergraduate population at Rutgers University commute;⁷

Whereas, free lockers are available for students in the College Ave and Douglass Student Centers;⁸

Whereas, commuter students have expressed a need for lockers on a larger variety of campuses;

Whereas, the Institutional Planning and Operations Office and Student Centers and Activities Office have committed to begin implementing lockers on all campuses by the Fall 2019 semester; and

Whereas, the Student Centers and Activities team hopes to create additional lounge spaces around the lockers;

Whereas, lockers and lounge spaces will be available to all members of the Rutgers community; and

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) has the resources to promote and publicize such university lockers;

Be it hereby resolved, that RUSA supports the implementation of lockers across all campuses; and

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA commits to promote and publicize the university locker initiative in efforts to spread awareness to this new resource.

⁷<https://news.rutgers.edu/feature-focus/rutgers-commuters-find-connections-through-campus-group/20120109#.W7aBSxNKigR>

⁸ <http://involvement.rutgers.edu/commuter-resources/>

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