



## **RUSA Agenda February 28th, 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. Call to Order
  - a. @7:35 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
  - a. Approved
5. Officer Report
  - a. Updates can be found on the Assembly website, [ruassembly.com](http://ruassembly.com)
6. Legislation
  - a. An Act to Amend RUSA's Standing Rules - *This piece of legislation will be voted on at the next meeting of the Assembly on March 7th*
    - i. The Right Honorable Parliamentarian, Nick Tharney, and The Internal Affairs Committee Chair, Alex Anderson, the Internal Affairs Committee Chair, and other members within Internal Affairs Committee present a bill to amend current rules and other amendments within the standing rules. These changes range from innocuous grammar fixes, to an entire change in committee structure in RUSA as a whole. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker.
    - ii. Move into Standard Debate Procedure

- iii. Vice President, Jessica Tuazon, Motions for a speakers list of 8 people speaking on any topic that pertains to the bill
  1. No Opposition
  2. Approved
  3. Move into a 8 People Speaking List
  4. Ryed Jadun, ASC Rep
    - a. Even if someone were against some of the amended changes, they can take the initiative to change that, in layman terms, they can offer up a change to the bill if they have any issues
  5. Hinita Patel, Health and Wellness Chair
    - a. Speaking on the creation of the two new subcommittees in the bill, specifically the alcohol and drugs as well as physical health subcommittees, and since these are constant concerns for the mental health and wellness chair it is important to always have these topics discussed
  6. Jason Yu, RBGA Rep
    - a. International Student Association Representative is important because at least 5%-7% of the student body are of that group and having this additional representative in RUSA is important for properly representing the body
  7. Logan Adams, Off Campus at Large Rep
    - a. This legislation is very impactful and just wants to say thank you to Internal Affairs and that he approves of all the changes that his legislation will bring
  8. Chanel Jordan, SVE Department Director
    - a. Encourages everyone to read through the Bill to ensure everyone understands everything, in addition wants to thank Internal Affairs, lastly creating the SVE committee

will prevent redundancy and make the job of the director much easier and efficient

9. Jeffery Zhang, RBGA Rep

- a. Wants to offer alternatives to what is approved here and concerned that the Chief of Staff wasn't discussed with these changes nor was the only International Student discussed with these changes, lastly since all this is packed in one bill this makes the bill very concerning if it were to be passed

10. Andrew Petryna

- a. The student body is always changing and updates to the Standing rules reflect the differences in the student body year by year and important to keep up with constant changes occurring across campus

11. Nicholas Brennan, SEBS Governing Council

- a. Amount of input put on this bill is very wide and any arguments against this are weak

iv. Motion by Emily Kane, Public Relations Chair to have three speakers, one minute each, and at least two of them be either Alex Anderson or Nick Tharney

1. Seconded
2. Opposed
3. Motion Called into question
  - a. For: 40
  - b. Against: 5
  - c. Abstain: 2
  - d. Present: 0
  - e. Motion Passed
4. Nick Tharney, The Right Honourable Parliamentarian

- a. Every single person in the assembly was offered the opportunity to speak on the bill and for the person who spoke against the bill, he could have easily expressed concerned if he showed up to the meetings
- 5. Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Committee Chair
  - a. With regards to the concern about international students not being discussed, the person who brought up that concern actually spoke to the International student association and was able to accurately gauge the concerns of the international student population
- 6. Nicholas LaBelle, Cook at Large Rep
  - a. Would like to also speak on behalf of the student who spoke to the international student association and corroborates what the previous speaker said
- v. Jeffrey Kim, EGC Rep, Motion for a two minute recess
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Approved
- vi. Eleanor Meli, Douglass 2021, Motions to postpone the discussion of the bill to next week
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Oppose
  - 3. The motion moves into question
    - a. For: 22
    - b. Against: 21
    - c. Abstain: 2
    - d. Present: 0
- vii. The discussion of this bill has been postponed to next week

## 7. Advisor Report

- a. Karima Woodyard

- i. Last day of black history month and tomorrow is the start of women's history month
- ii. Passing the sword event will be taking place tomorrow and is when the outgoing officers will be meeting up to
- iii. Elections is around the corner and encourages utilizing on reflecting this year on what has been achieved and what been put forth this year, for seniors what have you added in your last year, for those returning to remember what they learned and how they will add to next year
- iv. Midterms are upon us and encourages everyone to eat healthy and be at peace of mind to be ready for the upcoming tests

