



## **RUSA Agenda March 14th, 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. 7:33
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion by Neeharika Thuravil to move Resolution S19-05 from bullet point a to bullet point b
    - i. Seconded
    - ii. None Opposition
    - iii. Approved Unanimously
  - i. Agenda Approved
  - b. Motion by Chanel Jordan to move Resolution S19-05 from bullet point b to bullet point c
    - i. Seconded
    - ii. None Opposition
    - iii. Approved Unanimously
  - i. Agenda Approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
  - a. Motion to Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes
    - i. Seconded
    - ii. None Oppose

*"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."*

- iii. Approved Unanimously
- iv. Minutes Approved

## 5. Officer Report

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

## 6. Legislation

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

- i. Jhanvi Virani, Student Affairs Chair, as well as members of the Student Affairs committee present a bill where RUSA will partially finance the project to replace the signs on single-stall restrooms on campus with a contribution of \$5,000 to be all gender, in addition, RUSA will support 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. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker.

- ii. Move into Standard Debate Procedure

- 1. Andrew Petryna, Off-Campus Representative, FOR

- a. Great bill for a lot of reasons but the biggest is that a lot of us we take going to the bathroom for granted and how privileged some students are to have that ability and not be in fear. SO pushing this through is better for the students safety and well being overall.

- 2. Logan Adams, Off-Campus Representative, AGAINST

- a. For the record, does support it, however, there are already some pre-existing signs as is and there is a potential to save money because some signs are already a all gender.

- 3. Chanel Jordan, SVE Committee Chair, FOR

- a. Very cool initiative and ties to diversity and inclusivity and

both of these themselves are tied together and you cannot have one without the other. Also ensures the safety of students and ensures a better environment to be in.

4. Nicholas Tharney, Parliamentarian, AGAINST
  - a. Just wanted to raise two quick points, like changing the \$120 to to \$60 in order to be more accurate. And the second is that under the standing rules this requires a two thirds vote and must be done through roll call and can insert a blank for the amount of money and use that to bypass the standing rule that he just mentioned.
- iii. Motion to revisit QA by Andrew Petryna, Off-Campus Representative, no time limit
  1. Seconded
  2. None Opposition
  3. Approved Unanimously
  4. Motion to have QA Approved
- iv. Motion by Maya Ravichandran, SAS Senator at Large, to Accept all amendments made to the bill and to suspend the rules and vote by unanimous consent
  1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion withdrawn
- v. Bill Moves into question, a vote by roll call due to specific rules within the standing rules
  1. FOR:
    - a. Logan Adams
    - b. Zain Ahmed
    - c. Mahmoud Ajaj
    - d. Jack Andrejco

- e. Mohammed Attiyeh
- f. Ase Awari
- g. Rachel Bauman
- h. Nicholas Brennan
- i. Matthew Brower
- j. Memphis Chen
- k. Jillian Cuzzolino
- l. Grace Daniel
- m. Aneesh Deshpande
- n. Laura Esteban
- o. Masser Ghannam
- p. Sean Gilbert
- q. Aarushi Govil
- r. Elton Greenfield
- s. Kira Harris
- t. Hira Hussain
- u. Ryed Jadun
- v. Chanel Jordan
- w. Albert Joseph
- x. Emily Kane
- y. Subhadha Kartik
- z. Joanne Kim
- aa. Jeffery Kim
- bb. Jeremy King
- cc. Nicholas LaBelle
- dd. Eleanor Meli
- ee. Alim Memon
- ff. Harsh Patel
- gg. Hinita Patel

hh. Meet Patel  
ii. Ilce Perez  
jj. Robert Porch  
kk. Maya Ravichandran  
ll. Brady Rivera  
mm. Sebastian romero  
nn. Julien Rosenbloom  
oo. Nikhil Sadaranganey  
pp. Samanath Salem  
qq. Rishi Shah  
rr. Neeharika Thuravil  
ss. Cassidy Wiltshire  
tt. Marc Younker  
uu. Jason Yu  
vv. Eirc Quartey  
ww. Andrew Petryna

