



## **RUSA Agenda February 21st, 2019**

**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\**

### 1. Town Hall

- a. Antonio M. Calcado, Executive Vice President for Strategic Planning & Operations and Chief Operating Officer

**8:30pm @ Student Activities Center**

### 2. Call to Order

- a. 8:40 PM

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to move the comma on the screen
  - i. Seconded
  - ii. Approved
- b. Approved

### 5. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes

- a. Approved

### 6. Officer Report

- a. Updates can be found on the Assembly website, [ruassembly.com](http://ruassembly.com)

### 7. Legislation

- a. Resolution to Express Disapproval in the Selection Process for the Chancellor of New Brunswick
  - i. Motion to update the authors and the sponsors of the bill in order to properly represent everyone

*"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."*

1. Seconded
2. Passed by unanimous consent
- ii. Nick Tharney, RBGA REP, presents a resolution expressing disapproval in the selection process for the chancellor of New Brunswick. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker.
- iii. Motion to add “Board of governors” to the third bullet in the thereby it be it resolved clause
  1. Seconded
  2. Motion to pass motion by unanimous consent
    - a. Seconded
    - b. Approved
  3. Passed by unanimous consent
- iv. Motion to pass by unanimous consent
  1. Seconded
  2. Approved
- v. Passed by unanimous consent

## 8. Advisor Report

- a. Karima Woodyard
  - i. Passing the Sword Event upcoming, leadership brunch on 3/1 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
    1. Re-registration opens March 1st until May 1st

- ii. Paul Robeson Plaza opening, 02/22/2019, at 3:00 pm at Voorhees Mall
  - 1. Visit Paul Robeson Centennial Website for more info
- iii. Steam conference has been sold out
- iv. Mark Conference has been sold out
- v. Upcoming leadership opportunities for next year, such as LEx, etc, and to reach out and find positions of leadership to grow and add to your resume
- vi. New Assistant Director for Community Development is Sabrina LoBue

## 9. External Representatives Report

### a. Chanel Jordan, RHA Rep

- i. RHA Elections will be coming up and will be on Feb 26th and will be starting at 8:30 PM, first info session is feb 26th in the Richard Weeks Hall rm 106

### b. George Zapata, LSC Rep

- i. The Lion Mentorship program will be starting tomorrow with opportunities to provide networking for future career opportunities, whether it be politics or entertainment
- ii. Interns are in and they will possibly be coming to future RUSA Meetings

### c. Cole Murphy, SAAC Rep

- i. Basketball game this Sunday will be collecting money for the foundation soles for souls and to distribute shoes to kids who do not have any. Anybody who has any shoes to spare please bring them and help donate to the organization

### d. Harsh Patel, EGC Rep

- i. It is happy engineers week and tonight was the cardboard canoe races.
- ii. In addition EGC is going to be giving out apparel soon as well

- iii. Engineering school t-shirt design contest is up and he encourages people to participate

## 10. Public Sector

### a. Neeharika Thuravil

- i. We had our second super moon of this winter
- ii. Last week RU Progressive is having a Jersey Politician Wisniewski come and speak on Jersey politics, feel free to ask questions and grab some food and have some fun
- iii. This friday at 9:00 am Jersey Progressives are coming to speak and will educate on Jersey politics as well
- iv. Bernie Sanders announced his campaign for president and if you're interested get in touch and she can add you to any groups with regards to him

### b. Dominique Little

- i. NAACP will hold black history month basketball tournament and help raise money for high school outreach program, will take place in livi recreation center
- ii. Sunday March 31st the NAACP Image awards will be taking place and encourages all rusa members to attend
- iii. Dominique and Jessica will be hosting the STEAM conference that is coming up soon
- iv. Dominique and Chanel have a youtube channel and are look for members of the LGBTQ community to help and get involved