## 8. External Representatives Report

- a. Nicholas Brennan, SEBS Governing Council
  - i. Spoke about at the last meeting that SEBS spoke about the resolution that was passed the RUSA
- b. Chanel Jordan, RHA Rep
  - i. Wants to encourage what Emily Previously said about the body sharing any information about Town Hall Meetings or other possible concerns for the student body
  - ii. Will be holding a weekly information session for the upcoming elections period come March 26th and encourages people to send her any questions
- c. Ryed Jadun, ASC Rep
  - i. A targum referendum committee that he chairs and that he has gotten in touch with student governments and is asking of EGC and RBA to help him get in touch with those respective governing bodies
  - ii. At the moment he has a list of events that are being made for the Asian Student Council, the first is March 4th and is an ASE and LINK collaboration and encourages students to attend
  - iii. “What do you mean” event on March 2nd
  - iv. There is also a samosa eating contest on March 13th

- d. Kira Harris, MGSGA Representative
  - i. A week ago mason gross found out that the a professor will be returning, this professor has been guilty of embezzling money, as well as blackmailing students and Ms. harris encourages students to reach out and unite in voicing their concern of allowing this professor back into their position
- e. Jeffrey Kim, EGC Rep
  - i. Filled the last open position on EGC and now every single seat is filled and they have a full assembly
  - ii. Also implemented rank choice voting for all upcoming elections
  - iii. Had over 4.000 sign ins during Engineering-Week last week and has started initiatives to save paper and save money
  - iv. Super thankful for the secretary releasing the agenda and minutes on Sunday

## 9. Public Sector

- a. Nick Tharney
  - i. Sent an email to the Chancellor about the appoint process and will be contacting other governing bodies about reaching out to discuss disapproval of the appointment process
  - ii. Has been researching old documents within RUSA and cannot find any documents from before Jess Tuazons time as a secretary and if any students have any ideas or on helping please contact him
- b. Neeharika Thuravil
  - i. Wanted to talk about our frustrations of the STEM majors and how the telescope on SERIN has been broken and concerned about how discussion about fixing it has not been brought up and in general how there is a lack of fixing up all current dilapidated building
- c. Chanel Jordan

- i. The NAACP was able to raise a couple hundred dollars after the basketball raising fundraiser
    - ii. In addition, there is a founders ball that is upcoming and if interested in attending to reach out to Dominique Little or Chanel Jordan
    - iii. Encourages everyone to be very intentional within and outside of the body and that to have good intentions through out the process
  - d. Alex Anderson
    - i. Two articles in the Targum about sexual assault from professors and there is concern that one of the professors who is under a specific civil suit is still working there with the student he assaulted and encourages those who are upset to reach out and illustrate concern
  - e. Nicholas LaBelle
    - i. To follow up on Alex, another professor has been forced to resign as of this morning
    - ii. Registration is coming up for orgs
  - f. Sebastian Romero
    - i. There will be a 24 hour charity stream that will be occurring at the busch students center and encourages students to come through
    - ii. For upcoming PAX Sebastian will be representing rutgers and discussing esports as well as other topics
  - g. April Nicklaus
    - i. NJPIRG ban the bag initiative is still underway and pushing through strong
    - ii. DC Lobby day this monday so they advocated for reauthorization of the Pell Grant Program as well as other previous concerns of NJPIRG
  - h. Jeffrey Kim
    - i. Rutgers solar car team will be meeting on mondays and tuesday behind the arc and is looking for new members and encourages students interested in joining to contact the club or to contact Jeffrey himself

- ii. The car that he has is spectacular and recommends that anybody who just wants to see it to come by

- i. Emily Kane

- i. Vice President of the Rutgers Scarlet Council and to reach out and ensure that Rutgers know how not to violate the rules of the office of student conduct and was concerned by how many students don't know about these rules that they are required to abide to. Encourages students to speak to her about any rules that they feel will be important with regard to ensuring that they abide by any rules that they may not know

- j. Jess Tuazon

- i. Encourages students to put questions into the file that was uploaded for upcoming Chancellor Malloy to speak

- ii. Also that she offers to pay for anyone's bubble tea if they send her \$2 to fundraise for RUDM

- k. Suzanne Link

- i. It is perfectly okay to disagree and just encourages everyone to be kind and civil

## 10. Adjournment

- a. @9:17