



RUSA Agenda March 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.

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1. Call to Order
 - a. @7:34
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion by Jessica Tuazon, Vice President, to add four pieces of legislation to the agenda as well as two of them being under consent agenda and a meal swipes presentation
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. None Opposed
 - iii. Approved Unanimously
 - iv. Motion Approved
 - b. Legislation has been added to the agenda have been approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
 - a. Motion by Suzanne Link, President, to approve prior meeting minutes
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. None Opposed
 - iii. Approved Unanimously
 - iv. Motion Approved
 - b. Minutes Approved

"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."

5. Meal Swipes for Charity - *each organization shall be permitted up to 7 minutes to present, part of which may be used for Q&A; afterwards, there will be a speakers list of 2 speakers for each organization, each of whom shall be allotted up to 2 minutes in speaking time, and the speakers will alternate in the order of the organizations listed; after a formal debate, there shall be a period of recess for 5 minutes, followed by instant runoff voting, after any other debate or recess period moved and voted upon by the Assembly.*
 - a. RESOLVED, the Assembly hereby selects _____ as the organization to receive the Meal Swipes for Charity designation for the Spring 2019 semester.
 - i. GlobeMed
 1. For GlobeMed
 - ii. A2E
 1. For A2E
 - iii. Engineers in Action
 1. For Engineers in Action
 - b. Debate
 - i. 7 minutes for each organization to present, including questions answers.
 - ii. 12 minutes moderated caucus of 2 speakers for each organization, 2 minutes speaking time each.
 1. Jason yu, FOR GlobeMed
 - a. Two different reasons
 - i. First, As they said one of their goals for Uganda is to raise awareness is educate the locals on HIV and how to have protective sex and is very important for subsaharan countries
 - ii. They also need the funding
 2. Andrew Petryna, FOR A2E
 - a. We should pick the org that has the manpower to make the largest impact, so A2E has a history of accomplishing its goal as well as the experience needed to reach it
 3. Arrushi, FOR EIA

a. Has a more robust funding plan as well as a better fundraising plan compared to other orgs and they are building bridges that have a long term impact on the community for years to come. They also have a lot of great ideas to reach out for meal swipes.

4. Monsef Oukil, FOR GlobeMed

a. Teaching people how to have safe sex and how to implement education on it and that educating more on peoples personal health will have a large impact

5. Julie Serrano, FOR A2E

a. Andrew highlighted all the important points, in the past they raised a large amount of money with a small amount of people, in addition, they are going to be working with another org helping raise more money as well

6. Meet Patel, FOR EIA

a. The money that we give to the engineers is the most impactful because it literally is building bridges for the future of these communities and aiding them now as well as in the future as well

iii. 5 minutes recess to discuss Meal Swipes for Charity. The Assembly shall select the organization by instant runoff vote.

c. Voting

i. Election Results

1. GlobeMed: 2

2. A2E: 32

3. EIA: 12

4. Abstain: 2

ii. A2E has the majority of the vote and thus has won funding

d. Congratulations A2E!!!

1. Officer Report

- a. Updates can be found on the Assembly website, ruassembly.com

2. Legislation

- a. *Consent Agenda - up to 5 minutes of presentation and 5 minutes of Q&A for each piece of legislation; if there are neither amendments nor debate for any legislation, they will be moved before the Assembly by unanimous consent and voted upon immediately; for legislation which sees objections, requests for debate, or amendments, other than those adopted by unanimous consent, they will be considered at the end of the consent agenda.*

- i. Resolution to Cosponsor Women Organizing Against Harassment's Take Back the Night March

1. Talia Lang and Women Organizing Against Harassment, presents Women organizing take back the night, which allows RUSA to cosponsor the Women Take back the night initiative and requires us to ignite a social media campaign as well as have at least 20 people within RUSA to attend the take back the night march. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions to the speaker.

