



**RUSA Assembly Agenda July 16th, 2020**

**7:30 PM @ WebEx [Link](#) (password: rusa)**

1. Call to Order - 20:05
2. Approval of Agenda, Prior Meeting Minutes, & Consent Agenda
  - a. Resolution to Welcome President Holloway
  - b. Resolution to Endorse S.E.A. Letter
3. Legislation
  - a. RUPD Reform Bill
  - b. SACTAA — LA Provision
  - c. CARS Bill
4. Presentation on Standing Rules
5. Public Sector
6. Adjournment



## **RUSA Resolution S20-07**

**Authors:** Nicholas LaBelle, *President*, Arielle Dublin, *Vice-President*, Hira Hussain, *Treasurer*

**Sponsors:** Executive Committee

### **Resolution to Welcome University President Jonathan Holloway**

*Whereas*, Dr. Robert Barchi, current President Emeritus of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, has his term expiring June 30th, 2020<sup>1</sup>

*Whereas*, Dr. Jonathan Holloway, who has served with distinction as a dean at Yale College and as provost of Northwestern University, worked passionately to help students and address inequality with initiatives such as the Undergraduate Student Lifecycle program <sup>2</sup>

*Whereas*, this Assembly has the obligation to advocate on behalf on the student body to all levels of Administration and the Administration has a similar obligation to hear and respond to the collective student voice;

**Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the Rutgers University Student Assembly,**

- 1. Acknowledges** the work of President Barchi and the benefits it has brought;
- 2. Welcomes** President Holloway to our world-class institution and expresses excitement for this historic occasion;
- 3. Commits** ourselves to a productive relationship for the entirety of President Holloway's tenure with the both student government and University Administration working collaboratively to improve the school we hold dear.

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<sup>1</sup> [Rutgers Today: Barchi Steps Down](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Northwestern Now: Holloway Becomes President at Rutgers University](#)



## **RUSA Resolution S20 - 08**

**Author:** Javier Perez, *Chief of Staff & Zunaira Wasim, University Affairs Chair*

**Sponsor:** University Affairs Committee

### **Resolution to Endorse S.E.A.'s Letter to President Holloway**

*Whereas*, climate change is an existential threat to both Rutgers - New Brunswick's local area, and globally in every region of the world;

*Whereas*, Rutgers University has done substantially less than the other Big Ten Universities in regards to addressing sustainability concerns on campus and creating initiatives to lessen the impact of climate change;

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Students for Environmental Awareness has written a letter<sup>3</sup>, in which a multitude of environmental, social justice, and cultural organizations on campus have signed onto, to the incoming Rutgers President, Dr. Jonathan Holloway, which lists three separate demands of action for the university to undertake immediately;

*Whereas*, it is imperative that Rutgers University takes administrative action as listed in the letter to protect their students and do their part in addressing the climate crisis;

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly has a responsibility towards advocating for the needs of all students and their well-being, especially in regards to universal sustainability issues;

*Be it hereby resolved*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly formally signs the Students for Environmental Awareness' letter to President Holloway;

*Be it hereby resolved*, the University Affairs committee of the Rutgers University Student Assembly will advocate for the listed reforms stated in the letter whilst in collaboration with other departments, committees, and non-RUSA organizations advocating for the same goals.

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<sup>3</sup> [Rutgers Sustainability Coalition Letter to President Holloway](#), provided by Mollie Passacantando



## **RUSA BILL S20-12**

**Author:** Malachi SUTTON, *Advocacy Subcommittee Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee*

**Sponsor:** Legislative Affairs Committee; Public Relations Committee; University Affairs Committee

### A Bill Addressing Reform & Accountability for the Rutgers University Police Department

*Whereas*, police discrimination against racial minorities has been well-documented across the United States<sup>4</sup>, with the Black Lives Matter movement advocating for police reform and for an end to illegal, unethical, and unconstitutional behavior from officers;

*Whereas*, at Rutgers University, police discrimination against racial minorities is incredibly prevalent, with officers often mistreating Black, African-American, and other racial minority groups (including clubs, fraternities, sororities, and cultural organizations),

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly has various executive and legislative departments which are ready, able, and eager to reimagine community-police relations on campus, and to improve the lives of Black, African-American, and minority students,

*Be it hereby resolved*, that the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA, or the Assembly) introduces this Bill as a method of accountability for any incident of misconduct on the part of the Rutgers University Police Department (RUPD), including but not limited to misconduct, discrimination, and/or dereliction of duty.

