



Serving School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Students

Agenda for Monday 02/09/2015; Cook Campus Center Room 202

- I. Call to order: 8:01 PM**
- II. Pledge of allegiance**
- III. Determination of a Quorum and Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion to add an item d. under New Business for “voting on petitioning for new members” → Motion approved**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes from 12/01/14: Approved**
- VI. Envoy Reports (5 min each)**
 - a. Senate Report**
 - i. The last senate meeting was held on January 23, 2015. The next senate meeting will be held on February 20, 2015 in Newark. Anyone is allowed to attend, but only senators can vote at the meetings.
 - ii. Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee members are continuing to work on the open access program. The program has already started and will mostly be affecting graduate students.
 - iii. University Structure and Governance Committee met with Rutgers Newark and Camden law schools and talked about the upcoming merger. The possibility of amending requirements for the merger and nominations during elections to the senate were also discussed.
 - iv. President Barchi gave his response to recommendations for tuition remission for part-time faculty and gave a presentation on the new master plan, including the proposed boardwalk, ongoing renovations on the College Avenue Campus, and revitalization projects at Rutgers for the next 10-15 years.
 - b. RUSA Report**
 - i. Public Relations and Student Affairs Committee released a “What’s on your mind?” survey on January 28, 2015. The Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Felicia McGinty, discussed certain programs and concerns including establishing priority housing, training community ambassadors to address off-campus issues, and working with the RUPD to resolve safety issues for students.
- VII. Committee Reports (5 min each)**
 - a. Academic Affairs**
 - i. Cook Community Alumni Association had their Life After College event, which was successful. They compiled a list of feedback from both students and alumni regarding the event.

- ii. Committee compiled a list for the alumni about areas that they can help students with such as jobs and internships.
- iii. Will be meeting with Tim McGowan from the Cook Community Alumni Association about the possibility of a SEBS career fair in near future.
- iv. UPD meeting will be held at some point this semester and topics that could be brought up include course scheduling and degree navigator problems.

b. Allocations

- i. Will be sending out budget reviews to SEBS clubs and organizations between the months of March and April.

c. Internal Affairs

- i. Will start working on revising the impeachment guidelines.
- ii. Committee meeting will be held after the council meeting.

d. Public Relations and Programming

- i. Working towards planning and organizing allocated events for this semester including tabling events. Volunteers must sign-up for those events on Sakai.
- ii. Committee meeting will be held after the council meeting.

e. University Affairs

- i. Esther and Emmet met with the head of the Cook and Douglass Student Centers about the possibility of increased hours and study spaces during finals time. Some rooms such as CCC 202 and the G. H. Cook Room are open during finals until 2 am. UA is trying to get the Knight Wagon to serve food to students during late hours when the Cook Café is closed and have SGC sponsor refreshments to get more students to come out.

VIII. Executive Board Reports (5 min each)

a. President

- i. The spring retreat was very enjoyable. As discussed, we will be testing out an Open Mic period at the beginning of meetings to discuss issues that have come up. When you hear a complaint, bring it up to the council during this time. Make more motions and resolutions at meetings. Future motions include the landscape architecture project at the Loree courtyard and an SGC-sponsored magnet with phone numbers and important contacts.
- ii. If you have complaints about the REXB and other buses, take photos and videos of you missing buses, crowds at college hall, etc. and spread the word to others. Send your photos and videos to council@sgc.rutgers.edu.
- iii. Regarding accidents with people slipping on ice, go to riskmanagement.rutgers.edu and report it.
- iv. Chancellor Edwards will be coming to speak with SGC on March 9th. Be prepared with good comments and questions to ask him.

b. Vice President

- i. Making a template for major caucus reports this semester. Each major representative should receive an email before the next meeting.

