



RUSA Resolution - 01

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Sponsor : Internal Affairs Committee

Resolution Concerning the Allocation of SAS Senators

Whereas, the School of Arts and Sciences is allocated 13 Senators,

Whereas, 7 SAS Senators are elected as at Large representatives,

Whereas, the remaining 6 Senators are allocated to each campus (Busch, College Avenue, Cook, Douglass, Livingston, and Off Campus) according to RUSA's Constitution, Art. 5, §5.02,¹

Whereas, within the University Senate, student Senators are identified by their academic school and campus (Camden, Newark, New Brunswick, or RBHS),

Whereas, RUSA's allocations of Senators to New Brunswick campuses does not impact Senate business,

Whereas, University of Iowa, one of our fellow Big10 schools, elects senators based on special population affiliation to improve representation of marginalized groups on their campus, and

Whereas, the removal of the language in RUSA's Constitution that mandates Senators be allocated by campus allows RUSA to explore more purposeful means of position allocations,

Therefore, be it resolved by two-thirds of the Assembly that a student referendum shall be held during the Fall 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 Fall 2019 elections: "Shall RUSA's Constitution

be amended to have all Student Senators for the School of Arts and Sciences be elected at-large (by all SAS Students), instead of having campus-specific Senate positions?”

2. Each eligible voter shall be able to answer “YES” or “NO” to the above stated question, or they may not vote for the question.

3. The following explanatory text shall be placed on each ballot stating: “Six (6) SAS student members of the University Senate are elected based on the campuses on which they reside (Busch, Livingston, Cook, Douglass, College Ave, and Off-Campus). Within the Senate, students are recognized by their academic school (School of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers Business School, School of Engineering, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, etc.) and by their stakeholder group at the University (student, faculty, staff, etc.). RUSA would like to remove our requirement to allocate Senate positions to each campus to explore more purposeful position allocations. Voting in favor of this referendum means supporting the removal of the following text from the RUSA Constitution, Art. 5 §5.02: “School of Arts and Sciences University Senators shall be distributed evenly across campuses and Campus Caucuses.” Voting against this referendum indicates supporting the status quo, with campus-specific SAS Senate positions.”

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 on the referendum question, the RUSA Constitution, Art. 5 §5.02 shall be amended to eliminate the following language, “School of Arts and Sciences University Senators shall be distributed evenly across campuses and Campus Caucuses.”

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.