



**RUSA Agenda November 14th, 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. Officer Updates
6. Presentation
  - a. Special Events Funding Presentation, Brian Brown, Allocations Chair
  - a. Spring 2020 Allocations Budget Presentation, Brian Brown, Allocations Chair
7. Legislation
  - a. Resolution to Cosponsor IFC's SVE Banner Campaign
  - b. Resolution Regarding the Report on MidKnight Snacks
8. Advisor Report
9. External Representatives Report
10. Public Sector
11. Adjournment
12. Caucus Meetings

*"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."*



**RUSA Resolution F19 - 06**

**Author(s):** Priti Kantesaria, *SVE Committee Chair*

**Sponsor(s):** Sexual Violence Education Committee

**Resolution to Cosponsor IFC's SVE Banner Campaign**

*Whereas*, sexual assault brutally violates an individual's basic human rights, and is a prominent issue on college campuses, including Rutgers University, throughout the nation,

*Whereas*, sexual violence has been a chronic yet under-reported issue on college campuses across the country,

*Whereas*, research indicates that at Rutgers, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 20 men will experience at least one instance of unwanted sexual contact since coming to Rutgers,<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, among graduate and professional students nationally, 8.8% of females and 2.2% of males experience rape or sexual assault through physical force, violence, or incapacitation,<sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, according to the iSPEAK Survey, "those students who did not identify as 100 percent heterosexual were two to three times more likely to experience sexual violence both before coming to college and since becoming college students,"<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/centers/center-violence-against-women-and-children/research-and-evaluation/understanding-and>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.rainn.org/statistics/campus-sexual-violence>

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*Whereas*, the number of reported sexual assaults at the Rutgers University – New Brunswick campus has increased from 2015 to 2017,<sup>4</sup>

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

*Whereas*, IFC has created banners with statements like “Stand Against Rape Culture,” “No Does Not Mean Convince Me,” and “No Means No, Wherever You Go” in the past, and displayed them on the outside of their houses, many of which are on College Avenue, and are seen by thousands of students each day, and

*Whereas*, IFC and OFSA approve of the messages on the banners before they are put up;

**Be it hereby resolved**, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) will co-sponsor IFC’s Banner Campaign, which will share the following link, [bit.ly/rusve](http://bit.ly/rusve) (shares resources relating to sexual assault, domestic violence, and other SVE-related issues), on cloth banners outside of the approximately 15 fraternity houses on College Avenue Campus, alongside other statements condemning sexual violence and encouraging students to respect consent,

**Be it hereby resolved**, SVE allocates \$250 out of the \$350 required from its budget to help IFC pay for these banners, as they currently have no funding set aside to create the banners, and

**Be it hereby resolved**, should the SVE Committee deem a banner slogan inappropriate, it will contact IFC with their concerns and request the banner be taken down. The SVE Committee will approve all of the messages that appear on the banners.

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RUSA President

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Date

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<sup>4</sup> [https://ipo.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/RU-New\\_Brunswick\\_Crime\\_Stats\\_0.pdf](https://ipo.rutgers.edu/sites/default/files/RU-New_Brunswick_Crime_Stats_0.pdf)



## **RUSA Resolution F19 - 07**

**Author:** Bilal Yousuf Ahmed, *Chairman of the Health and Wellness Committee*

**Sponsor:** Health and Wellness Committee

### **Resolution Regarding the Report on MidKnight Snacks**

*Whereas*, the MidKnight Snacks Initiative was created by former RUSA President Justin Schulberg, former Livingston Class of 2019 Representative Calvin Fererra, and former Parliamentarian Anish Patel;<sup>5</sup>

*Whereas*, the original program was created in order to address risks of intoxication by introducing “high calorie food in between the pre party and party setting”;<sup>6</sup>

*Whereas*, the program has changed relatively significantly in its planning, preparation, and messaging since its original conception, and these changes should be addressed through appropriate legislation;

*Whereas*, the MidKnight Snacks programming is an incredibly popular event, attracting over 1,000 people in its most recent period (October 31st, 2019 - November 1st, 2019);

*Whereas*, it is the view of the Health and Wellness Committee that additional funding should be allocated to the Safety Initiatives line item, under which MidKnight Snacks falls;

**Be it hereby resolved** that the Assembly takes note of the report on the MidKnight Snacks Report submitted by the Health and Wellness Committee, in order to create a resource from

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<sup>5</sup> [MidKnight Snacks Proposal, Fall 2016](#)

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid*

which future iterations of the Health and Wellness Committee can refer to, the Assembly may be informed through, and which creates a uniform planning, preparation, and messaging guideline;

**Be it further resolved** that once the Health and Wellness Committee of 2019-2020 determines the date it would like to host a MidKnight Snacks programming event in the spring of 2020, it shall submit appropriate legislation to the Assembly;

**Be it further resolved** that the Assembly notes that the Health and Wellness Committee of 2019-2020 recommends to the Treasurer and Allocations Board that, for the upcoming budget for the Assembly, the Safety Initiatives line-item of the budget, which MidKnight Snacks draws from, should be increased to \$9000 in order to accommodate an additional night of MidKnight Snacks.

**Be it further resolved that** the Assembly shall charge the Internal Affairs Committee to review attendance policies regarding volunteers cancelling at an assembly meeting and the Internal Affairs Committee shall report back to the assembly.

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RUSA President

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Date