



RUSA Agenda November 7th, 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. @7:31
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to add to the agenda “Consent Calendar: Resolution to Support the “No More Hungry Knights” Student Community Cafe Initiative” as well as the entire bill, Nicholas LaBelle, Treasurer
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. None Opposed
 - iii. Approved Unanimously
 - b. Added to agenda
 - 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
 - ii. None Opposed

"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."

- 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. Consent Calendar
 - a. Resolution to Support the “No More Hungry Knights” Student Community Cafe Initiative
 - i. Nicholas LaBelle, Treasurer, presents a resolution to the assembly to endorse and commend the efforts of the “No more hungry knights” student cafe and PR the event for the full week of November 11th
 - ii. Motion to pass the resolution, Nicholas LaBelle
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None opposed
 - 3. Approved Unanimously
 - b. The resolution is passed
7. Legislation
 - a. Capital Allocation and Secure Handling (C.A.S.H.) Act
 - i. Nicholas LaBelle, Treasurer, and Nicholas Tharney, Parliamentarian, present the cash act. This was spoken on already and can be found in prior meeting minutes. The bill moves directly into debate.
 - ii. Standard Debate:
 - 1. Pro:
 - a. Ase Awari, Secretary:
 - i. The Bill has been approved though IA as well as getting the approval of vital opinions within the assembly. Nick has taken the time to really make sure this bill adheres to any concerns that the assembly has. Bill speaks for itself
 - b. Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair:

- i. The Bill has seen so many eyes and gotten the approval of so many parties that it adheres to all necessary concerns that the body or anyone outside of it has.
2. Con:
 - a. Nicholas LaBelle, Treasurer:
 - i. Please accept the amendments before it is passed
 - b. Jason Yu, Cook Class of 2022 Representative:
 - i. There are specific clauses within this bill that are concerning and should be more discussed by the assembly before passing
- iii. Motion to approve all formatting and grammar mistakes, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 1. Seconded
 2. None Opposed
 3. Approved Unanimously
- iv. Motion to pass this bill by unanimous consent, Gavin Mayes, SAS Senators At Large
 1. Seconded
 2. Opposed
 3. Motion Fails
- v. Motion to call the bill into question, Javier Perez, Busch At-large Representative
 1. For: 60
 2. Against: 1
 3. Abstain: 2
 4. Present: 1
- vi. Bill Passes

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

- i. Andrew Petryna, University Affairs Committee Chair, presents a bill 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. Bill goes into standard debate procedure
 1. Pros:
 - a. Javier Perez, Busch At-large Representative
 - i. Originally on the opposing side of the bill originally due to specific clause on three year ban, then spoke to andrew and got answers as to why it exists, such as the appeal process existing and the eboard being there to be lenient and not cruel. THIS concern has been adhered to and shows why this bill should be passed.
 - b. Sean Tonra, Douglass At-large Representative
 - i. Repeating the same point that Javier said. Three years ban is long but we give them the opportunity to appeal the ban as well as call the ban to be investigated. Andrew has clearly thought of a multitude of concerns for this bill and addresses all of them.
 2. Cons:
 - a. Max Wang, Cook Senator
 - i. There are a few points where we can do more. Every meal swipe donated by a student transfer to a student is \$3 and a lot of students are unaware of that which they should know.
 - b. Logan Adams, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - i. Not super opposed to the content of the bill and Andrew has put in hard work into the Bill, just addressing some concerns brought up by others, such as not harsh enough as well as too harsh. Things to be aware about.

- iii. Motion to change semester to school year in the third clause of the first be it hereby enacted clause as well as the third be it further enacted clause, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None Opposed
 - 3. Approved Unanimously
- iv. Motion Passes
- v. Motion to fix occurred to occured, Logan Adams, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None Opposed
 - 3. Approved Unanimously
- vi. Motion Passes
- vii. Motion to add “Subsequent appeals may be filed by a new executive board of the offending club, but the Executive Board of RUSA is not obligated to hear them”, Derek Lin, Cook At-Large Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. Opposed
 - 3. Motion moves into standard debate procedure
 - a. Pro:
 - i. Derek Lin, Cook At-Large Representative
 - 1. Wants to make the point that club leadership changes and that just because a past club leadership has made mistakes does not mean that the future leadership of the club should be screwed over
 - b. Cons:
 - i. Cooper Brennan, Cook Campus At-Large Representative:

1. Sean hit on all the points he was gonna say but andrew made a good answer of it when it came up is that constant appeals can waste time and more appeals can cause them to not put any effort into their appeal
 - ii. Sean Tonra, Douglass At-large Representative:
 1. The appeal is considered and then if the appeal still fails then it will go to IA as a different perspective
 4. Motion to vote on the bill, Sean Tonra, Douglass At-large Representative
 - a. Forward: 29
 - b. Against: 22
 - c. Abstain: 4
 - d. Present: 2
- viii. Amendment passes
- ix. Motion to add "**Be it further enacted**, any organization barred from participating in Meal Swipes for Charity can furnish the required information at anytime during a ban to automatically terminate it;”, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 1. Second
 2. Opposed
 3. Motion moves into standard debate procedure
 - a. Pros:
 - i. Tiana Youngblood, Busch At-large Representative
 1. This new added amendment addresses the concern that was just added in the previous amendment. This amendment just allows the

previously passed amendment to make sense
more less

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

- 1. In the words of the author of the bill itself,
this is a point of clarification on something
already implied on another part of the bill.

b. Cons:

- i. Nick T., Busch Class of 2020 Representative

- 1. Main reason to oppose this is that gives orgs
the ability to withhold this till the last
minute

- ii. Javier Perez, SAS Senators At Large

- 1. Imagine I am a thief and I maliciously steal
money from you FINISH LATER

- 4. Call the motion into question, Logan Adams, Off-Campus At
Large Representative

- a. For: 35
- b. Against: 23
- c. Abstain: 5
- d. Present: 2

- x. Motion Passes

- xi. Motion to fix grammer, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large
Representative

- 1. Seconded
- 2. None opposed
- 3. Approved Unanimously

- xii. Motion Passes

- xiii. Motion to call the bill into question, Zain Ahmed, Off-Campus At Large Representative
 - 1. Seconded
 - 2. None Opposed
- xiv. Bill gets called into question
 - a. For: 57
 - b. Against: 3
 - c. Abstain: 3
 - d. Present: 0
- xv. Bill passes

8. Advisor Report

- a. Lori Smith
 - i. No report

9. External Representatives Report

- a. Rachel Bauman, Douglass Governing Council Representative
 - i. Douglass Governing Council town hall from 2 to 3, get in touch for details
 - ii. Intersectional feminism conference, get in touch for more details
 - iii. Found out more about the blue light system and getting touch with kenneth cop about it
 - iv. If you could text her of any missing menstrual products in any gender neutral or woman bathrooms that would be very helpful
- b. Muskan Jawed, Engineering Governing Council Representative
 - i. Governing Council meeting at the egc went terrific
 - ii. Egc now has every position filled
- c. Nick Brennan, SEBS Governing Council Representative
 - i. Had a meeting with the director of course atlas and concern about how courses are handled depends on each department
 - ii. SGC's funding deadline ends tomorrow

10. Public Sector

- a. Neeharika Thuravil
 - i. Really important, next friday is Senate Meeting, if going please rsvp for the ride to newark
 - ii. Fun Astronomy Fact: Lot of scientific evidence cited claims that there is evidence of our universe collapsing and can revert back to singularity. If this paper is true it will have massive ramifications
- b. Logan Adams
 - i. On nov 15 will be RUProgressives second legalize it event and looking for volunteers
- c. Maggie Maniar
 - i. Sat in on the meeting and if anyone has any questions on menstrual hygiene please let her know
- d. Sarah
 - i. Week four of five of the referendum is ending
 - ii. Statewide there is 14,700 votes
 - 1. In new brunswick, it was about 9,000
- e. Tiana Youngblodd
 - i. Late Knight event tomorrow, if interested get in touch
- f. Joesph Gambino
 - i. Part of leadership team for new student orientation, info sessions are this week and if anyone interested please let him know
- g. Marc Younker
 - i. For cory 2020 there will be happy hour event in nyc next week, if interested please let him know
 - ii. Also phone banking, get in touch if interested
- h. Zain Ahmed
 - i. Monday 25th, there will be an event on immigration, if interested get in touch
- i. Nick Tharney

- i. Sending out survey in the slack for a constitutional referendum
 - ii. There is a channel for the judicial merger into RUSA, please provide input
 - iii. New Data shows there is a negative curvature to the universe
- j. Max Wang
 - i. Officially in rutgers Kpop and having a showcase this sunday at douglass student center, if interested come thru
- k. Andrew Petryna
 - i. If anyone interested in why meal swipes are three dollars, the thing you donate is specifically just the cost of food
- l. Aneesh Deshpande
 - i. Interns have been accepted and all the new rusa interns now introduce themselves to the assembly

11. Adjournment

- a. @ 9:14

12. Committee Meetings



RUSA Bill F19 - 08

Authors: N. LaBelle, *Treasurer*; N. Tharney, *Parliamentarian*

Sponsors: Internal Affairs Committee

Capital Allocation and Secure Handling (C.A.S.H.) Act

Whereas, the Assembly previously enacted the first part of the Capital Allocation and Secure Handling (C.A.S.H.) Act, and

Whereas, the Internal Affairs Committee, the Allocations Board, and the Treasurer recognize the need to delineate a process for the handling of moneys within the Assembly's operating budget, and