2. Resolution moves into Vote

- a. For: 41
- b. Oppose: 1
- c. Abstain: 5
- d. Present: 0
- e. Resolution Passes

- ii. Resolution to Endorse Rutgers Student Health Meningitis B Vaccine Clinics

1. Hinita Patel, MHW Committee Chair, Emily Kane, Public Relations Committee Chair, and Monsef Oukil, Off campus at Large Rep, present a resolution expressing that RUSA supports the meningitis B vaccine clinics, and the Public Relations Committee will advertise the information provided by Rutgers Student Health

regarding meningitis B and the vaccine clinics through social media platforms. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions to the speaker.

2. Maya Ravichandran motions to approve suggestion to change the first clause to say “*Whereas*, meningococcal disease is one of the most common types of bacterial meningitis and it is a life-threatening bacterial infection of the brain and spinal cord lining or of the bloodstream“
 - a. Seconded
 - b. None Opposed
 - c. Approved Unanimously
 - d. Motion Approved
 3. The First clause is changed
 4. Jessica Tuazon motions to change references to say Meningitis B to be consistent
 - a. Seconded
 - b. None Opposed
 - c. Approved Unanimously
 - d. Motion Approved
 5. The references are changed
 6. Jason Yu motions to have the bill passed by Unanimous Consent
 - a. Seconded
 - b. None Opposed
 - c. Approved Unanimously
 - d. Motion Approved
 7. The Bill is passed by unanimous consent
- b. Bill to Stand in Solidarity with New Zealand
 - i. Amna Ahmed, Douglas at Large Rep, as well as Alex Anderson, Internal Affairs Committee Chair, present a bill solidifying that RUSA stands with

New Zealand and the Muslim communities around the world after the recent tragedy in New Zealand. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions to the speaker.

- ii. Nick Tharney motions the assembly adopt the bill by unanimous consent
 1. Seconded
 2. None Opposed
 3. Approved Unanimously
 4. Motion Approved
- iii. The Bill is adopted
- c. Bill to Sponsor to Support the Open and Affordable Textbook Project
 - i. Aneesh Deshpande, Academic Affairs Chair, as well as Priti Kantesaria, Treasurer, present a bill that Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) endorses the Open and Affordable Textbooks Project, and that RUSA allocates \$5,000 from the “Other Initiatives” operating budget line item to the Rutgers University Libraries Open and Affordable Textbooks Project to fund 5 additional grants. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker.
 - ii. Jessica Tuazon motions to approve the addition of a new wheres clause in between the previous 5th and 6th, and to make it the 6th clause instead
 1. Seconded
 2. Opposed
 3. Nick Tharney make a motion to approve all grammatical changes within the legislation be added to Jess’s motion
 - a. Seconded
 - b. None Opposed
 - c. Approved Unanimously
 - d. Motion Approved
 4. Nick Tharneys motion is now added to Jess’s motion
 5. Jess motions to adopt her motion by unanimous consent

- a. Seconded
 - b. None Opposed
 - c. Approved Unanimously
 - d. Motion Approved
- iii. Jessica's Motion passes
- iv. Motion by Aneesh Deshpande to add NJPIRG to list of cosponsors
 1. Seconded
 2. None Opposed
 3. Approved Unanimously
 4. Motion Approved
- v. NJPIRG is added as a co-sponsor
- vi. Motion by Maya Ravichandran to add grammatical correction
 1. Seconded
 2. None Opposed
 3. Approved Unanimously
 4. Motion Approved
- vii. Maya's correction
- viii. Motion by Nick tharney to add a be it further resolved clause before the hereby be it resolved clause
 1. Seconded
 2. None Opposed
 3. Approved Unanimously
 4. Motion Approved
- ix. A be it further resolved clause is added
- x. Move into standard debate procedure
 1. Aneesh Deshpande, FOR
 - a. A lot of missions of this project align with RUSA to have more student affordability and it is our duty to aid students with college costs in any capacity

2. Nick Tharney, AGAINST

- a. Hesitant to pass something with the lack of research done, in addition, RUSA's budget comes out of the student fee and that it is a concern that they cannot have the funding themselves

3. Logan Adams, FOR

- a. Not having access to the book leads to poor performance and that having open textbooks is a massive aid to the student body and really helps the student body at large and has personally benefitted from having the open source program because it was especially helpful when tight on money