*Be it further resolved*, that the Assembly – through its relevant bodies, organizations, and representatives – shall aggressively and thoroughly pursue the following reforms:

1. The RUPD shall give a monthly written report to the Assembly detailing how the Police Department is helping to protect marginalized groups, and how officers have interacted with marginalized groups on campus. The report shall:

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<sup>4</sup> Browne, Jaron. "Rooted in Slavery: Prison Labor Exploitation." *Race, Poverty & the Environment* 14, no. 1 (2007): 42-44. Accessed June 19, 2020. [www.jstor.org/stable/41555136](http://www.jstor.org/stable/41555136).

- a. Detail clear and apparent efforts to deal with discrimination and hate crimes on campus including against minorities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and students with disabilities;
  - b. Detail substantive efforts to develop communication between the police unit and organizations of color;
  - c. Detail any and all cases of misconduct conducted by a member of the RUPD, especially regarding instances of discrimination or misconduct<sup>5</sup>;
  - d. Detail substantive efforts to develop conversations within the police unit on fair and non-discriminatory policing;
  - e. Be distributed to relevant stakeholders and representatives of the Black and minority communities at Rutgers, including but not limited to United Black Council, Latino Student Council, the Rutgers N.A.A.C.P., the Native American Cultural Association, and other groups which would benefit from having knowledge of these incidents.
2. Internal reforms and changes within the management and culture of the Rutgers University Police Department, including – but in no ways limited to – the following:
- a. If an RUPD officer is accused of committing an offense, then there must be substantive and comprehensive investigation conducted independently by the Rutgers University administration. Information regarding the initial accusations and the course of these investigations should be conveyed to the Assembly.
  - b. Members of the RUPD shall not be allowed to partake or interfere in investigations related to another RUPD officer.
  - c. If an RUPD officer is convicted of any offense, the Rutgers University administration should have the authority to terminate the officer from their position. If an officer is not convicted of their accused offense, the University shall still retain the records of the officer’s alleged offenses.
  - d. The Rutgers University administration must investigate any false arrests, illegal searches, excessive use of force, and other abuses of power<sup>6</sup>, especially as they would pertain to Black, African-American, and other minority groups on campus.
  - e. Efforts towards the ends described in Section 2 of this clause shall be described and included in the report described in Section 1 of this clause.

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<sup>5</sup> Historically, the Rutgers University Police Department has released yearly reports which summarized incidents of police misconduct. See [Internal Affairs Statistics – 2019 Calendar Year](#). The report given to the Assembly would be substantially different from this report in that it would be substantively more in-depth regarding each specific incident. It is also worth noting that “[n]o department employee was assessed a fine or suspension of 10 days or more for complaints received and/or investigations commenced during the 2019 calendar year in relation to sustained conduct unbecoming of their respective title”, despite there being over 75 cases.

<sup>6</sup> This is by no means an exhaustive list of what constitutes abuses of power. An abuse of power should include any incident where, through their virtue as a member of the RUPD, an officer feels open and able to conduct themselves however they see fit, even if such conduct would be seen as unreasonable, abusive, or unnecessary by any reasonable outside observer. See [FIGHTING POLICE ABUSE: A COMMUNITY ACTION MANUAL](#). By the ACLU.

***Be it finally resolved,*** the Public Relations Committee, Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc,<sup>7</sup> and the Rutgers University Police Department shall coordinate activities which connect the Police Department with the student body through the following:

1. The Committee, Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc, and Police Department shall work to establish meetings with cultural centers and organizations on campus to discuss matters of police brutality through town halls, round-tables, open forums, and other methods of communication.
2. The Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc Committee should work with the Public Relations Committee, and other pertinent bodies, to research and then conduct a “Know Your Rights Campaign,” focused on educating marginalized groups of their local and federal rights, and promoting the idea that police officers should not abuse or misuse their power.
3. The Committee, Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc, and Police Department must pursue substantive reform and, as such, they are tasked with fulfilling the duties and recommendations previously outlined in this legislation. The Diversity & Inclusion Ad-Hoc, in particular, shall work with Black, African-American, and minority groups on campus to gather recommendations regarding reforms for the Police Department and shall aggressively and thoroughly pursue them.