Whereas, the RUSA Treasurer is primarily charged with the maintenance of the budget as per the Standing Rules (S.R.), but

Whereas, few provisions exist in the Assembly's core set of rules pertaining to its operating budget (S.R. 19 § 1 through 6), and

Whereas, the Assembly recognizes the need to implement internal control controls while also mitigating bureaucracy and the centralization of executive power, and

Whereas, the Assembly recognizes the need to enact provisions governing funding while also recognizing the need to ensure flexibility, and simultaneously ensure a balance between discretionary funds appropriated to committees and Assembly oversight whereby initiatives cannot be undertaken without the support of the Assembly,

Therefore, be it hereby enacted as the Capital Allocation and Secure Handling (C.A.S.H.) Act by two-thirds of the Assembly:

RESOLVED, the Assembly amends S.R. 19 “RUSA Finances” to include Section 7:

7. The Treasurer shall oversee the authorization of expenditures from the RUSA account.
 - a. The Assembly shall, on an annual basis, establish line items within the budget for each core and standing committee.
 - i. Following any Assembly operating budget, all funds allocated to specific Committees shall require a majority vote of said committee in favor to authorize spending, except that this section shall not allow a committee to circumvent the requirements under Article 20, nor shall a committee sponsor an event not sponsored, endorsed, or created through the Assembly.
 - b. Any funding from line item that exceed \$500 must be explicitly authorized by a vote of the Assembly. The same must be used for the sale, transfer, or disposition of any real property, rental (excluding temporary room rentals), or other physical property held by or for the Assembly, excluding promotional items, if the book value exceeds \$500. Should the value not exceed \$500, the expense shall require the consent of the Committee upon which funds are being drawn.
 - c. For discretionary line items, the Treasurer may reallocate up to \$500 to another line item, only if the Treasurer has the advice and consent of the Executive Board and provides notification of the Assembly through the Secretary or through other official communication. However, such power shall be restricted if the Assembly has either expressly prohibited it or has already committed said funds. In amounts in excess of \$500 or where the Executive Board has not approved the reallocation, the Assembly’s assent shall be required through appropriate legislation.
 - d. All other funds from the Assembly budget shall be spent at the direction of the Assembly, in accordance with these rules, or in such cases where the purpose and spending authority is specified in the budget, said authority may cause for funds to be used, in accordance with all applicable governing rules and regulations.
 - i. The Treasurer shall be authorized to transfer funds from other line items for the purpose of balancing RUSA expenses, provided the original responsible party for spending such funds consents to the requisition of funds.
 - e. Requests for funding shall be submitted through the Treasurer.

- i. Expenditures authorized by Section 6 of this Article and in compliance with all other applicable rules shall be reported to and supervised by the Treasurer.
- ii. The Treasurer must respond to requests within 4 University business days during which SABO is open.

RESOLVED, the Assembly amends S.R. XV § 3(b) to include the subsections:

- i. The Treasurer shall report a running, annotated form of the RUSA budget, adjusted for expenditures and transfers, and shall make the same available upon request, and the Assembly shall make the same available on the RUSA website.
- ii. Quarterly budget reports are to be furnished by the Treasurer on the basis of the fiscal year concurrent with University accounting starting on July 1st. The quarterly budget must be provided on the RUSA website as soon as it is given to the Assembly.
- iii. Public notice of the most recent RUSA Operating Budget and RUSA allocation of club funding will be made available on the current RUSA website, in addition to any personal inquiry given to the Treasurer, following the same procedure for requesting records as the RUSA Allocations Process Transparency Act (RAPTA). Each line item of the RUSA operating budget must be delineated, including a statement of purpose of each line item, in the public budget document on the RUSA website.

RESOLVED, the Assembly charges its Treasurer with providing to it a written report of the budgets for the first and second quarter for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year no later than January 15, 2019, except that this date may be delayed by up to one month by the Executive Board, or longer by a two-thirds vote of the Assembly by way of legislation.

RESOLVED, the Assembly amends S.R. 24 § 2(f) to include the subsections:

- i. Any member, officer, or agent of the Assembly who circumvents the financial control procedures established under Article XIX, Section 7, including either the reallocation, expenditure, or alteration of budgeted funds not authorized by the Assembly under these rules or under legislation shall be liable for impeachment. Every member, officer, or agent of the Assembly who receives such funds or causes such funds to be disbursed is responsible for following said procedures, and if they willfully or negligently violates this section is liable for impeachment,

except that in cases of handling amounts less than \$100 they shall only be liable for censure for no less than one month and no greater than two months.