- xi. Motion by Andrew Petryna to remove the word "dollars" after the \$ due to redundancy

- 1. Seconded
- 2. None Opposed
- 3. Approved Unanimously
- 4. Motion Approved

- xii. The word "dollars" is removed

- xiii. Motion by Eric Quartey to call Bill into question

- 1. For: 38
- 2. Against: 6
- 3. Abstain: 1
- 4. No Present: 0

- xiv. The Bill passes

3. Advisor Report

a. Teri Tozzi

- i. The RUSA allocations board has extended the deadline for budgets
- ii. Re-Registration is now open and open till may 1st

- iii. Elections is coming up and please be kind to each other
- iv. Two leading the scarlet way trainings coming up, first is april 2nd from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM in the sac. The second is April 19th, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the red line cafe
- v. Read the announcements about the Meningitis clinics
- vi. Paul Robeson Fest is april 12th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in Voorhees Mall, Paul Robeson Plaza dedication directly after at 3:00 PM
- vii. Super Hero Takeover is our first Late Knight Event, it is on April 12th from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM in BSC b. Lots of prizes so please attend
- viii. Open house is on April 13th

4. External Representatives Report

- a. Nick Tharney, RBGA Rep
 - i. If anyone knows a org funded by RBGA please let them know that they plan on revising the RBGA allocations rules
- b. Chanel Jordan, RHA Rep
 - i. Applications for RHA elections have closed
 - ii. Annual national rha conference applications are open so please fill out if interested
 - iii. Also have general assembly body meeting on monday
- c. Sean Gilbert, IFC Rep
 - i. Quick message to those in greek life, election packets were due yesterday but since there are open positions if anyone is interested see him so he can give you an election packet
- d. Nicholas Brennan, SGC Rep
 - i. Elections are coming up for SGC, if interested let him know
- e. Harsh Patel, EGC Rep
 - i. Right now in preparation for spring elections
 - ii. Engineering formal is coming up on april 19th and tickets are going on sale soon

5. Public Sector

- a. Dominique Little
 - i. Two things
 - 1. Steam conference is coming up and if interested please let her know so she can get you a ticket
 - 2. NAACP is having their banquet april 7th at 6:30 in ,if anyone is interested let her know
- b. April Nicklaus
 - i. Open textbook advocacy is going strong
 - ii. Student pirgs national is working with congress on passing a lot of higher education affordability legislation
 - iii. NJPIRG elections is coming up and if anyone is interested let her know
- c. Jason Yu on behalf of Ryed
 - i. The daily targum referendum oversight committee has two upcoming meetings and approved the polling locations as well as the student leaders who are going to be running the referendum
- d. Priti Kantesaria
 - i. Just want to say thank you passing the open source textbook legislation and really appreciates it
- e. Nimra Jaqob
 - i. ISAY is having a upcoming sip and paint event and to please come through if interested
- f. Neeharika Thuravil
 - i. It takes like a million year to burn hydrogen and helium but the timescale is reallyed fudged up for a star to burn silicone because it is incredibly fast
 - ii. Raising money for Elijahs Promise, and if anyone is interested in helping her raise money to reach out to her
- g. Alex Anderson

- i. Finished the standing rules and comes with a new and improved table of contents to make it easier to look at, posted the link on facebook
 - h. Emily Kane
 - i. Chairing a sub committee in the senate on sustainability and looking to put in an office of sustainability and if anyone is interested in attending to let her know
 - i. Andrew Petryna
 - i. Tax season is coming to a close and that everyone should file returns through turbo tax
 - ii. There is a new sakai app that is great for students to use and aid them in their classes
 - iii. Elections are coming up real soon and good luck everyone
 - j. Nick Tharney
 - i. Senate meetings are open to the public and encourages everyone to attend
 - ii. Point of information is not about bringing up information
 - k. Logan Adams
 - i. Met with Jack Molnar and wants to ask the body if anyone is interested in filming and if so to get in touch with him
 - l. Julie Serrano
 - i. Committee meetings are limited to members only unless the chair personally invites you, but the senate is open to everyone

