



RUSA Agenda October 17th, 2019

7:30pm @ Student Activities Center

Statements are paraphrased and consolidated for the Minutes

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1. Call to Order
 - a. @7:34 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve Agenda, Jhanvi Virani, President
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. None Opposed
 - iii. Approved Unanimously
 - b. Agenda has been approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes, Jhanvi Virani, President
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. None Opposed
 - iii. Approved Unanimously
 - b. Prior meeting minutes have been approved
5. Officer Updates
 - a. Updates can be found on the Assembly website, rusa.rutgers.edu
6. Legislation
 - a. Bill to Mandate the Consistent Documentation of the Meal Swipes for Charity Program

"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."

- i. Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair, presents a bill on mandating all future meal swipes for charity data be recorded and secured for future use of the assembly to go back on and look into. The Assembly and members of the public are given an opportunity to ask questions of the speaker.
- ii. Motion to call the bill into question, Brad Espinosa, Livingston Class of 2020 Representative
 1. Seconded
 2. Opposed
 3. The motion gets called into question
 - a. For: 45
 - b. Against: 25
 - c. Abstain: 1
 - d. Present: 0
 4. The motion fails because it did not pass a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
- iii. The Assembly moves into standard debate procedure
 1. For:
 - a. Alex Anderson, Douglass 2020 Representative
 - i. It is really concerning that we do not have all the records for this
 - ii. The discrepancy with our data and dining is concerning and needs to be alleviated
 - iii. We need to be accountable for our constituents and this is a great start
 - b. Sean Tonra, Douglass At-large Representative
 - i. Meal swipes for charity is a very honorable thing that we do for the student body but lack of accountability is concerning
 - ii. Leaving a paper trail is good not only for accountability but for future reference
 2. Against:
 - a. Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian
 - i. More in favor of transparency, only issues he has is the specific amendments on having a specific administrator
 - b. Ryed Jadun, Internal Affairs Committee Chair
 - i. His amendments were not looked at which is concerning

- iv. Motion to approve amendment that says “*Be it hereby enacted*, That following the selection of an organization as the administrator of an iteration of Meal Swipes for Charity, RUSA will deliver a memo or other official document signed by the President to Rutgers Dining Services confirming the selection;” , Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None Opposed
 - 3. Motion Passes
- v. Motion to adopt the following amendment “and verified by the RUSA University Affairs Committee;”, Ryed Jadun, Internal Affairs Committee Chair
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None Opposed
 - 3. Motion Passes
- vi. Motion to accept grammar changes, Eleanor Meli, Douglass Class of 2021 Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None Opposed
 - 3. Motion Passes
- vii. Motion to approve following amendment “That failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information will result in an investigation by the University Affairs Committee, which may result in disciplinary action, until the point at which the required information is finally provided and verified by the RUSA University Affairs Committee;“ , Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Opposed
 - 3. Motion goes into standard debate procedure
 - a. For:
 - i. Mahmoud Ajaj, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy Governing Council Representative
 - 1. In the event that some wrong doing occurs this gives a vague description on disciplinary action that will occur to make sure action is taken and find out what happened and how the said organization can recover
 - ii. Nick Brennan, SEBS Governing Council Representative
 - 1. Mahmoud said everything that needed to be said, but more importantly, there is

flexibility here for the people who will conduct the investigation and thus give them the ability to be lenient or harsh dependent on the circumstances

b. Against:

i. Alex Anderson, Douglass 2020 Representative

1. Would like to comment that what the previous speaker said is dangerous because it gives unfettered power to a rusa committee which in the wrong hands can be a bad thing

ii. Max Wang, **Cook Senator**

1. The vagueness of the phrase disciplinary action is concerning and can end up being an issue in the future

4. Motion to go into five minute recess, Ryed Jadun, Internal Affairs Committee Chair

a. Seconded

b. Opposed

c. Motion goes into a vote

i. For: 40

ii. Against: 23

iii. Abstain: 1

iv. Present: 0

d. Motion passes

5. The Assembly goes into a five minute recess

6. Motion to change amendment to “ That failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information shall make said organization ineligible to apply for Meal Swipes for Charity for three years, verified by the RUSA University Affairs Committee; if after a warning, the information is still not provided, the RUSA University Affairs Committee will report the organization to”, Nick Tharney”, Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian

a. Seconded

b. Opposed

c. Motion goes into standard debate procedure

i. For:

1. Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian

- a. The disciplinary action needs to be accounted for
 - b. Without this amendment then it changes the entire connotation of the amendment
 - ii. Against
 - 1. Javier Perez, Busch At-large Representative
 - a. Agree with Nick Tharney about the details and the disciplinary action should not be vague, the only issue is the specific clause about three years suspension from meal swipes for charity and if it does have a three year suspension, it should at least have an appeals process
 - 2. Sean Tonra, Douglass At-large Representative
 - a. The three years limits the ability of the university affairs to take disciplinary action and is a very rigid action to commit to
 - d. Motion to call Tharneys amendment into question, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. None Opposed
 - iii. Voting Commences
 - 1. For: 32
 - 2. Against: 34
 - 3. Abstain: 2
 - 4. Present: 1
 - iv. Tharneys amendment does not pass
- viii. Motion to call the following amendment into question “***Be it hereby enacted,*** That failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information will result in an investigation by the University Affairs Committee, which may result in disciplinary action, until the point at which the required information is finally provided and verified by the RUSA University Affairs Committee; “, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None Opposed