2. AGAINST:

a. NONE

3. ABSTAIN:

a. NONE

4. PRESENT:

a. Nick Tharney

5. The Bill passes

vi. The Bill is passed and goes into effect

b. Bill to Sponsor the StandardsTV RUSA Town Hall

i. Dominique Little, University Affairs Chairperson, as well as Andrew Petryna present a bill where StandardsTV asks for funding from RUSA to create a Town Hall Event for 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, that will take place on April 4th and in addition to allocate funds directly to the camera crew and

for any materials or other services needed for such an event not in excess of \$400.

ii. Move into Standard Debate Procedure

1. Marc Younker, College Avenue 2022 Representative, FOR

- a. Supports this bill and really believes Standards tv is a great organization and really educates people. It is good to support this because it is good to expand are reach with an organization that advocates in educating others about the topics that standards tv talks about

2. Emily Kane, Public Relations Chair, AGAINST

- a. Not opposed to the bill however there are two issues with the legislation, the first is that a lot of the big name congress people on the bill have not confirmed attendance yet. Second concern is that we have an issue getting people to show up and is terrified that if we get these big name people to show up that no one will be here to see it

3. Priti Kantesaria, Treasurer, FOR

- a. Understand the concerns about no one showing up to town halls and that may be due to the people being school faculty and not the actual big name legislators that could attend. In addition, we can PR with standards as well to have a better reach out and get more people to show up. Funding is not that big an issue either

4. Jess Tuazon, Vice President, AGAINST

- a. Reiterate what emily said about supporting this bill, however, does not want to set the precedent of funding organizations that are not under RUSA and are outside the school entirely. Would not be an issue if they were trying to register to be a school org yet at the moment that is still not

in effect

5. Motion by Emily Kane, Public Relations Chair to defer this piece of legislation to public relations committee
  - a. Seconded
  - b. Opposed
  - c. Move into standard debate procedure for the motion
    - i. Sebastian Romero, Off Campus at Large Representative, FOR
      1. The time we have for this bill is not feasible and if we had more time to plan then it would be a lot easier to figure out the entire timeline
    - ii. Chanel Jordan, SVE Committee Chair, AGAINST
      1. We are not reaching the people we are supposed to be reaching and through an event like this we can reach the community that has been missing out. We have had less time before and we can get this done within this time frame
    - iii. Emily Kane, Public Relations Chair, FOR
      1. Would love to extend the date and just believes that within the current timeframe it is impossible to reach out to the students who this would pertain to unless we defer this back to public relations committee
    - iv. Andrew Petryna, Off-Campus Representative, AGAINST
      1. Not having people attend was a concern that was discussed, and standards as well as PR

committee would have a big initiative to outreach to people and get as many people to attend as possible, in addition, believes that we do have enough time to get people to show up

- v. Nicholas Labelle, Cook at Large Representative,  
AGAINST

- 1. Does not think it is feasible to have the time frame to put this off, in addition, Dominique and Chanel will also be leaving and this was their initiative to bring with. Also very enticing and can get people to show up

- d. Motion to go into a five minute recess, Maya Ravichandran, SAS Senator at Large

- 1. Seconded
- 2. Opposed
- 3. Motion is called into question

- a. For: 24
- b. Against: 24
- c. Abstain: 1
- d. Present: 0
- e. Due to a Tie the President decides in favor of a five minute recess
- f. Motion Passes and the assembly goes into recess

- e. Motion to extend the recess by 2 minutes, Emily Kane, Public relations Chair

- i. Seconded
- ii. Opposed



iii. Motion is called into question

1. For: 16
2. Against: 30
3. Abstain: 1
4. Present: 0
5. Motion Fails

f. Motion to defer this back to PR is called into question

- i. For: 33
- ii. Against: 15
- iii. Abstain: 1
- iv. Present: 0
- v. Motion Passes and the bill is deferred to committee

iii. The Legislation is deferred to the Public Relations Committee

c. Resolution Concerning the Student Activities Fee *“Motion by Jessica Tuazon, Vice President, on behalf of Ryed Jadun, to postpone legislation to next week and to appear first under the legislation in the agenda and to have four people for the bill and four people against the bill.”*