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<sup>7</sup> Action was taken pursuant to Art. IV Sec. 7(b) of the Rutgers University Standing Rules. Created by President Nicholas LABELLE on June 30, 2020 through Executive Order 2020-03 [[Citation](#)] with Ilce Perez presiding as director.



## **RUSA Bill S20-13**

**Authors:** Miguel Ribau, *Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee*; Bilal Ahmed, *Parliamentarian*, Saman Amer, *Research Subcommittee Chair of Legislative Affairs*; Malachi Sutton, *Advocacy Subcommittee Chair of Legislative Affairs*; Tom Gilbert, *College Avenue Representative*; Marc Younker, *UBC Representative*; Justin Augustin, *MGC Representative*; Priya Shah, *Class of 2023 Representative for Livingston*; Sean Tonra, *Douglass At-Large Representative*; and Joseph Holdom, *College Avenue Senator*

**Sponsors:** Legislative Affairs Committee

### **Solidarity and Call to Action Act**

| *Legislation Affairs Provision* |

**Whereas**, our nation has undoubtedly suffered crimes against the humanity and decency of Americans at the hands of those who were sworn to protect us, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA or the Assembly) must stand together to ensure the safety and well-being of our diverse student body. Our diversity is what gives us perspective. Our differences are what give us strength;

**Whereas**, the Assembly has been witness to violence that has threatened our country and values to their core, we, as representatives of the Rutgers student body, must do whatever it takes to make sure that this violence never reaches the Raritan;

**Whereas**, police violence, discriminatory behavior, and systematic inequality have historically been targeted against communities of color<sup>8</sup>;

**Whereas**, for young people of color, police use of force is among the leading causes of death and Black individuals are by far the most common victims<sup>9</sup>;

**Whereas**, the numerous incidents of police brutality and systemic racism have acted as a catalyst for nationwide protests against police violence;

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<sup>8</sup> [Center for American Progress](#): Systematic Inequality and American Democracy. By Danyelle Solomon, Connor Maxwell, and Abril Castro. Published 7 August 2019.

<sup>9</sup> [Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences](#): Risk of being killed by police use of force in the United States by age, race-ethnicity, and sex. By Frank Edwards, Hedwig Leeb, and Michael Esposito. Published 3 July 2019.

**Whereas**, many of the problems regarding race and representation of the Black community at Rutgers stems from a lack of student representation within the administration;

**Be it resolved**, that the Rutgers University Student Assembly commends the courageous and outstanding efforts by the University of Minnesota Student Government and their President, Jael Kerandi, in pushing for substantive reform in response to these abhorrent events<sup>10</sup>;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Rutgers University Student Assembly strongly condemns unjust violence of any form towards protesters of police violence, those affiliated with people protesting police violence, and/or those who are not involved in the aforementioned protests, including:

- a) Unwarranted or attempted violence committed by law enforcement against protestors;
- b) And/or unwarranted or attempted violence committed by civilians, specifically White nationalist and White supremacist groups which have committed violence against protestors;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Assembly notes that the vast majority of violence committed over the past weeks has been conducted by police officers and provocateurs against the protestors, and that the Assembly additionally condemns groups who create unnecessary, though not necessarily violent, conflict including, but not limited to:

- a) White supremacist groups including, but not limited to:
  - a) Neo-Nazi Groups,
  - b) White nationalist groups,
  - c) Identitarian Groups,
  - d) Alt-Right Groups,
  - e) 'Race-Realist' Groups;
  - f) And Confederate heritage organizations;

**Be it further resolved**, that the Legislative Affairs Committee is tasked with formulating a report containing a proposal for action on the local, state, and/or federal levels, and specifically addressing the Rutgers University Police Department and discriminatory actions against Black and African-American communities at Rutgers, and whereby this report:

- a) Will be written with the goal of creating policy proposals which seek to prevent police brutality and discrimination from law enforcement of any form or kind;
- b) Will present policies which, upon presentation and approval by the Assembly, will be utilized to persuade legislators to adopt such proposals;
- c) And will address multiple topics surrounding the criminal justice system, including but not limited to:
  - i) An analysis of white supremacist groups and how such groups interact with law enforcement;
  - ii) An analysis of current training methods required for law enforcement around the state and country;
  - iii) An analysis of how internal biases impact how law enforcement act towards Black individuals;

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<sup>10</sup> [University of Minnesota Undergraduate Student Body President](#): Response to the Murder of George Floyd. By Jael Kerandi. Published 26 May 2020.