3. Motion gets called into question
 - a. For: 59
 - b. Against: 4
 - c. Abstain: 3
 - d. Present: 1
4. Motion passes and the amendment is added to the legislation
- ix. Motion to cancel the previous amendment and make the following amendment “***Be it hereby enacted***, That failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information will result in that organization being ineligible to apply for Meal Swipes for Charity until the information is supplied and verified, and that if after a warning, the information is still not provided or is unable to be verified, the RUSA University Affairs Committee will report the organization to the Office of Student Conduct/SABO.”, Tiana Youngblood, Busch At-large Representative
 1. Seconded
 2. Opposed
 3. Motion moves into standard debate procedure
 - a. For:
 - i. Steven Farreles, Livingston At-large Representative
 1. By sending it to student conduct they will be able to conduct the investigation without any conflict of interest as well as have the experience to conduct such an investigation
 - ii. Max Wang, Cook Senator
 1. We are talking about a specific situation in which an organization has committed some very grievous actions and really we are not qualified to actually carry out this investigation but can put it into the hands of some more qualified
 - b. Against:
 - i. Javier Perez, Busch At-large Representative
 1. This should only be conducted by the assembly and specifically be an assembly issue which we can handle ourselves
 - ii. Eric Fuertes, Off Campus At-large Representative
 1. This disciplinary action would be indefinite and should not go on forever and should be a set number

2. UA should investigate any claims and should have flexibility with their decisions
- x. Motion to have a committee of the whole with Jhanvi Virani, President, as Chair, Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair
 1. Seconded
 2. None Opposed
 3. The assembly goes into a committee of a whole
 4. Motion to add the following amendment “***Be it hereby enacted,*** That failure to furnish the UA committee with this information will trigger an investigation by the UA Committee, which will assess what parties are at fault, verify all relevant information, and shall levy disciplinary actions with the approval of the assembly***Be it Enacted,*** That disciplinary actions taken by the Assembly against an organization will be a ban on participating in Meal Swipes for Charity for a minimum of 1 semester to a maximum of 2 years, and mandates that the Assembly report any wrongdoing to appropriate University authorities***Be it enacted,*** that Organizations may appeal disciplinary actions to a committee of non-RUSA student representatives, appointed by the Internal Affairs Committee”, Ase Awari, Secretary
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Opposed
 - c. Motion goes into a vote
 - i. For: 52
 - ii. Against: 2
 - iii. Abstain: 0
 - iv. Present: 0
 5. Motion to rise out of the committee of the whole, Ase Awari, Secretary
 - a. Seconded
 - b. None Opposed
 - c. Motion Passes
 6. The Committee of the whole ends
- xi. Jhanvi Virani, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, gives recommendations from the committee of the whole to the temporary Chair of the Assembly Aneesh Deshpande, Vice President
 1. Strike through this entire amendment “***Be it hereby enacted,*** That failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information will result in an investigation by the University Affairs

Committee, which may result in disciplinary action, until the point at which the required information is finally provided and verified by the RUSA University Affairs Committee; “

2. Add the following amendment “***Be it hereby enacted***, That failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information will result in that organization being ineligible to apply for Meal Swipes for Charity until the information is supplied and verified, and that if after a warning and after two weeks after the project has elapsed, and if, the information is still not provided or is unable to be verified, the RUSA University Affairs Committee will report the organization to the pertinent administrative offices;”
3. Jhanvi virani is done listing recommendations
- xii. Aneesh Deshpande, Vice President relinquishes position as temporary chair of the assembly back to Jhanvi Virani, President
- xiii. Motion to approve recommendations, Ase Awari, Secretary
 1. Seconded
 2. Opposed
 3. Assembly goes into standard debate procedure
 4. Motion to skip standard debate procedure, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Opposed
 - c. Voting to go into standard debate procedure
 - i. For: 56
 - ii. Against: 11
 - iii. Abstain: 0
 - iv. Present: 1
 5. Motion to call this amendment into question Andrew Petryna
 - a. Seconded
 - b. Opposed
 - c. Motion to call motion into question gets called into question
 - i. For: 51
 - ii. Against: 11
 - iii. Abstain: 1
 - iv. Present: 2
 - d. Motion gets called into question
 - i. For: 59
 - ii. Against: 7

iii. Abstain: 1

Present: 1

6. Motion to approve recommendations goes into effect and the amendments are made

xiv. Motion to send this back to committee, Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair

