



## **RUSA Agenda October 31st, 2019**

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

*\*Statements are paraphrased and consolidated for the Minutes\**

*\*All legislation contained in the minutes may be in its original form and may not be the final language.\**

*\*Visual/Audio record available on official RUSA Facebook page\**

1. Call to Order
  - a. 7:30
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to add *"This is a proposed change to the Standing Rules, which requires the legislation be introduced at least one week prior to being voted upon by the Assembly."* under the legislation for CASH Act. In addition, remove the Meal swipes for charity bill, Ase Wesam Awari, Secretary
    - i. Seconded
    - ii. None Opposed
    - iii. Approved Unanimously
  - b. Agenda has been changed
  - c. Motion to approve Agenda, Jhanvi Virani, President
    - i. Seconded
    - ii. None Opposed
    - iii. Approved Unanimously
  - d. Agenda has been approved
4. Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes
  - a. Motion to approve prior meeting minutes, Jhanvi Virani, President
    - i. Seconded

*"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."*

- 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](http://rusa.rutgers.edu)

## 6. Legislation

- a. Resolution to Add Three Students to the Community Oriented Review Board (CORB)

- i. Isaac Velez, College Avenue Class of 2022 Representative, and Marc Younker, Big Ten Liaison, present a bill to allow the ability for RUSA as well as some other orgs to nominate three students, each from one of the three orgs listed in the resolution, to represent the student body on the CORB. The Resolution is left to the assembly to ask questions.

- ii. The Assembly moves into standard debate procedure

### 1. Pros:

- a. Logan Adams, Off-Campus At Large Representative

- i. Thinks this a great opportunity to get our say in the processes and the police force at the university. We want equal treatment for all students and will help widen the perspective of RUPD and have a more diverse perspective that is much needed. A student perspective is a great step forward.

- b. Gavin Mayes, SAS Senators At Large

- i. Logan covered anything he had to say but more importantly this is a phenomenal chance for RUSA to have stronger representation for student body and rusa as a whole. It is important for the president to appoint because they can find someone who is qualified and better for the position.

### 2. Cons:

- a. Alex Anderson, Douglass Class of 2020 Representative

- i. Speaking in con because very wary of executive power and not having the person confirmed through the assembly can be an issue. We should have an internal election for someone to be appointed to this position.

- iii. Motion to change last clause of hereby be it resolved clause to “One voting student member shall be from the Rutgers University Student Assembly, as elected by a majority of the Assembly”, Alex Anderson, Douglass Class of 2020 Representative
  - 1. Second
  - 2. Opposed
  - 3. Motion goes into standard debate procedure
    - a. Pro:
      - i. Alex Anderson, Douglass Class of 2020 Representative
        - 1. In the past there were issues with last minute appointments and can be a harmful detriment in the future with too much executive power
      - ii. Jason Yu, Cook Class of 2022 Representative
        - 1. We need more oversight for how rusa appoints people to positions and should think this through
    - b. Con:
      - i. Javier Perez, Busch At-large Representative
        - 1. Still a confirmation by the assembly, the assembly can chose to pick or suggest, and it is a very transparent process
      - ii. Tiana Youngblood, Busch At-large Representative
        - 1. We may not agree with the president appointment pick, however, the president still has the power to appoint for other positions, it also takes away time for more pressing matters, and lastly the president was elected by the school and properly represents their voice
    - c. Motion to call the amendment into question, Ase Wesam Awari, Secretary
      - i. Second
      - ii. None Opposed
      - iii. Amendment gets called into question
        - 1. For: 15
        - 2. Against: 34
        - 3. Abstain: 2

