



**RUSA Resolution S19-02**

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**Resolution Supporting RUCSGA in Efforts to Establish Student Representation on the University Advisory Group Regarding First Amendment and Academic Freedom Issues**

*Whereas*, issues regarding First Amendment freedom of speech and academic freedom have been pertinent throughout the country;

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University administration has compiled thirty different policies on the subject, many overlapping;

*Whereas*, the University Senate has assisted the university administration in assessing and developing a more comprehensive, uniform and legally correct universal policy;

*Whereas*, issues surrounding the lack thereof continue to create issues of appropriate policy and application;

*Whereas*, the University President has requested that the Office of General Counsel “convene an advisory group to provide guidance on alleged policy violations that involve First Amendment and academic freedom questions;”<sup>1</sup> and

*Whereas*, the University President has requested that said panel be comprised of “First Amendment and academic freedom scholars, attorneys, and faculty representatives,”

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<sup>1</sup> <http://senate.rutgers.edu/BarchiLtrProf%20LivingstonAugust2018.pdf>

***Be it hereby resolved*** that the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) shall advocate for the New Brunswick Chancellor to correspond to the University President, requesting that the panel include student representation chosen by student governments; and

***Be it further resolved*** that the RUSA Senate Leader shall recommend that the Senate Executive Board consider the matter and further assess the appropriateness of action affecting other campuses and the university as a whole.