- i. Motion to suspend the rules by Marc younker, College Avenue 2022 Representative, and allow Suzanne Link to read an email that pertains to the legislation
  1. Seconded
  2. None Opposed
  3. Approved
  4. The Assembly suspend the rules and allows Suzanne to read an email that pertains to the legislation
- ii. Motion by Ase Awari, Secretary to suspend the rules and allow Navrus to speak on behalf of the legislation
  1. Seconded
  2. None Opposed

3. Approved
  4. The Assembly suspend the rules and allow Navrus to speak on behalf of the legislation
- iii. Immediately move into debate procedure with four people for the bill and four people against the bill
1. Andrew Petryna, Off-Campus Representative, FOR
    - a. In terms of inflation, we have lost around \$200,000 due to the rate of inflation and this money could have been given to students orgs. Not only that, but a lot of students never even knew about this possibility to have this referendum and by bringing this up we let them know that we have this power.
  2. Maya Ravichandran, SAS Senator at Large, AGAINST
    - a. Passing this resolution will definitely decrease RUSA's favor within the student body and only decrease our opinion. In addition, we can do this every year if need be if we need to raise the fee.
  3. Ryed Jadun, ASC Representative, FOR
    - a. One, first coming from the perspective of the asian student council and related orgs, they have had questions about funding and it is important to at least give this option
    - b. This has to go to referendum regardless, and no matter how much resource is done, we still have to give the student body to decide on this and gives us the possibility to increase it in the future
  4. Priti KanteSaria, Treasurer, AGAINST
    - a. In regards to this bill is a couple things, one the referendum is not enough to properly find out the student voice and we can't just put it on them without even asking them if they

want this vote. In addition, we leave the choice of increasing money only to the governing bodies and not the student body as a whole

5. Nicholas LaBelle, Cook at Large Rep, FOR

- a. Gald we hear the email and it's a valid concern, however, if the student body votes on this referendum, then taht is a voice and if we deny this voice then we are infringing on there voice

6. Aneesh Deshpande, Academic Affairs Chair, AGAINST

- a. An investigation into allocations shows that the funding model given to clubs is already out of order and we need to fix that before we even decide to change the right to increase our own funding if we cannot even fix allocations

7. Nick Tharney, Parlimentarian, FOR

- a. Society reps in EGC cannot vote in budgety manners and not in funding, in addition, all fee increases have happened decades in the past. In addition, this just creates a sustainable model that ensures that we will have enough funding to give clubs and only gives students the option to allow student governments to raise the fee and not setting it in stone.

8. Chanel Jordan, SVE Committee Chair, AGAINST

- a. All the concerns brought up the in the email are the same concerns that other students have brought up and if we are to implent this then we should hear every student voice before we decide to vote on this

iv. Motion by Eric Quartey to have a five minute recess

1. Seconded
2. Opposed

3. Motion called into question
  - a. For: 20
  - b. Against: 23
  - c. Abstain: 1
  - d. Present: 0
  - e. Motion Fails
- v. Motion by Arrushi Govil, EGC Representative, to have a Navruz to speak for a minute and thirty seconds
  1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion called into question
    - a. For: 18
    - b. Against: 24
    - c. Abstain: 5
    - d. Present: 1
    - e. Motion Fails
- vi. Motion by Andrew Petryna, Off-Campus Representative, to have a speakers list
  1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion called into question
    - a. For: 16
    - b. Against: 28
    - c. Abstain: 0
    - d. Present: 2
    - e. Motion Fails
- vii. Motion by Andrew Petryna, Off-Campus Representative, to have a five minute recess
  1. Seconded