### c. Andrew Petryna

- i. Campus movie fest is coming back to rutgers this year and will give high grade movie equipment to students to film a five min movie and have a

big showing for all students. If a student's film is good enough they will be flown out to Atlanta and win possible awards

d. Nicholas LaBelle

- i. Excellent bill passed and F18-4 and there was supposed to be a task force organized by Barchi and it has yet to happen
- ii. Amna got her Poem published in a women's magazine

e. George Zapata

- i. One student had a flat tire and had no clue how to change it and two RUPD cars passed by and were not willing to even help this student who had been inconvenienced. Help out any kid you see no matter how big or how small

f. April Nicklaus

- i. Plastics campaign did a presentation for the NB environmental committee and will be going all out on community outreach after good feedback from aforementioned organization
- ii. PIRG representatives will be meeting with politicians throughout the state and have lobby meetings and will argue for the reauthorization for the higher education act as well as advocating for the pilot program and help that become a permanent item on the budget

g. Masser Ghannam

- i. The E-Board applications for PCR are open now and it is a non-profit org
- ii. In addition there is an upcoming soccer tournament and encourages students to join

h. Amna Ahmed

- i. Encourages students to reach out to the aforementioned Women's Magazine and if they want something published to get in touch

- i. Jeffery Zhang
  - i. Doing a road trip down south and if anyone is interested to let him know and they can join in
- j. Chanel Jordan
  - i. Chancellors Gala will be happening and want to ensure that they have strong nominations when it comes along. Information on how to nominate will be uploaded as soon as the necessary information is found out
- k. Aneesh Deshpande
  - i. TedX is upcoming and if it sells out he encourages anyone interested to get in touch with and he can ensure that they will be able to attend
- l. Motion by Nick Tharney to strike the closed session off the agenda and will instead move into the internal election
  - i. Seconded
  - ii. Approved

11. Closed Session – *all persons aside from voting and ex-officio members, and other required parties shall be excused from the meeting*

a. ~~Recall Hearing – Secretary~~

12. Internal Election - *session will re-open for the remainder of agenda; each nominee for each will have seven (7) minutes speaking time, part of which may be allotted for Q&A; after all candidates for a position speak, a speakers list will consist of, for each candidate, two (2) speakers, each of whom will have two (2) minutes to address the Assembly.*

- a. Representative to the Selection Board for Allocations Interviews
  - i. Jhanvi would like to nominate Aneesh Deshpande
    - 1. Aneesh accepts
  - ii. Meet Patel would like to nominate Ilce Perez
    - 1. Not accepted

- iii. Candidates has 7 minutes speaking time
  1. Aneesh:
    - a. Has experience working in allocations from previous years in rusa and has a lot to add as well as gain from such an experience. Hopes to serve as a good representative for RUSA and will be glad to take any questions if anyone has any. The remainder of his time was left to questions.
  - iv. Jeff Zhang motions to suspend the rules and elect Aneesh to this position by unanimous consent
    1. Seconded
    2. Approved
      - a. Congratulations Aneesh!
- b. Secretary - ~~pending results of recall hearing~~
  - i. Aarushi Govil nominates Ase Awari
    1. Ase accepts
  - ii. Meet Patel nominates Ilce Perez
    1. Ilce accepts
  - iii. Nick Tharney motions for a 2 minute and 59 second recess
    1. Seconded
    2. RUSA has gone into a recess
  - iv. Both candidates have 7 minutes speaking time
    1. Ase:
      - a. College Avenue at large and deputy chief of staff
      - b. Has been serving as interim secretary
      - c. Looking to add to rusa as an organization
      - d. Looking to contribute to the student body as a whole by contributing in the capacity of secretary
    2. Ilce:
      - a. Currently board of trustees student rep

