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Amendment to Standing Rules Providing for Direct Representation of Student-Athletes

Whereas, it is the mission of the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) to fully represent the student body; and,

Whereas, many students identify with and feel represented by organizations that are not academic or geographic in nature, such as professional school councils and campus councils; and,

Whereas, RUSA has long recognized this reality, and has accordingly granted a voting representative to governing associations – the Queer Caucus, the Latino Student Council, the Black Student Council, the Asian Student Council and students who temporarily reside in hotels – that are non-partisan in nature and represent broadly defined and diverse, yet distinct and important constituencies on campus; and,

Whereas, RUSA realizes that providing such representation enhances the quality of its deliberations and outcomes of its body; and,

Whereas, student-athletes constitute a broadly defined and diverse, yet distinct and important constituency on campus whose members identify with and feel represented by the Student Athlete Committee (SAAC); and,

Whereas, the SAAC is non-partisan in nature, and voices concerns, addresses university issues, promotes inter-team unity and support, fosters community awareness of Rutgers athletics and devises community service projects for all athletes; and

Whereas, the SAAC, on behalf of student-athletes, currently seeks representation on RUSA;

Be it hereby enacted, that Section V.d.i. of the Standing Rules be amended to include the “Student Athlete Advisory Committee” (SAAC), thus granting said organization a “Special Population Representative” and,

Be it hereby further enacted, that said seat shall be made immediately available to the SAAC in order to serve on the RUSA body for the 2009-10 academic year.