



RUSA Assembly Agenda October 22nd, 2020

7:30 PM @ [Zoom](#) (password: "rusa")

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda and Agreeal to Record
3. Officer Updates
4. Legislation
 - a. Presentation: Bill to Amend the Standing Rules to Affix Governing Council Allocations
 - b. Resolution to Partner with ListenersOnCall for Trial Services
5. Public Sector
6. Adjournment



RUSA Bill F20-XX

Authors: Nicholas LaBelle, *President*

Sponsors: Executive Committee, Internal Affairs (TBD Processed)

Co-Sponsors: Engineering Governing Council (TBD), Pharmacy Governing Council (TBD), Rutgers Business Governing Association (TBD), School of Environmental & Biological Sciences Governing Council (TBD); Mason Gross Student Government Association (TBD); Douglass Governing Council (TBD)

Bill to Amend the Standing Rules to Affix Governing Council Allocations

Whereas, the RUSA Fall 2020 elections received historic turnout and as part a referendum question on a new student body Constitution was posed and received a majority vote;

Whereas, as a result of said referendum, the student body agreed to approve the Constitution which in part allowed for the removal of the traditional 80/20 split for fee money, and increased direct voting representation for professional schools;

Whereas, fees are a vital part of enabling the student experience, and students have the direct right via their governments to modify such fees;

Whereas, valid concerns have been brought forth regarding the health of organizations belonging to professional schools, especially those in the graduate School of Pharmacy;

Whereas, for the sake of collaborative governance and the future of Rutgers students, President LaBelle has asked all parties to join a sustainable governance and fee ad-hoc committee to

address these concerns and furnish long standing solutions;

Therefore, be it hereby enacted by a two-thirds vote of the Rutgers University Student Assembly that the Standing Rules are amended in the following manner:

1. That S.R. Article XVIII: The Allocations Board, Section 2, shall read:

“Art. XVIII § 2

- a. Its purpose shall be to objectively recommend the distribution of student activities fees to student groups properly registered at Rutgers University, using student fees collected under the School Fee, which includes the Student Activities Fee, and distributed by the Allocations Board and through subsequent funding boards.
- b. Funding shall follow the following required distribution until July 1, 2021:
 - i. The recognized Professional School Councils, through Allocations, shall receive eighty percent (80%) of the student activity fee of the students enrolled in that professional school, after any direct disbursement referenda fees are subtracted. The remaining twenty percent (20%) shall remain with the Allocations Board for distribution to those directly affiliated with the Board. Professional School Councils shall have the ability to waive this allocation, and instead have the student activity fee of students in the respective professional school allocated to the Allocations Board.
 - ii. One hundred percent (100%) of student fees collected from the graduate students of School 31, the School of Pharmacy, shall be directly dispersed to the Pharmacy Governing Council’s Allocations Board. (The members of School 31 are students within their 5th or 6th year of the pharmacy program.)
 - iii. These provisions can be extended and/or modified following July 1, 2021”



RUSA Resolution F20-04

Authors: Nicholas LaBelle, *President*, Alyssa Vanveldhuisen, *Health & Wellness Chair*

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Resolution to Partner with Listeners On Call for Trial Services

Whereas, mental health is a state which we seek to promote, with 80% of students stating COVID-19 has worsened their mental health¹;

Whereas, the company Listeners On Call provides a service to help people discuss with qualified individuals an index of concerns and promote mental health;

Whereas, after negotiations with the President, the company has agreed to provide 100 free calls totalling 2,000 minutes to Rutgers students with the monetary value of \$1,000;

Whereas, RUSA was featured on CBS for its efforts to address these concerns via this partnership and the RUSA Recovery Fund²;

Be it hereby resolved, the Assembly recognizes the impacts that COVID-19 has brought in respect to the mental health of our student body.

Be it hereby further resolved, the Assembly endorses the initial partnership with Listeners On Call and will utilize the Public Relations committee for a roll out on social media, email, and other respective channels.

Be it hereby further resolved, the Assembly charges the Health & Wellness Committee to report back with the data from the trial calls and recommend further steps the Assembly should take

¹ ActiveMinds [Survey Data April 2020](#)

² CBS News [Oct. 10, 2020](#)

after the trial minutes have been used.