- ii. Any person employed by the University and in such capacity willfully circumvents Article XIX, Section 7 or conspires, cooperated, attempts, or assists another in doing so may be reported to University Human Resources or another appropriate office for conducting investigations and administering discipline, upon the recommendation of the Internal Affairs Committee.
- iii. The sections above shall not limit sanctions imposed for embezzlement or offenses other than circumventing Article XIX, Section 7.

RESOLVED, upon enactment, the Chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee shall furnish an updated copy of the Standing Rules to the Parliamentarian and the Secretary of the Assembly, and the Secretary, or his designee, shall publish the same on the Assembly's website.

RUSA President

Date



RUSA Bill F19 - 10

Author: Andrew Petryna, *UA Committee Chair*

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 exists 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 the Assembly requires all organizations participating in the Meal Swipes for Charity (MSC) program to furnish the RUSA University Affairs Committee with the relevant financial documents tracing the movement and expenditure of such funds, including:

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 further enacted, the University Affairs Committee shall take reasonable steps to verify the information provided by the organization and shall report the most accurate information in accordance with the below required procedures;

Be it further enacted, failure of an organization to furnish RUSA with this required information 4 weeks following the conclusion of the semester in which the Meal Swipes Iteration occurred will result in that organization receiving a written warning from the University Affairs Committee, and a reminder as to what information is demanded;

Be it further enacted, if an organization fails to furnish the University Affairs Committee with the requested information within a month of a written warning being issued, the offending organization will be ineligible to apply for future Meal Swipes for Charity opportunities until the information is supplied and verified, or within 3 years and one month of the warning being issued;

Be it further enacted, if an organization fails to furnish the University Affairs Committee with the required information for an entire year following a ban on Meal Swipes for Charity opportunities, the University Affairs Committee will conduct an investigation as to where the information is and why it has not been delivered;

Be it further enacted, any organization barred from participating in Meal Swipes for Charity can, at any point, file a one-time appeal to the Executive Board and present their case for a termination of the ban;

Be it further enacted, if an appeal is filed in such manner, the Executive Board shall have the ultimate authority on the termination or retention of the ban;

Be it further enacted, if the Executive Board upholds such a ban, it shall expire within 3 years and one month of the initial warning being issued by the University Affairs Committee, or until the required information is delivered;

Be it further enacted, if either the University Affairs Committee or Executive Board finds evidence of wrongdoing or bad faith practices on the part of a student organization in their investigations, they shall report these malpractices to the appropriate University authorities;

Be it further enacted, following the selection of an organization as the facilitator of that semester's Meal Swipes for Charity, RUSA will deliver a memo or other official document signed by the President to Rutgers Dining Services confirming the selection; and

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

Be it further 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 further enacted, the Chairperson of the University Affairs Committee will furnish the Office of the RUSA President with a public 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 term as Chairperson;

Be it further enacted, the Chair of the University Affairs Committee, or another designee of the Committee, shall furnish the terms of this legislation to every applicant to the Meal Swipes for Charity program, and each applicant shall consent to the terms therein as a condition of being considered for the program; and

Be it finally enacted, the preceding operative clauses of this legislation shall constitute one title “Meal Swipes for Charity” within the Assembly’s code of permanent legislation, in accordance to the Permanent Legislation Act of 2018.

RUSA President

Date



RUSA Resolution F19 - 05

Authors: Nicholas LaBelle, *RUSA Treasurer*

Sponsors: Public Relations Committee

**Resolution to Support the “No More Hungry Knights”
Student Community Cafe Initiative**

Whereas, food insecurity is an issue plaguing college campuses around the country, and the Rutgers community has expressed a clear interest in addressing this concern,

Whereas, according to a report titled “Food Insecurity Among Students at Rutgers University-New Brunswick”, over 37% of students are food insecure, many of which come from marginalized groups in the Rutgers community,¹

Whereas, food insecurity is implicated with lower GPAs and overall less favorable academic outcomes,²

Whereas, several stakeholders, such as: Student Affairs; Rutgers Student Food Pantry; the Office of Off-Campus Living and Community Partnerships; Rutgers Against Hunger; SEBS Co-Op Extension; College Ave Community Church, have taken note of this issue,

Whereas, said stakeholders have joined together to provide free food Monday through Friday, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, during the weeks of Nov. 4 & Nov. 11, at the College Ave Community Church,

¹ http://humeco.rutgers.edu/documents_pdf/RU_Student_Food_Insecurity_2018.pdf

² http://humeco.rutgers.edu/documents_pdf/RU_Student_Food_Insecurity_2018.pdf

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that, the Rutgers University Student Assembly emphatically commends and endorses the efforts of the “No More Hungry Knights” Student Community Cafe to provide free meals and company to students in need; and

Be it further resolved, to aid in the efforts of the initiative, during the remainder of the week of Nov. 4 and the full week of Nov. 11, the PR Committee will create a social media campaign to promote awareness of this service and share information raising further attention to the student food insecurity crisis.