



**RUSA Bill F20-06**

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**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 resolved* that the Assembly binds itself, through a two-thirds vote, to not amend the following Standing Rules in text and/or substance until August 1st, 2021, unless a majority of the co-sponsors confirm that such an amendment may be made;

*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. XVIII § 2 shall be amended to read as the following:

2. 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. Funding shall follow the following required distribution:

- a. The recognized Professional School Councils, through the Allocations Board, 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.
- b. 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 P3 and P4 students within their 5th or 6th year of the pharmacy program.)