2. Opposed
  3. Motion called into question
    - a. For: 14
    - b. Against: 32
    - c. Abstain: 2
    - d. Present: 0
    - e. Motion fails
- viii. Motion to have a two minute recess
1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion called into question
    - a. For: 14
    - b. Against: 33
    - c. Abstain: 0
    - d. Present: 1
    - e. Motion fails
- ix. Motion by Ryed Jadun, ASC Representative, to have a four speaker list, 2 min each
1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion called into question
    - a. For: 21
    - b. Against: 26
    - c. Abstain: 0
    - d. Present: 0
    - e. Motion fails
- x. Motion by Marc younker, College Avenue 2022 Representative, to defer this back to IA
1. Seconded

2. Opposed

3. Motion moves into standard debate procedure

a. Rachel Bauman, DGC Representative, FOR

i. Her governing council does not support this and as one of these voices then it shows that this bill was not properly communicated

b. Jason Yu, RBGA Representative, AGAINST

i. This should not be deferred to IA because there are other student shareholders in this bill and if we postpone this then we lose time on this bill

c. Jhanvi Virani, Student Affairs Chair, FOR

i. We clearly torn on whether or not to pass this bill and believes that this bill is under researched and that we should defer this back to IA to have more research

d. Jeffery Kim, EGC Representative, AGAINST

i. We were meant to make choices for the student body and they choose us to be their representative and to make the informed choices that they can't. In addition, already went through IA and had their stamp of approval

e. Motion by Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian to move into a three minute recess

i. Seconded

ii. Opposed

iii. Motion called into question

1. For: 17

2. Against: 27

3. Abstain: 0

4. Present: 0

5. Motion fails

f. Motion to call this motion into question

i. For: 28

ii. Against: 18

iii. Abstain: 1

iv. Present: 1

v. Motion Passes and the resolution is deferred to the  
Internal Affairs committee

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

~~i.~~

~~e. Bill to Sponsor the StandardsTV RUSA Town Hall~~

~~i.~~

## 7. Advisor Report

a. Laura

i. About to be the ides of march and upcoming is said paddys day

ii. Student organization registration is up and to do it by may 1st

iii. RUSA allocations budget is due march 21st

iv. Make good choices

## 8. External Representatives Report

a. Chanel Jordan, RHA Rep

i. RHA is having their very last info session for elections to the tuesday we  
come back from spring break, if interested please come out

b. Rachel bauman, DGC Rep

i. Agreed to get a walkthrough through douglass in the first week of april so  
if anyone has any public safety concerns let them know

c. George zapata, LSC Rep

- i. Meeting about the humanitarian crisis in venezuela and experts in the field will be attending
  - ii. Finally set a day for elections of the executive board
- d. Kira Harris, MGSGA Representative
  - i. Discussed with suzanne about the latest updates on the professor of min quon scandal and that rusa should endorse a statement from mason gross to call concern of bringing this professor back and that if there is a strong enough voice and we bring it to the chancellor that we can bring the change we want to see and get min quon fired
- e. Ryed jadun, ASC Rep
  - i. One event on the calendar that is planned, april 11th there is a soccer event and he will get back to us with more details
- f. Nicholas Brennan, SEBS Governing Council Rep
  - i. If anyone wants to run for the sebs governing council you are free to run and if youre interested to please let him know
- g. Ilce Perez, Board of Trustees Student Rep
  - i. Recently had a meeting on a few lengthy presentatiosn taht were enjoyable
    - 1. Presidents report came through and we second nationally beind michigan
    - 2. Our basket balll games have been sold out the last three games
    - 3. We got a few grants
    - 4. We have 23 faculty unions and that is not normal for its size considering our large instutition
- h. Jason Yu, RBGA Rep
  - i. RBGA is looking to fill a RUSA rep and if anyone is interested to reach out, and if any business school students are interested in getting actie to reach out