- b. Very dedicated to senate
  - c. Will ensure that people will attend our meetings and will draw on her experience in her sorority
  - d. Will use her experience to help her in her internships
  - e. Using excel spreadsheets and other technologies is already something she does in her current job
- v. Standard Debate Procedure
- 1. Dominique Little for Ase
    - a. Already has hands on experience in this transition period
    - b. Has relationship with previous secretary
    - c. Transfer student who is already seeking leadership roles
    - d. Admirable from the perspective of a transfer student
    - e. Has the right personality to be secretary
  - 2. Nick Labelle for Ilce
    - a. Lived with her in Perry Hall, was consistently kind
    - b. Excels in all things she does
    - c. Likeable as a person, works in a job where she practices this
  - 3. Nick Tarney for Ase
    - a. Has more relevant experience for the role
    - b. Will have more time to devote to addressing the backlog of work
    - c. Secretary is responsible for holding the body together
    - d. Has already demonstrated these skills as deputy chief of staff and interim secretary
    - e. Served on another schools governing council, offers more experience
  - 4. Nimra for Ilce
    - a. Very involved in her sorority, senator, and board of trustees



- b. Whatever she gets involved in she conquers, including her training period
    - c. Genuine and helping personality
- 5. Motion for 3 minute recess to discuss candidates
- 6. Motion by Nick Tharney to vote by anonymous ballot
  - a. Seconded
  - b. Approved
- 7. Motion to vote by poll everywhere
  - a. Seconded
  - b. Approved
- 8. Vote of 7 to 30 to use poll everywhere
  - a. Poll everywhere determined to be inadequate
- 9. Voting by anonymous ballot
  - a. Ase Awari: 35
  - b. Ilce Perez: 10
  - c. Abstain: 0
  - d. Present: 0
- 10. In a vote 35 to 10 Ase Awari is elected Secretary

13. Adjournment

- a. @10:59 PM

14. Caucus Meetings



**RUSA Resolution S19-04**

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**Sponsors:** Executive Committee, Academic Affairs, Internal Affairs, Student Affairs, University Affairs, Health & Wellness

**Resolution to Express Disapproval in the Selection Process for the  
Chancellor of New Brunswick**

*Whereas*, it was previously announced that an Interim Chancellor for Rutgers University — New Brunswick was appointed by the University President with no immediate plans to establish a search committee in order to permanently fill the role of Chancellor,

*Whereas*, in February 2019, the Interim Chancellor of Rutgers University — New Brunswick was permanently appointed to the position of Chancellor via announcement of the University President without the establishment of such a search committee,

*Whereas*, search committees, which included student and other stakeholder representation, have been established in the past to find applicants and engage in a deliberative process of recommending new Chancellors, most recently for the appointment of former Chancellor Deba Dutta,

*Whereas*, to the knowledge of the students, no such committee was reasonably publicized prior to the appointment of the now permanent Chancellor, and no representatives from the undergraduate student government were consulted in said appointment,

*Whereas*, a lack of both transparency and opportunity for input are of great concern to the undergraduate student body,

*Whereas*, the student body is one of the primary stakeholders in University decisions and collectively pays tuition and fees to support the University and therefore deserves more information and the opportunity to have seats at the table,

*Whereas*, the most recent selection process is contrary to the ideals of shared governance and inclusion, upon which Rutgers so frequently prides itself, and overall sets a negative precedent,

*Whereas*, this resolution is solely concerned with the process and does not express any disapproval for the current Chancellor,

*Whereas*, the aforementioned selection process is particularly disappointing due to the fact that it was for the highest administrator specific to the Rutgers University — New Brunswick campus,

*Whereas*, the President of the Assembly has released an open letter expressing disapproval of the selection process, and

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) is the primary, campus-wide undergraduate student government for the New Brunswick campus, having the authority to speak on behalf of the undergraduate student body,

**Therefore, be it resolved that the Rutgers University Student Assembly:**

- 1. Strongly disapproves** of the selection process used for the appointment of the permanent Chancellor for the New Brunswick campus;
- 2. Calls upon** the President of the University, Robert L. Barchi, to issue a statement committing to ensuring that future selection processes will be more transparent, more publicized, and will have student government representation;
- 3. Directs** the President of the Assembly to convey the sentiments of this resolution to the Office of the President of Rutgers University;
- 4. Requests** that the Executive Committee of the University Senate issue a charge to the appropriate committee to investigate the current process in which high-level administrators are selected and provide recommendations; and
- 5. Urges** the University to establish guidelines for the selection process of high-level administrators that include a formal process with representation from the appropriate student governments.