6. Adjournment

- a. 9:59



RUSA Resolution S19 - 06

Author(s): Talia Lang, *Women Organizing Against Harassment*

Sponsor(s): Sexual Violence Education Committee

Resolution to Cosponsor Women Organizing Against Harassment's Take

Back the Night March

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,¹

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 49.5% of multiracial women and over 45% of American Indian/Alaskan Native women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,²

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 44% of lesbian women and 61% of bisexual women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,³

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 26% of gay men and 37% of bisexual men will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,⁴

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 47% of trans* people will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,⁵

¹ <https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics>

² <https://www.nsvrc.org/statistics>

³ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

⁴ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

⁵ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, 65% of trans* American Indians, 59% of trans* multiracial people, 58% of trans* Middle Eastern people, and 53% of trans* Black people will experience sexual violence in their lifetime,⁶

Whereas, research indicates that in the United States, college women are two times more likely to be sexually assaulted than robbed,⁷

Whereas, the number of reported sexual assaults at the Rutgers University – New Brunswick campus has increased from 2015 to 2017,⁸

Whereas, research indicates a strong relationship between sexual assault and poor academic performance – sexual assault survivors suffer academically as a result of their assault,⁹

Whereas, we support sexual violence survivors,

Whereas, our duty to our constituents compels us to advocate for student concerns about the pressing issue of sexual violence prevention, and

Whereas, Women Organizing Against Harassment’s (WOAH) Take Back the Night march, an annual, global march against sexual- and gender-based violence, will be April 24th from 7-10pm, starting at Carpender Hall on Douglass campus and ending at Scott Hall on College Avenue campus;

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) will co-sponsor WOAH’s Take Back the Night march and grants permission for the use of its logo on the Take Back the Night banner,

⁶ <https://www.hrc.org/resources/sexual-assault-and-the-lgbt-community>

⁷ <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

⁸ https://ipo.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/RU-New_Brunswick_Crime_Stats_0.pdf

⁹ <https://psychology.as.uky.edu/sexual-assault-can-inhibit-student-success>

Be it further resolved, to aid in WOAHA's efforts during the Take Back the Night march, RUSA will create a social media campaign for Take Back the Night that posts advertisements for the event (advertisements created by Women Organizing Against Harassment) to our social media,; and

Be it further resolved, at least twenty members of RUSA will attend the Take Back the Night march.

RUSA President

Date



RUSA Bill S19 - 06

Authors: Alexandra Anderson, Amna Ahmed

Sponsor: Internal Affairs, Public Relations

Bill to Stand in Solidarity with New Zealand

Whereas, the Rutgers community prides itself on its diversity of culture, religion, thought, and global community, and,

Whereas, an attack in Christchurch, New Zealand at Linwood Mosque and Al Noor Mosque during Jummah killed 50 people and injured more, and,

Whereas, members of the Rutgers community were personally affected by these terrorist attacks, and

Whereas, Rutgers has a large, prideful, and strong Muslim community, and

Whereas, RUSA represents the entire undergraduate student body on the Rutgers – New Brunswick Campus, and

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA stands in solidarity with New Zealand and the Muslim communities around the world,

Be it further resolved, that RUSA supports peace and condemns Islamophobia in all its forms.

RUSA President

Date



RUSA Resolution S19 - 07

Authors: Hinita Patel, Emily Kane, Monsef Oukil

Sponsors: Health and Wellness Committee, Public Relations Committee

Resolution to Endorse Rutgers Student Health Meningitis B Vaccine Clinics

Whereas, meningococcal disease is one of the most common types of bacterial meningitis and it is a life-threatening bacterial infection of the brain and spinal cord lining or of the bloodstream,¹⁰

Whereas, 50+ college campuses have reported cases of meningococcal disease (2013-March 2019), including 29 schools with MenB cases since 2008 and specifically, Meningitis B accounts for: 50% of all meningococcal disease cases among 17-22 year olds and 100% of all meningococcal disease outbreaks on college campuses in the U.S. since 2011,¹¹

Whereas, in response to the recent serogroup B meningococcal infections in two undergraduate students, all Rutgers University – New Brunswick undergraduate students, regardless of whether or not they live in campus housing, are strongly recommended to receive the serogroup B meningococcal (MenB) vaccine,¹²