1. Seconded

2. None Opposed

3. Motion passes

7. Advisor Report

a. Laura Chirstensen

i. Hope retreat was fun

ii. The budget meetings are tomorrow

iii. New Presidents series of trainings

iv. Homecoming is tonight and hope it was fun

8. External Representatives Report

a. Brady Rivera, Latino Student Council Representative

i. On November 8th, trays hall, will be having a latin gala, feel free to join us for the annual banquet, feel free to come through

b. Eleanor Meli, NJPIRG Oversight committee

i. Had three meetings so far and had a rep from every governing council

ii. Approved ballot locations and voting on the appeal process tomorrow

iii. Will have a bill in rusa in two weeks

iv. Take the time to vote in the referendum

c. Arrushi Govil, EGC Rep

i. Monday, 21st, 8:00 - 10:00 PM, will have a diversity meeting feel free to get in touch

d. Nick Brennan, SEBS Governing Council

i. Cook cafe is closed on weekends and no explanation was given as to why

ii. Had a personal question, who is sarah palin

9. Public Sector

- a. Rachel Bauman
 - i. Giant safety walk across all campuses which will spot bad lighting or bad crosswalks. Basically bad public works that does not address the needs of students, get in touch if interested,
- b. Alex Anderson
 - i. There is gonna be a food justice and food policy happening on Tuesday the 22nd on college avenue student center
 - ii. Concerned to learn that we that we are charged 25 dollars for missing office hours
- c. Brady Rivera and Logan Adams
 - i. RU Progressive event next tuesday, students for bernie kick off, douglas student center, get in touch if interested
- d. Zain Ahmed
 - i. Can address any issues any students have that want him to have brought up to the vice chancellor
- e. Nick Tharney
 - i. Campus caucus elections are happening soon
 - ii. Please show up to office hours or at least give him a heads up if you need him to cancel
 - iii. Want to tinker with the debate procedure
- f. Sarah
 - i. Campaign work is under way and for voter registration
 - ii. Referendum just started and want as many votes as possible
- g. Andrew Petryna
 - i. Just wanted to say if you have any questions or concerns please let him know by slack
 - ii. Meal swipes for this semester will be to the food pantry
- h. Priti Kantesaria

- i. Involved in student industrial in engineering and has a lean six sigma program going on and if anyone is interested let her know and she can send the information your way

- i. Maya Ravichandran

- i. Just wanted to echo what Andrew said, want everyone to join every single slack committee. Can have discussions in every slack channel, so check out the UA slack

- j. Ase Awari

- i. Want people to respect each other when speaking, try hearing people out

- ii. Get to know people in the assembly

10. Adjournment

- a. @10:02

11. Caucus Meetings

12. Committee Meetings



RUSA Bill F19 - 08

Author: Andrew Petryna

Sponsor: University Affairs Committee

Bill to Mandate the Consistent Documentation of the Meal Swipes for Charity Program

Whereas, The Rutgers University Student Assembly provides 2 opportunities per year for organizations to participate in the Meal Swipes for Charity (MSC) program;

Whereas, Meal Swipes for Charity provides organizations the ability to raise thousands of dollars for their various projects and initiatives;

Whereas, There exist no codified guidelines for organizations participating in MSC to document or record the amount of swipes and total funds raised, or record how funds raised from the program are disseminated and otherwise spent;

Whereas, Meal Swipes for Charity relies on guest swipes from students to raise money, and is thereby directly paid for by students through their meal plan fees;

Whereas, Meal Swipes for Charity is regulated by RUSA, an organization funded by students and beholden to their best interests;

Whereas, It is of paramount importance that RUSA remain as transparent as possible and that students have access to information regarding its actions;

Whereas, The University Affairs Committee is the committee responsible for the internal regulation and management of the MSC program;

Whereas, The current Chairperson of the University Affairs Committee does not have a reliable or consistent record of previous MSC funding numbers, accounts, expenditures, and other relevant data;

Whereas, A consistent record of information regarding the program must be established;

Be it hereby enacted, That RUSA shall require all organizations participating in MSC to furnish the RUSA University Affairs committee, the relevant financial documents tracing the movement and expenditure of such funds where;

1. How much money was delivered to the participating organization, and when these funds were spent or otherwise moved,
2. The information relevant to the raising of funds will be delivered to RUSA by the participating organization within 4 weeks of the conclusion of the Meal Swipes for Charity program,
3. The status of funds raised through Meal Swipes for Charity by an organization will be provided to RUSA two weeks before the end of the semester during which the fundraiser was held, in the form of a report, general budget, or document that details how funds were spent,

Be it hereby enacted, That failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information will disqualify it from participating in future Meal Swipes for Charity events, until the point at which the required information is finally provided;

Be it hereby enacted, These requirements take effect starting with the Fall 2019 iteration of the Meal Swipes for Charity program;

Be it hereby enacted, RUSA charges the Chairperson of the University Affairs Committee to audit their own archives and data to see what information and historical documentation of previous Meal Swipes events exists from the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years;

Be it hereby enacted, The chairperson of the University Affairs Committee will furnish the Office of the RUSA President with a short report detailing the funds raised and impact of Meal Swipes for Charity for the school year, to the best of the information provided to them, at the conclusion of their tenure as chairperson.