



**RUSA Agenda September 5th, 2019**

**7:30pm @ Student Activities Center**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
5. Presentation by the Chief of Staff on Office Hours updates
6. Presentation by the SAS Senate Leader on the powers of the Rutgers University Senate
7. Legislation
  - a. Bill to Create a RUSA Internship Program
  - b. Bill to Authorize and Fund the Fall Inaugural Ceremony
8. Officer Report
9. Advisor Report
10. External Representatives Report
11. Public Sector
12. Adjournment

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## **RUSA Bill F19 - 01**

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**Sponsor:** Executive Committee

### **Bill to Create a RUSA Internship Program**

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) has nine core and standing committees, each of which is integral to the advocacy and to the initiative efforts of the Assembly at large;

*Whereas*, many Big Ten student governments, including but not exclusive to, the University of Minnesota<sup>1</sup>, the Ohio State University<sup>2</sup>, and the University of Indiana- Bloomington<sup>3</sup>, have internship programs that offer select first year and transfer students the opportunity to immerse themselves in committee work without running for a seat in their legislative assembly;

*Whereas*, an internship program would foster an environment of mentorship and teamwork by providing new members with many resources ranging from mentors to unique responsibilities;

*Be it hereby resolved that* RUSA will be opening applications for the first RUSA Internship Program, which will exist based on the following requirements:

1. Interns must be first-year or first-year transfer students that do not hold a voting position; furthermore, members and surrogates of the Allocations Board shall not be eligible to serve as Interns, nor may members of the Assembly designated as non-voting ex officio members under the Constitution, nor shall individuals who would concurrently hold another position within the Assembly, its Committees, or its Boards;
2. Applications will open the day after Fall Elections results are certified;

3. The application process will include an online form and interview with the President and/or Vice President;
4. There will be at most one applicant accepted per core or standing committee, except for the Internal Affairs Committee (which shall have none), and with applicant preferences and committee chair preferences being taken into consideration when deliberating placement;

***Be it further resolved that*** the application process for the 2019-2020 RUSA Internship Program will be as follows:

1. Saturday, October 5th: Online applications open, with interviews being scheduled on a rolling basis;
2. Saturday, October 19th: Online applications close, remaining interviews are scheduled and eventually conducted;
3. Wednesday, October 23th: Decisions are released, and interns are invited to attend the next day's RUSA meeting;

***Be it further resolved that*** interns will be held to the same attendance standards as voting members for semi-weekly committee meetings and will be encouraged to attend legislative meetings and town halls, though they will not have a voting seat in RUSA or committee meetings;

***Be it further resolved that*** interns will convene monthly with the President to share feedback on their research, projects, and experience in the Assembly, as well as receive general support and advice for moving forward with initiatives;

***Be it further resolved that*** at the conclusion of the Internship Program, each intern will present their work in the form of a formal written report to the Assembly.

***Be it finally resolved,*** the interns shall serve at the pleasure of their respective committees and shall serve under the direction of the same, and the chair of the committee.

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RUSA President

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Date



**RUSA Bill F19-02**

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**Sponsors:** Executive Committee

**Bill to Authorize and Fund the Fall Inaugural Ceremony**

*Whereas*, the annual inauguration of Fall Electees is an unofficial and unceremonious event in which a large amount of electees are sworn without the prestige or legitimacy that a RUSA representative should have,

*Whereas*, members of the Assembly have criticized the way in which new fall electees have been sworn in,

*Whereas*, there is a need to bring a sense of prestige and appreciation to the position of responsibility that RUSA representatives fulfill,

*Whereas*, RUSA has the capacity to fund such a cost worthy event as an investment in the future prestige and productivity of the Assembly,

*Whereas*, a dedicated group of students are actively ensuring that such an event would be able to take place,

***Therefore, be it hereby resolved that:***

1. The Assembly authorizes the creation of a Fall 2019 Inaugural Ceremony to take place on the Thursday after the results of the election are certified for the fall 2019 semester
2. Allocates \$800 to the event from the Summer Initiatives line item from the Office Expenses Category
3. The Secretary and the Special Events & Projects Director will plan and budget the event.

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RUSA President

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Date