4. Present: 3
- iv. The amendment fails
- iv. Motion for five minute recess, Alex anderson, Douglass Class of 2020 Representative
  1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion gets called into question
    - a. For: 18
    - b. Against: 31
    - c. Abstain: 1
    - d. Present: 1
  4. Motion Fails
- v. Motion to add "Be it further resolved, the RUSA president must fill the RUSA appointed position by 4th week of the Fall Semester of their term", Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair
  1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion called into question
    - a. Pros:
      - i. Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair
        1. This amendment puts compulsion on the president to fill this position
      - ii. Adnan Akbar, Rutgers Business Governing Association Representative
        1. By the fourth week this knocks out any delay and is a call to action which can ensure this position is filled properly
    - b. Cons:
      - i. Nick Tharney, Parliamentarian
        1. We do not exactly know when this should be filled exactly each year so we may end up waiting to long to fill it or not filling it at the right time. We should just have a more flexible schedule for the president as well as the assembly to confirm.
      - ii. Marc Younker, Big Ten Liaison

1. By the fourth week of the fall semester puts a strict timeline and can cause issues for appointing
4. Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair, withdraws amendment
  - a. Seconded
  - b. None Opposed
  - c. The amendment is withdrawn
- vi. Motion to add “ The president must issue an application two weeks before the deadline issued by the CORB to fill the position. The application and the answers for the application shall be public on the RUSA website. The person appointed to the position shall be voted on by the Assembly the next RUSA meeting after the announcement of the President.” Marc Younker, Big Ten Liaison
  1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion to give Alex Anderson two min to speak, Alex Anderson, Douglass Class of 2020 Representative
    - a. Second
    - b. Opposed
    - c. Voting
      - i. For: 21
      - ii. Against: 32
      - iii. Abstain: 1
      - iv. Present: 2
  4. The motion goes into standard debate procedure
    - a. For:
      - i. Sean Tonra, Douglass At-large Representative
        1. Good compromise between alex's position and the othersides position. Specifically making the information public lets us have better knowledge for confirmation.
      - ii. Maya Ravichandran, Busch Senator
        1. Addressing alex's very valid concerns and ensuring it is on time as well as public and still up to the assembly to be appointed
    - b. Against:
      - i. Marc Younker, Big Ten Liaison

1. Believes the application should be online and should be in a timely manner, however, people deserve privacy when they are answering questions and do not need their answers to be made public.
  - ii. Andrew Petryna, Off-Campus At Large Representative
    1. This is a very excellent amendment just do not want the answers to be public. This precedent has never been made and sets a strange standard afterwards of giving peoples answers to the public.
5. Motion to vote on this amendment, Logan Adams, Off-Campus At Large Representative
  - a. Seconded
  - b. Opposed
  - c. Voting to vote on the motion
    - i. Forward: 37
    - ii. Against: 16
    - iii. Abstain: 3
    - iv. Present: 0
6. Motion is called into question
  - a. For: 16
  - b. Against: 32
  - c. Abstain: 3
  - d. Present: 3
7. Amendment fails
- vii. Motion to add “The president must issue an application two weeks before the deadline issued by the CORB to fill the position. The application shall be public online; the answers provided by applicants shall be provided to the assembly. The person appointed to the position shall be voted on by the Assembly the next RUSA meeting after the announcement by the President.”, Alex Anderson, Douglass Class of 2020 Representative
  1. Seconded
  2. Opposed
  3. Motion to drop rules
    - a. For: 43
    - b. Against: 10
    - c. Abstain: 3

- d. Present: 0
  - 4. Motion for a five minute recess, Alex Anderson, Douglass Class of 2020 Representative
    - a. Seconded
    - b. Opposed
    - c. Motion gets called into question
      - i. For: 15
      - ii. Against: 36
      - iii. Abstain: 1
      - iv. Present: 0
  - 5. Motion to call amendment into question, Ase Wesam Awari, Secretary
    - a. Second
    - b. Opposed
    - c. Voting on whether to vote on the amendment
      - i. For: 42
      - ii. Against: 9
      - iii. Abstain: 3
      - iv. Present: 2
    - d. The motion is called into question
      - i. For: 25
      - ii. Against: 28
      - iii. Abstain: 2
      - iv. Present: 2
    - e. The amendment fails
- viii. Motion to call the bill into question, Ase Wesam Awari, Secretary
  - 1. Seconded
  - 2. Opposed
  - 3. Motion to vote on whether to vote on the resolution
    - a. For: 50
    - b. Against: 5
    - c. Abstain: 0
    - d. Present: 0
  - 4. The resolution is called into question
    - a. For: 46
    - b. Against: 7
    - c. Abstain: 3
    - d. Present: 2
- ix. The resolution passes