- iv) And an examination of the funding of police departments on a statewide level.

***Be it further resolved***, that the Assembly commends the creation<sup>11</sup> of the Ad-Hoc on Diversity and Inclusion, as created by President Nicholas LaBelle under Executive Order 2020-03<sup>12</sup>, and which will connect the various groups on campus which promote our diversity and which will take substantive action on issues pertinent to these groups;

***Be it further resolved***, that the Assembly, through the Legislative Affairs Committee, will further pursue legislation and action in accordance with the philosophy and intent of the Community Oriented Review Board (C.O.R.B.) resolution<sup>13</sup> through:

1. Continue to work with student and minority groups on campus to examine the selection of members of the Rutgers University Police Departments;
2. Advocate for taking the Community Oriented Review Board resolution to its completion by working with the Rutgers University Police Department to formally add the members of the Assembly, United Black Council, and Latino Student Council to the C.O.R.B..
3. Working with officials and administrators within the Rutgers University Police Department and New Brunswick Police Department to ensure that officers are trained in de-escalation techniques, and that officers are held accountable to stop the harassment and inappropriate treatment of Black groups on which has been noted by many on-campus;
4. And making the following a part of the hiring process of new officers and review process of current officers of the Rutgers University Police Department:
  - a. Screening officers for certain untreated or unmanaged disorders including, but not limited to, personality disorders, mood disorders, psychotic disorders, and post-traumatic stress disorder;
  - b. Review of social media accounts in order to find any alarming, disturbing, or otherwise insensitive posts;
  - c. Ensuring that those with prior histories of abuse or misconduct may not be hired or re-hired by the Rutgers University Police Department;
  - d. And the publication of any and all reports of misconduct.

***Be it further resolved***, that the Assembly, through the Legislative Affairs Committee, does endorse and will advocate for the following pieces of legislation at the state and federal levels:

1. H.R. 4408 as presented by Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D) (NY-8)<sup>14</sup>, otherwise known as the Eric Garner Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act of 2019;

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<sup>11</sup> Action was taken pursuant to Art. IV Sec. 7 and Art. IV Sec. 7(b) of the Standing Rules, which allow for ad-hoc committees to be created as per a “decision of the President” and which allows for the Chair to be selected “by a method specific by the President” if the President created the Committee.

<sup>12</sup> [EO 2020-03](#) -- EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING DNI DEPARTMENT

<sup>13</sup> [RUSA Resolution F19-04](#): Resolution to Add Three Students to the Community Oriented Review Board (CORB). *By Isaac Velez and Marc Younker. Passed by the Rutgers University Student Assembly Fall 2019.*

<sup>14</sup> [116th Congress](#): H. R. 4408 - Eric Garner Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act of 2019. *By Representative Hakeem Jeffries (D) (NY-8), et. al.. Introduced 19 September 2019 in the House Committee on the Judiciary.*

2. Representative Ayanna Pressley’s (D) (MA-7) House of Representatives resolution that condemns “all acts of police brutality, racial profiling, and the use of excessive and militarized force throughout the country”<sup>15</sup>;
3. State Senator Patrick Diegnan (D) (LD-18)’s proposal<sup>16</sup> to provide two Rutgers students with votes on the university’s board of governors, in the hopes that this increased level of student involvement and oversight will be able to lead to long-term, substantive reform across all three campuses;
4. S. 1938 as presented by Senator Tammy Duckworth (D) of Illinois<sup>17</sup>, otherwise known as the Police Training and Independent Review Act of 2019
5. And Senator Cory Booker and Kamala Harris’s bill entitled the Justice in Policing Act of 2020 with the stated goal “To hold law enforcement accountable for misconduct in court, improve transparency through data collection, and reform police training and policies.