## 9. Public Sector

- a. Jessica Tuazon



- i. Anyone who knows someone that handed in their iclickers early, let them know that it is extremely disrespectful to all the others who voted
  - ii. In addition, it is tempting to skip or be late to meetings, but we serve the student body and we should hold true to them
- b. Andrew Petryna
  - i. Thank you everybody for the very productive meeting today
  - ii. There is a new club and it is called the creators and if anyone is interested to let him know
  - iii. If anybody had troubles with their 10-98 this year, the tax form, to speak to him if they also had any trouble with their 10-98
- c. April Nickluas
  - i. NJPIRG is having it NJ grassroots conference on april 21st
  - i. On april 6th there is a statewide student summit on public engagement and there will be a student panel with April as the moderator
  - ii. The fall 2019 referendum is ready set up wise and they can work on it all through the summer
- b. Neeharika
  - i. Holding fundraisers for the nonprofit that she is a part of to raise money for Elijahs Promise, and if anyone is interested in helping her raise money to reach out to her
- c. Nicholas
  - i. Echoing jess's comments about students who left
  - ii. Furthermore, recess was continuously shutdown even though it is the time when it can be discussed less formally with everyone
  - iii. Since it was shutdown to IA he will be reaching out to survey the body as a whole
- d. Masser
  - i. Will be hanging around after the meeting with a link to sign up for a soccer tournament if anyone is interested

- e. Hira
  - i. During this weeks coffeee chats she had a great time talking to everybody and has a long list about all the information that students brought up
- f. David, SUBS governing councils
  - i. Wants to know what fundraisers to have in order to raise money and asks the body to reach out with any ideas
- g. Suzanne Link
  - i. Have a great spring break anyone

## 10. Adjournment

- a. 10:17



## **RUSA Resolution S19-05**

**Authors:** Nick Tharney, Navruz Baum

**Sponsors:** Internal Affairs Committee, Sustainable Governance Ad Hoc Committee

### **Resolution Concerning the Student Activities Fee**

*Whereas*, the Student Activities Fee (SAF) is a component of every School Fee in undergraduate schools on campus to allow student governments to adequately fund organizations and activities which enhance student life on campus,

*Whereas*, the current SAF is based in the RUSA Constitution and is a continuation of the student fees assessed through referenda supported by RCGA and the governing boards of affiliated colleges, with administrators allowing student governments to raise fees through referenda,

*Whereas*, the current SAF under the RUSA Constitution does not allow student governments to easily adjust their own portions of the SAF,

*Whereas*, the Assembly can technically advocate directly for increases to the SAF, but no process, other than a referendum, is actually provided in the Constitution,

*Whereas*, the current SAF, which is actively allocated by student governments (\$28.50), has not increased in the decade of RUSA's history, and

*Whereas*, the number of student organizations supported by the SAF has increased significantly and the SAF has not been adjusted for inflation, thus decreasing the real value of allocated funds, as the SAF in real terms has fallen 19.7% since 2007 when RUSA was created, where the SAF, less direct disbursement, would be \$35.48 today instead of \$28.50 had it been continuously adjusted for inflation,

*Whereas*, in addition to the decrease in the real value of the SAF, limited increases in the campus fees and increased expenses for operating student centers results in more costs being deferred to student organizations, which in turn, places a further strain on the SAF,

*Whereas*, it is necessary for the continuation of funded student organizations that a sustainable mechanism be implemented to allow for incremental changes in the SAF to keep pace with inflation,

**Therefore, be it resolved by two-thirds of the Assembly that a student referendum shall be held during the Spring 2019 elections in accordance with all applicable procedures under the Constitution and the Standing Rules, where —**

1. The Assembly hereby approves of the following question being posed to the undergraduate student body during the Spring 2019 elections: “Shall RUSA’s Constitution be amended to prohibit increases to the student activities fee beyond 2% per year without referendum, while allowing increases less than or equal to 2% annually to be approved by student governments? (For reference, the current student activities fee allocated by student governments is \$28.50 per full time undergraduate student.)”
2. Each eligible voter shall be able to answer “YES” or “NO” to the above stated question.
3. The following explanatory text shall be placed on each ballot stating: “Student organizations on campus rely on RUSA and other student governments to fund them by allocating student fees. The RUSA Constitution does not currently place restrictions on how much they want to increase student fees; however, most student activities fee changes may have to go through a referendum. Adoption of this proposed amendment would allow each student government to adjust their fees by up to, and including, 2% annually to account for inflation and ensure that the real value of funds allocated to student organizations does not continue to decrease. Any increase above 2% would require a referendum conducted by the student government which wants the increase. RUSA would only be allowed to increase its fee (currently \$28.50 per student) by up to 2%.”
4. The ballot shall contain a link to the proposed text, to the current Constitution, and to a document showing the Constitution with the proposed amendment.

