



## **RUSA Bill S19-03**

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### **An Act to Amend RUSA's Standing Rules**

**Whereas**, the Standing Rules govern the Assembly and its operations, boards, committees, offices, and the actions of their members,

**Whereas**, the Internal Affairs Committee proposes to the Assembly updates to the Standing Rules from time to time, for the Assembly to consider enacting by a two-thirds vote,

**Whereas**, the Parliamentarian and IA Committee has ensured an open, transparent, and accessible process by which members of the Assembly and of the public could recommend changes to the Standing Rules and provide feedback on the proposals submitted by others,

**Whereas**, the Internal Affairs Committee conducted a thorough review of the recommendations and of the appropriate current rules, procedures, and customs of RUSA to be changed and

**Whereas**, the committee has furnished a thorough report to the Assembly to accompany these proposed changes to aid in the consideration of these proposed amendments by the Assembly's voting representatives and by interested members of the public,

**Therefore, be it enacted by two-thirds of the Assembly that the Standing Rules be amended, in that the Assembly —**

- 1. Amends** Article XIV to be titled "The Sexual Violence Education Committee"
- 2. Amends** Article XIV, Section 1 to "The Sexual Violence Education Committee shall be a standing committee."
- 3. Amends** Article XIV, Section 2 to:

The Sexual Violence Education Committee shall be charged with:

- a. investigating the policies and practices that affect incidents of sexual violence and how they are investigated and otherwise addressed by the University,
- b. to recommend changes to how the University handles these issues and how the Assembly and the University can increase awareness of sexual violence and ways in which members of the Rutgers community can reduce these incidents, and
- c. to advocate for such initiatives to the wider community.

**4. Amends** Article XIV to add Section 3, which shall dedicate “This committee shall further work with appropriate departments within Rutgers, including VPVA and the Student Affairs Compliance Department, as well as campus organizations, to further the goals of the committee.”

**5. Amends** Article XIII to add a new Section 4 to read:

The Physical Health Subcommittee shall be a subcommittee of the Health and Wellness Committee.

- a. The Physical Health Subcommittee is charged with:
  - i. investigating solutions for physical health issues on campus,
  - ii. collaborating with campus organizations and student health centers on physical health initiatives,
  - iii. advocating on behalf of students for ways to improve physical health services on campus, and
  - ix. recommending and implementing policy pertaining to physical health at Rutgers.

**6. Amends** Article XIII, Section 5 to:

The Mental Health Subcommittee shall be a subcommittee of the Health and Wellness Committee.

- a. The Mental Health Subcommittee is charged with:
  - i. investigating solutions for mental health issues on campus,
  - ii. collaborating with campus organizations on mental health initiatives,
  - iii. advocating on behalf of students for ways to improve mental health services on campus, and
  - ix. recommending and implementing policy pertaining to mental health at Rutgers.

**7. Amends** Article XIII Section 6 to renumber it as Section 7 and to amend the same to:

The chairs of the subcommittees of this committee shall report on the activities of their respective subcommittees to the committee.

**8. Amends** Article XIII to add a new Section 6:

The Alcohol and Drugs Subcommittee shall be a subcommittee of the Health and Wellness Committee.

- a. The Alcohol and Drugs Subcommittee is charged with:
  - i. investigating solutions for alcohol and drug related issues on campus,
  - ii. collaborating with campus organizations on alcohol and drug initiatives,
  - iii. advocating on behalf of students for ways to improve alcohol and drug related services on campus, and
  - ix. recommending and implementing policy pertaining to alcohol and drugs at Rutgers.

**9. Amends** Article XXIII, Section 2 to add subsection 2(l), which shall state that “All Officers of the Assembly, including Chairs of its Committees, shall be held to the same meeting attendance requirements as members of the Assembly.”

**10. Amends** Article XXIII, Section 1(a) to “Office hours shall be held between: 8am-8pm, Monday through Fridays.”

**11. Amends** Article XV, Section 4(e) to “The Secretary shall be required to give an up-to-date report of their activities at each RUSA meeting.”

**12. Amends** Article XV, Section 4 by removing 4(j) and relettering all of the subsequent subsections, changing each of their corresponding letters to the letter preceding the current letters.

**13. Amends** Article XVIII, Section 5(f)(ii) to “The Assembly's Public Relations Committee, in consultation with the Secretary of the Allocations Board, is responsible for advertising open positions on the Board two (2) weeks prior to the selection of new members to the Board.”

**14. Amends** Article I, Section 3 to add subsection c as “An SAS Senate Caucus shall consist of all SAS Senators, with the SAS Senate Leader as the Chair ex officio, shall meet regularly at the same times as the Campus Caucuses.”

**15. Amends** Article XVIII, Sections 6 - 9 by realigning these sections, inline with section under this Article.

**16. Amends** Article XXIV to add “.” at the end of Section 4(e).

**17. Amends** Article I, Section 6(a) to align all of the listed organizations entitled to send special population representatives so that there are no indents after the numbered list items.

**18. Amends** Article I, Section 6(a) to add “xv. International Student Association” as a subsection thereunder.

**19. Amends** Article II, Section 11 to read:

The General Order of Business for RUSA shall be:

- a. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Approval of the Agenda
- d. Approval of the Minutes
- e. Invited Speaker
- f. Old Business
- g. New Business
- h. Officer Reports
  - i. Executive Board Reports
  - ii. Committee Reports:
    - I. Core and Standing Committees
    - II. Ad Hoc Committees
- i. Advisor Report
- j. Reports of External Representatives
- k. Public Sector
- l. Adjournment

**20. Amends** Article V to add Section 8 to read “The Executive Board shall have the power to draft and propose its own legislation to the Assembly by an excess of a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board; in the event that the vote is exactly two-thirds, it shall be considered a tied vote and resolved accordingly.”

**21. Amends** Article V to add Section 9, which shall state “The Executive Board may propose changes to legislation which has been submitted by a committee, but which has not yet been introduced on the floor of the Assembly. However, the committees which sponsored the legislation can reject the amendments within a forty-eight hour period after being notified of such amendments. If the sponsoring committee(s) rejects the changes, then the amendments shall be presented to the Assembly upon a proper motion.”

**Be it hereby resolved,** the above-stated amendments shall become effective immediately upon enactment by two-thirds of the Assembly.

**Be it further resolved,** with respect to the amendments to the Standing Rules, Article 14 that for the purposes of this and all prior legislation the Sexual Violence Education Committee shall be deemed the successor to the Sexual Violence Education Department and that the first Chair of this committee shall be the Director of the SVE Department, and that the office of Chair of the SVE Committee shall be deemed the successor office to the SVE Department.

**Be it further resolved,** the current non-authoritative footnote shall be removed on the next iteration of the publication of the standing rules if the fifteenth enumerated section of the first enactment clause of this act is duly enacted by the Assembly by the required two-thirds vote.

**Be it finally resolved** that the Assembly hereby directs the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee to prepare an updated document with the changes to the Standing Rules and furnish the final document to the Parliamentarian and the Secretary, and that the Secretary of the Assembly shall publish the same on the Assembly's website.

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RUSA President

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Date