***Be it finally resolved,*** that the Rutgers University Student Assembly and the members thereof will do all that it can within its power to assure that our officials are held accountable for our broken and bigoted criminal justice system, and that those most oppressed and silenced by our institutions are given a voice.

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<sup>15</sup> [116th Congress](#): [submitted] - Condemning all acts of police brutality, racial profiling, and the use of excessive and militarized force throughout the country. *By Ayanna Pressley (D) (MA-7). Unsubmitted to committee.*

<sup>16</sup> [219th Legislature](#): S. 2408 - Adds two student representatives to the board of governors of Rutgers University. *By Senator Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. (D) (D-18, Middlesex). Introduced 7 May 2020 in the Senate Higher Education Committee.*

<sup>17</sup> [116th Congress](#): S. 1938 - The Police Training and Independent Review Act of 2019. *By Senator Tammy Duckworth (D) of Illinois, et. al.. Introduced 20 June 2019 in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.*



## **RUSA Bill S20-14**

**Authors:** Nina Gohel, *Public Relations Chair & SAS Senator*

**Sponsors:** Public Relations Committee

### **Create A RUSA Seal (C.A.R.S.) Bill**

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA or the Assembly) logo may not be useful in all circumstances and, as such, the Assembly requires additional iconography;

*Whereas*, there is a need for a RUSA logo (to be used on pieces of legislation) as well as a RUSA seal (to be used for public relations) in order to drive towards a more dignified and formal representation of the Assembly;

*Be it hereby resolved*, that the Assembly adopt a seal, to be used in conjunction with the current RUSA logo;

*Be it further resolved*, that the seal may be seen as an equivalent to the Assembly logo, but should be used in circumstances where it may be more appropriate as deemed by the Public Relations Chair or whomever is using the seal or logo to take action on behalf of the Assembly.



## **RUSA Bill S20 - xx**

**Authors:** Bilal Yousuf Ahmed, *Parliamentarian*; Grace Daniel, *Internal Affairs Chair*; Jason Yu, *Cook Class of 2022*; Sean Tonra, *Douglass At-Large*; and Javier Perez, *Chief of Staff*

**Sponsors:** Internal Affairs Committee

### **Revisions and Amendments to the Standing Rules**

- Part I: Special Advisor, Chief of Staff & Deputy Chief of Staff, Ad-Hocs, Departments -

**Whereas**, the Standing Rules govern the Rutgers University Student Assembly (the Assembly) and its operations, boards, committees, offices, and the actions of their members;

**Whereas**, the Standing Rules required a significant level of revision in order to accommodate the changing nature of the Assembly;

**Whereas**, the Internal Affairs Committee has determined a need for more fundamental changes to the Standing Rules which would make the Assembly more efficient and effective;

**Whereas**, as a consequence of extensive debate, numerous associated and contemporaneous documents were created over the course of the formation of these Standing Rules, including but not limited to agendas published by Grace DANIEL, Internal Affairs Chair; memoranda published by Bilal Yousuf AHMED, Parliamentarian; and a letter published Miguel RIBAU, Legislative Affairs Chair;

SR Changes Meeting [Agenda](#) May 4, 2020 | Parliamentary [memorandum](#) 2020-01 | SR Changes Meeting [Agenda](#) May 14, 2020 | Parliamentary [memorandum](#) 2020-02 | Parliamentary [memorandum](#) 2020-03 | SR Changes Meeting [Agenda](#) May 20, 2020 | [Letter](#) on the status of Legislative Affairs | SR Changes Meeting [Agenda](#) May 23, 2020

**And, whereas**, a working group consisting of various Executive Board members, Officers of the Assembly, and members of the Assembly was convened in order to discuss and create these changes and amendments, and ultimately formed and presented these amendments ---

**Therefore, the following shall be hereby enacted as the Standing Rules Changes of Spring 2020 and, by proposing amendments to the Standing Rules, will require two-thirds of the Assembly in order to take effect.**

**RESOLVED**, that Art. IV § 7 shall be amended to read as the following:

7. Ad-Hoc Committees are committees that have a one-time purpose and which dissolve at the Spring Organizational meeting following their creation. The general purpose of an Ad-Hoc committee should be to identify and research pressing issues in order to, ultimately, furnish a report to the Executive Board and the Assembly. An Ad-Hoc Committee may be created at any Assembly meeting by a resolution by the majority (50% +1) of the Assembly, or by the decision of the President, and may be dissolved in the same way they were created.