- b. Capital Allocation and Secure Handling (C.A.S.H.) Act
  - i. *This is a proposed change to the Standing Rules, which requires the legislation be introduced at least one week prior to being voted upon by the Assembly.*
  - ii. Motion to go into two minute recess, Nicholas LaBelle, Treasurer
    - 1. Seconded
    - 2. Opposed
    - 3. Voting
      - a. For: 37
      - b. Against: 11
      - c. Abstain: 0
      - d. Present: 3
  - iii. Motion to postpone debate, Ase Wesam Awari, Secretary
    - 1. Seconded
    - 2. None opposed
    - 3. Debate is postponed
- c. Bill to Appropriate Funding for Bussing to the Parsons Elementary School Polling Station
  - i. Subhadha Kartik, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair, Nicholas LaBelle, Treasurer, and Marc Younker, Big Ten Liaison, present a Bill that allows the ability to fund for bussing to take students to a specific area in order to vote. The Bill is left to the assembly to ask questions.
  - ii. Motion to bypass standard debate procedure, Logan Adams, Off-Campus At Large Representative
    - 1. Seconded
    - 2. None opposed
  - iii. Motion to fix grammatical mistakes within the bill, Neeharika Thuravil, Livingston Senator
    - 1. Seconded
    - 2. None opposed
  - iv. Motion to adopt the bill by unanimous consent, Jason Yu, Cook Class of 2022 Representative
    - 1. Seconded
    - 2. None opposed
    - 3. Bill passes by unanimous consent
- ~~d. Bill to Mandate the Consistent Documentation of the Meal Swipes for Charity Program~~

## 7. Advisor Report



- a. Laura
  - i. Midnight snacks is tonight, let Bilal know you want to go
  - ii. Please pick up an ruvoting t-shirt on monday and tuesday
  - iii. Tomorrows late knight is in the case

## 8. External Representatives Report

- a. Muskan Jawed, Engineering Governing Council Representative
  - i. Diversity panel last week, went great and ran by Arrushi (keep doing a great job buddy)
  - ii. Will have Jhanvi next week as well as other governing council presidents present to speak
  - iii. Open positions
- b. Brady Rivera, Latino Student Council Representative
  - i. Buenas Noches
  - ii. Event in livingston student center from three to six, contact him for details
- c. Adnan Akbar, Rutgers Business Governing Association Representative
  - i. Third annual gala for make a wish foundation at zimmerli art museum, catered dinner and more, entry is \$10, event details will be in slack
- d. Tom Gilbert, SEBS Governing Council Representative
  - i. Course atlas will be upcoming to next sebs meetings
  - ii. Alumni association is having an event in the spring
- e. Solis, Douglass Black Students Congress Representative
  - i. Meeting about body dysmorphia in the rutgers room at the douglass student center

## 9. Public Sector

- a. Marc Younker
  - i. Professional black student mixer in livingston coffeehouse, from 8:30 to 11:00, get in touch with him if interested
- b. Neeharika Thuravil

- i. Astro physics fact: Simulation conspiracy theory has scientific backing due to big science facts, I would list them but I really do not know what she said because they were big science words, sorry :(
- c. Andrew Petryna
  - i. For those in committees please check your slacks
  - ii. Tomorrow is the start of registration for big chill, get in touch with him if interested
- d. Logan Adams
  - i. RUProgressive held its first legalize it event, friday nov 15 will be the next time this event is hosted and will be tabling, if interested let him know
- e. Alex Anderson
  - i. Disappointed in rusa today
- f. Gabriel Colley
  - i. Representing rutgers triple k, having a large scale service project which will more or less be a talent show
  - ii. Doing trick or treat for unicef so if you want to donate money talk to him after the meeting
- g. Nicholas Tharney
  - i. Elections are this tuesday, please vote
  - ii. Midnight snacks is great but please make sure to drink
- h. Sarah, NJ Pirg student organizer
  - i. New voter project because of voting next week
  - ii. Wrapping up week three of NJPIRG referendum
    - 1. 12,000 votes
    - 2. Over 7,400 at new brunswick
    - 3. Please vote, especially from SEB and mason gross
- i. Gavin Mayes
  - i. Whats red and goes up and down? A tomato in a elevator
- j. Jhanvi Virani:

- i. If interested in being the rusa rep to the corb please let her know

10. Adjournment

- a. @9:43

## **RUSA Resolution F19- 04**

**Authors:** Isaac Velez, Marc Younker

**Sponsors:** University Affairs Committee, Student Affairs Committee

**Co-Sponsors:** Rutgers United Black Council, Rutgers Latino Student Council

### **Resolution to Add Three Students to the Community Oriented Review Board (CORB)**

*Whereas*, the Community Oriented Review Board (CORB) votes on whether individuals applying to join the Rutgers University Police Department can continue to the next level of the hiring process;

*Whereas*, Rutgers University students are the primary recipients of Rutgers University Police Department services;

*Whereas*, there are currently no voting students on the Community Oriented Review Board;

*Whereas*, studies show there are racial disparities in how the police administer justice, including disproportionate minority contact and excessive use of force on racial minorities;<sup>1 2</sup>

*Whereas*, adding students to the CORB who are a part of minority communities affected by disproportionate police contact may decrease this disparity as a form of oversight;

*Whereas*, adding students to the CORB who are a part of minority communities increases trust and shows a department's commitment to the community;

**Be it hereby resolved**, that the Rutgers University Student Assembly, in collaboration with the Rutgers United Black Council, the Rutgers Latino Student Council, and with the approval of the

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<sup>1</sup> *Risk of being killed by police use of force in the United States by age, race–ethnicity, and sex*

Frank Edwards, Hedwig Leeb, and Michael Esposito

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<https://www.pnas.org/content/pnas/116/34/16793.full.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> *Disproportionate Minority Contact*

Alex R. Piquero

Princeton University

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/20179979.pdf?refreqid=excelsior%3Aba03a8c2595c9aebd0d8ca44a768e181>

Rutgers University Police Department, will include three voting student members onto the Community Oriented Review Board where-

1. One voting student member shall be from the Rutgers United Black Council,
2. One voting student member shall be from the Rutgers Latino Student Council, and
3. One voting student member shall be from the Rutgers University Student Assembly, appointed by the student body President, subject to confirmation by the Assembly.

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RUSA President

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Date



**RUSA Bill F19 - 09**

**Authors:** Subhadha Kartik, *Legislative Affairs Committee Chair*; Nicholas LaBelle, *Treasurer*; Marc Younker, *ABTS Liaison*

**Sponsors:** Legislative Affairs Committee

**Bill to Appropriate Funding for Bussing to the Parsons Elementary School  
Polling Station**

*Whereas*, the Eagleton Institute of Politics has reached out for the support of RUSA in the upcoming November 5, 2019 election;

*Whereas*, the Assembly has historically promoted similar initiatives in the past to the praise of numerous departments;

*Whereas*, voting is an integral part of democracy and the Rutgers community as a whole;

*Whereas*, practicing civic engagement is an ideal that Rutgers University students should uphold;

*Whereas*, Rutgers students who reside in New Brunswick have Parsons Elementary School, which is difficult to reach by foot from campus, as a polling location;

*Whereas*, the Assembly has allocated \$5,000 in its annual budget to the "Get Out the Vote" initiative line item; and

*Whereas*, the campaign is done in a non-partisan and educational fashion;

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

1. The Assembly agrees to support the Center for Youth Political Participation “Get Out the Vote” campaign for the upcoming November 5th, 2019 election; and
2. The Assembly allocates \$1,000 from the “Get Out the Vote” line item to “Election Shuttles” for transporting students from the Rutgers University – New Brunswick campus to the Parsons Elementary School Polling Location on the date of the election.

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RUSA President

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Date