



RUSA Bill S19-05

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Bill to Appropriate Funds to the Replacement of Gender Neutral Restroom Signs at Rutgers University- New Brunswick

Whereas, there are currently 130 single-stall public restrooms at Rutgers University – New Brunswick, and although they are gender neutral, their signs are outdated and/or binary;

Whereas, Rutgers University has been ranked as a Top Twenty Five LGBTQ+ University¹;

Whereas, binary restroom signs insinuate a lack of restroom accommodation for transgender and non-binary students on campus;

Whereas, the Queer Caucus has been working on a project to advocate for the replacement of outdated binary single-stall restroom signs with signs that are gender neutral, which accurately encapsulate the inclusive access these bathrooms are meant to provide;

Whereas, these signs, a picture of which can be accessed at the bottom of this document, have been university approved, and upon buying them for a cost of \$60 each, the Queer Caucus has in place a procedure outlined with Rutgers Facilities to have these signs installed at single-stall public restrooms across campus;

¹ <https://collegeconsensus.com/rankings/best-lgbt-schools/>

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) is dedicated to representing all undergraduate students at Rutgers University – New Brunswick, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexuality;

Whereas, this project will have a tangible and positive impact on a significant population of Rutgers students, including but not limited to non-binary and transgender students;

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA will partially finance the project to replace the signs on single-stall restrooms on campus with a contribution of \$5,000 from the Other Initiatives budget, which will purchase signs for approximately eighty restrooms;

Be it further resolved, RUSA supports advocacy efforts to encourage relevant administrative stakeholders to finance the remainder of this project, including but not limited to University Facilities and the office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.



RUSA President

Date