- a. An Ad-hoc Committees must be chaired by an undergraduate student who is:
  - i. Chosen by a method specified by the resolution which created the committee;
  - ii. Chosen by a method specified by the President, if the committee was created by the decision of the President.
- b. All Ad-Hoc Committees:
  - i. Must be formally created by either the passage of a resolution by the Assembly, or by the submission of a document outlining purpose and membership to the Executive Board by the President;
  - ii. Once created, are directly answerable to the Executive Board and shall be managed by the Vice President;
  - iii. Must file a report with the Executive Board, showing all conclusions, findings, and recommendations, before the committee is dissolved;
  - iv. May be dissolved at either the discretion of the President or by a resolution of the Assembly, with the method of dissolution being in line with the method of creation of the Ad-Hoc Committee.
  - v. Shall automatically be dissolved at the Spring Organizational meeting of the new administration.

**RESOLVED**, that Art. IV § 8 shall be amended to read as following:

8. Departments are executive bodies that are created to serve the purpose of enacting projects and initiatives which would be best completed outside of a traditional committee structure. A Department:

- a. Must be directed by an undergraduate student who is directly selected by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the Executive Board, with the chair of a department addressed as “Director of *said project*”.

- b. Must be formally created by the submission of the specifically outlined duties and responsibilities of the Department and through a confirmatory vote by a simple majority of the Executive Board, where the duties and responsibilities:
  - i. Must be clearly outlined and delineated, and not overlap with the duties or responsibilities of a Standing or Core Committee;
  - ii. And should encompass the entirety of the scope of the Department, with the Department lacking the ability to move past these established goals unless the President amends the outlined duties and responsibilities
- c. May be partially or fully dissolved, in a manner as elaborated, whereas a two-thirds vote of any Standing or Core Committee, or a majority vote in the Internal Affairs Committee, has occurred, and whereby the following procedures and regulations must be used:
  - i. A vote in a Standing or Core Committee towards any of the following will require the presence of the Secretary to verify the vote. All votes shall require a twenty-four hour notice to the President, Secretary, Internal Affairs Chair, and Parliamentarian.
  - ii. A partial dissolution may be voted on by a Standing or Core Committee in cases of partial excess. Partial excess shall be if a limited number of duties or tasks given to the department, but not the entirety or essence of the department, unduly and inappropriately overlap or infringe on a Standing or Committee Charges, duties, or tasks.
  - iii. In the case of partial dissolution due to partial excess, the applicable Standing or Core Committee may assume the appropriate charges given to the department, and the department shall continue to execute the rest of its duties. This shall occur after a two-thirds vote in the Standing or Core Committee in question, or after a majority vote in the Internal Affairs Committee, followed by a majority affirmative vote in the Executive Board.
  - iv. Outright excess shall be, in the first case, if the department, as a whole, unduly infringes on or includes the duties of a single or multiple Standing or Core Committees and, as such, the department in full is unnecessary.
  - v. Outright excess shall be, in the second case, if the department is intentionally being used by the president to circumvent a power, duty, or responsibility or a Committee, codified Subcommittee, Executive Board member, or Officer of the Assembly.
  - vi. In either case of outright excess, the applicable Standing or Core Committee(s) shall assume the duties of the department, and the department and director shall cease all action. This shall occur after 1) a two-thirds vote in the Standing or Core Committee in question, or after a majority vote in the Internal Affairs Committee; followed by 2) a majority affirmative vote in the

Executive Board; and followed finally by 3) a resolution in the Assembly which must pass by a majority vote which sustains the Standing or Core Committee's, or Internal Affairs Committee's, point(s) of concern.