5. If a majority of students voting cast their ballots in the affirmative and at least one tenth of the undergraduate students vote, the RUSA Constitution shall be amended to add at the end of Section 6.04 the following text:

“The Student Activities Fee, after direct disbursements, shall not be increased more than 2% annually by the Assembly without a referendum. The student body authorizes the Assembly and professional school student governments to increase their direct disbursements by no more than 2% of all fees they receive each year without a referendum of the students in that school. Each professional school student government may increase their direct disbursement separately, with referenda or increases coordinated by the student government for that school. Any amount by which RUSA increases the Student Activities Fee shall apply to all students. Any increases initiated by the Assembly must be approved with a two-thirds vote as legislation.”
6. The Elections Committee shall be charged with furnishing a copy of the referendum question on the ballot to the Internal Affairs Committee for approval. The Internal Affairs Committee shall certify the results of the referendum, as required by Article 9 of the RUSA Constitution.
7. The Assembly shall authorize the authors of this legislation to coordinate a presentation on the referendum to student organization leaders and other interested parties.
8. The Allocations Board will record and publish annually the distribution of the fees collected from each school on a per student and per school basis.

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RUSA President

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Date



## **RUSA Bill S19-05**

**Authors:** Jhanvi Virani, *Student Affairs (SA) Chairperson*; Jack Andrejco, *Queer Caucus Representative and SA Member*; Grace Daniel, *Busch Caucus Chair and SA Member*; Hira Hussain, *College Ave Caucus Chair and SA Member*; Zain Ahmed, *Off-Campus Caucus Chair and SA Member*

**Sponsor:** Student Affairs Committee, Queer Caucus, Health and Wellness Committee, University Affairs Committee

### **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+ University<sup>1</sup>;

*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 \$120 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;

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<sup>1</sup> <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 forty 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.



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RUSA President

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Date



**RUSA Bill S19-04**

**Authors:** Andrew Petryna; Dominique Little, *University Affairs Chairperson*; Jocelyn Caraballo

**Sponsor:** University Affairs Committee

**Bill to Sponsor the StandardsTV RUSA Town Hall**

*Whereas*, StandardsTV is an online video podcast shedding light on the issues and lifestyle of Black and Brown women on Rutgers Campus, providing a unique and diverse perspective of that student population, and

*Whereas*, StandardsTV, with the assistance of the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) Public Relations Committee, has planned a panel with various female politicians and students of color to discuss diversity and inclusion within government and politics, and

*Whereas*, this panel will consist of 8 participants including 4 students, chosen at the discretion of StandardsTV and the RUSA Public Relations Committee, and 4 elected or appointed officials, and

*Whereas*, Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, Secretary of Higher Education Zakiya Smith Ellis, and Assemblywomen Britnee N. Timberlake and Sandra B. Cunningham are on the shortlist list of elected officials StandardsTV would like to host, and

*Whereas*, RUSA represents the entire undergraduate student body on the Rutgers – New Brunswick Campus and seeks to provide a forum for the open expression of student ideas and opinions, and

*Whereas*, sponsoring such an event would be highly beneficial to RUSA and an excellent opportunity for the student body to hear from important members of the community and government, and



***Be it hereby resolved,*** RUSA will allocate funds directly to the camera crew and for any materials or other services needed for such an event, not in excess of \$400 from the Public Relations Committee Budget,

***Be it hereby resolved,*** the Assembly will host this event during its weekly Thursday meeting on April 4th, 2019, before the regularly scheduled meeting of the Assembly that will take place from 7:00 pm EST to 8:30 pm EST,

***Be it hereby resolved,*** RUSA will use its channels to formally invite elected officials and other community leaders to speak as part of the town hall event.

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RUSA President

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Date