Whereas, Rutgers Student Health is having free on-campus MenB vaccination clinics with Bexsero and Trumenba, which are the two vaccines that provide protection against MenB, open to all undergraduate Rutgers students from 12-8 p.m. on April 2nd in the College Ave Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Main Lounge), April 3rd in the College Ave Gym, April 8th in the Livingston Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Concourse), April 9th in the Cook Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Hallway), May 2nd in the College Ave Gym, May 6th in the College Ave Student Center (Multipurpose Room/Main Lounge), May 7th in the Livingston

¹⁰ <https://meningitisbactionproject.org/about-meningitis>

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² <http://health.rutgers.edu/meningitis/information-for-undergraduate-students-meningitis-b-health-advisory/>

Student Center (2nd floor rooms 201, 202, 2nd floor lounge and the Board Room), and May 8th in the Cook Student Center (2nd floor room 202 and the 2nd floor lounge),

Whereas, it is important that all students at Rutgers University – New Brunswick are aware of the benefits of services offered by Rutgers Student Health, and

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) believes in protecting the health of students and our Rutgers community, as a whole,

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA supports the MenB vaccine clinics, and the Public Relations Committee will advertise the information provided by Rutgers Student Health regarding meningitis B and the vaccine clinics through social media platforms.

Be it further resolved, that the Public Relations Committee and the Health and Wellness Committee will host a Physical Health tabling event in April in response to the MenB outbreak, during which we will promote renewals of vaccinations and provide resources for on-campus wellness centers.

RUSA President

Date



RUSA Bill S19-07

Authors: Priti Kantesaria, *Treasurer*; Aneesh Deshpande, *Academic Affairs Chairperson*; Lily Todorinova, *Rutgers Libraries*

Sponsor: Academic Affairs Committee

Co-Sponsor: New Jersey Public Interest Research Group

Bill to Sponsor to Support the Open and Affordable Textbook Project

Whereas, the rising cost of college textbooks has caused sixty-five percent of students across America to skip purchasing required textbooks for courses,¹³

Whereas, nearly 50 percent of students surveyed nationally said that the cost of textbooks affected which/how many classes they took each semester,¹⁴

Whereas, 82 percent of students surveyed nationally believe that “hard-copy optional and free online alternatives to the traditional textbooks would improve their performance.”¹⁵

Whereas, the average Rutgers student spends over \$1,350 on textbooks each year,¹⁶ which is \$110 per year greater than the national average,¹⁷

Whereas, the Open and Affordable Textbooks (OAT) Project by Rutgers University Libraries offers \$1,000 grants to Rutgers faculty and instructors who choose to use, remix, or create a free or low-cost textbook, as opposed to using traditional course materials,¹⁸ and

Whereas, the Rutgers University Student Assembly has previously endorsed OAT.¹⁹

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) endorses the Open and Affordable Textbooks Project.

¹³ <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/whats-behind-the-soaring-cost-of-college-textbooks/>

¹⁴ <https://uspirg.org/sites/pirg/files/reports/NATIONAL%20Fixing%20Broken%20Textbooks%20Report1.pdf>

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ <https://financialaid.rutgers.edu/cost-of-attendance/rutgers-2/>

¹⁷ <https://trends.collegeboard.org/college-pricing/figures-tables/average-estimated-undergraduate-budgets-2018-19>

¹⁸ <https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/open-textbooks>

¹⁹ [RUSA Resolution: S171802](#)

Be it hereby resolved, RUSA’s Academic Affairs Committee will be charged with investigating the possibility of allocating \$5,000 from the “Other Initiatives” operating budget line item to the Rutgers University Libraries Open and Affordable Textbooks Project to fund 5 additional grants and will do so, if possible.

Be it further resolved that the Assembly’s authorization for conditional expenditure as set forth in the previous operative clause of this legislation shall expire upon the adoption of the next Assembly Session’s internal budget, but this provision shall not preclude the Assembly from reconsidering this expenditure.

Be it hereby resolved, the RUSA will promote the OAT program through social media.

RUSA President

Date