- vii. The second case of outright excess should be noted, by the Internal Affairs Committee, as an abuse of power on behalf of the President. It should then take appropriate steps as outlined under Article XXIV of the Standing Rules.
- d. May submit legislation directly to the Executive Committee, if the Department requires additional funding or that the Assembly take a formal stance on an issue through the passage of a resolution.
- e. May receive funding from either the President or the Assembly, whereby:
  - i. Departments may receive funding from the Presidential Initiatives line-item of an administration's budget, dependent on the president informing the Executive Board upon allocation.
  - ii. Should additional funding be required, they may submit legislation to the Assembly, through the Executive Committee and working with the Treasurer, in order to determine from where funds may be appropriated. Such a bill would require a simple majority to pass.
- f. Shall have their directors update the Assembly reasonably often once the Department has been formed and until it is no longer active during Officer Updates.
- g. Shall exist until the department is fully dissolved. However, directors shall serve at the pleasure of the president and shall have their terms end at the end of the term of the president who appointed them. A new president may, thereafter, appoint a new director to an extant department.

**RESOLVED**, that Art. XV § 8 shall be removed, and Art. XV § 7 shall be amended to read as follows:

7. Roles and Powers of the Chief of Staff, and Deputy Chief of Staff

- a. The Chief of Staff shall serve as the premier administrative officer of the Assembly. As such, the essence of the role should be to maintain the orderly conduct and functioning of the Assembly, within the bounds defined as follows. The duties of the Chief of Staff shall consist of:
  - i. Assisting the president in administrative duties as assigned,
  - ii. Serving five office hours a week in the summer and academic year,
  - iii. Overseeing the Office Hour Schedule, as posted online and in print,
  - iv. Serving as an Officer of the Assembly,
  - v. And, though the departments shall ultimately be accountable and responsible to the president, the Chief of Staff shall manage departments on the president's behalf, should the president allow it.

- b. The Deputy Chief of Staff shall assist the Chief of Staff in all duties outlined in XV § 7(a). Towards this end, the Chief of Staff may devolve any of these duties to the Deputy Chief of Staff.
  - i. The Deputy Chief of Staff shall have the duty to perform any tasks delegated by the President or Chief of Staff.
  - ii. The Deputy Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the President, with input from the Chief of Staff, and serve at the pleasure of the President.

**RESOLVED**, that an Art. XV § 12 shall be added and read as follows:

12. Role and Powers of the Special Advisor of the President

- a. This position shall be filled solely at the discretion of the president. Any administration may appoint a Special Advisor; the president may not appoint Special Advisor if the president so wishes without the fear of penalty.
- b. The position of Special Advisor will serve as a personal policy and legislative aide to the President. As such, they are expected to have knowledge in various fields and should be able to effectively convey their expertise to the President and the Executive Board. Towards this end, the roles of the Special Advisor shall include:
  - i. Attending meetings with the president, providing for note-taking and advice when applicable,
  - ii. Advising the president in the development and implementation of various policy ideas,
  - iii. And helping maintain schedules for the president.
- c. Further, the position of Special Advisor shall act as a personal aide to the president. They are expected, in this capacity, to give relevant advice regarding different situations in which the president may not have experience. Towards this end, the roles of Special Advisor shall additionally include:
  - i. Providing their insight during contentious debates within the Assembly or the Executive Board,
  - ii. Giving advice for instances of controversy on campus, regarding issues pertinent to faculty, students, and members of the Assembly,
  - iii. And, in general, supporting the President and other members of the Executive Boards for tasks that need to be completed.
- d. In circumstances where the President or Vice President cannot attend a high-level administrative meeting, the Special Advisor may attend on behalf of the Assembly. When they are given the due consent of the President, Vice President, or Chief of Staff to attend these meetings, they shall be given plenipotentiary powers; towards that end, they would be required to duly report to the Executive Board regarding the meetings attended.



**RESOLVED**, that the Parliamentarian and Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee shall, upon the passage of these changes and amendments, work with the president, the Assembly, and pertinent parties to properly transition any current ad-hoc committees and subcommittees into what their new form would be under these changes and amendments.

**RESOLVED**, that the Assembly acknowledges that this is the first phase of a multi-phased plan to comprehensively rewrite the Standing Rules and, as such, the Assembly anticipates additional Standing Rules changes in the near future.

**RESOLVED**, upon enactment, the Chair 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 shall publish the same on the Assembly's website.