c. Recording Secretary

- i. Reporting Motions and Resolutions

1. If you have any motions or resolutions that you would like to put on the agenda for our next meeting, please email Monika anytime before the meeting at secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu.
 - ii. If you have questions about the attendance policy for this semester, please go and read the attendance guidelines on Sakai. Make sure you check Sakai and sign-up for events posted by Marisa and other fellow SGC members.
- d. Corresponding Secretary**
- i. The SGC website is currently not working. It has reverted to our old website. We're working on it.
- e. Treasurer**
- i. Water bottles and pens are in! Please pick them up at the end of the meeting. Take Back the Tap has stickers as well.
- IX. Dean of Students Report (5 min)**
- a. Dean Jefferson**
- i. Previously, Dean Jefferson had two office locations, one on Douglass and one on the Cook campus. The office on Douglass has been closed. Dean Jefferson will be at the CCC full-time.
- X. Cook Campus Dean Report (5 min)**
- a. Dean Storch**
- i. Undergraduate Research Mixer will be held on February 17, 2015 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the CCC MPR. There will be faculty representatives from every single department or program to present research opportunities for students. There will also be tables where you can go around and check out the research. The Aresty Honors Program and International Programs will also be present.
 - ii. Working to reschedule Newark chancellor Nancy Cantor's lecture.
 - iii. TEDxRutgers lecture will be held on March 28th in the CCC MPR. It will be a great event. This Friday the 13th is general interest meeting at 8 PM in LSC 202BC.
 - iv. Evening of Dancing at Rutgers will be held on February 14, 2015 at 130 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ for those who want dance lessons.
- XI. Alumni Report (5 min)**
- XII. Old Business (10 min each)**
- a. SGC sponsored water fill stations**
- i. Motion to reopen discussion has been seconded.
 - ii. UA has conducted further research. The idea is put one into Nicholas, which is a freshman dorm with likely houses the most SEBS students and the SEBS Honors students. The fill station costs between \$1000 and \$1500. It is cheaper and Facilities is more likely to install one when there is already an existing water fountain. It will most likely be located on the bottom floor. Residents of the dorm signed a petition to get a new one with RHA. We will be paying.
 - iii. Motion to amend original motion for SGC to sponsor a water filling station in Nicholas dorm with a sign recognizing SGC as a sponsor.
 - iv. Amendment passed.

v. Motion passed; UA will responsible for this.

XIII. New Business (10 min each)

a. Ag/Field Day SGC table

- i. Motion for SGC to have a table at Ag/Field Day on April 25, 2015.
 1. We have one every year. The event would be good publicity. We can reserve water bottles and pens to give out.
 2. Motion passed.

b. Motion to co-sponsor Cook Happy Hour on March 6, 2015.

- i. The event would be good publicity. Big Hero 6 would be playing after Happy Hour.
- ii. Motion passed.

c. Finals De-stress Event on May 6, 2015.

- i. Motion to have SGC sponsor a Finals de-stress event on May 6, 2015.
 1. The event would take place at the CCC and would help SGC get our name out there and help SEBS students at the same time.
 2. Motion passed.

d. Voting on petitioning for new members

- i. Collin Dobson – newly elected Class of 2015 Representative
- ii. Mark Katronetsky – newly elected EPIB Representative

e. Motion to have SGC hold a town hall on March 2, 2015.

- i. The town hall would be a week before Chancellor Edwards comes and would help us figure out issues that SEBS students are having.
- ii. RUSA is holding a town hall one month after.
- iii. Would have to talk to Kate about cost and renting a room.
- iv. Motion passed.

f. Motion to have the resource contact magnets ready to be passed out by Ag/Field Day.

- i. The event would be a good time to hand the magnets out.
- ii. Motion has been made to create an ad hoc committee to come up with resource contact magnets; motion is seconded and passed.

g. Resolution for What's on Your Mind Survey

- i. Whereas the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Governing Council (SGC) duty is to serve to SEBS student body;
Whereas, SGC has the resources to conduct an online survey;
Whereas, a survey will help SGC serve the student body;
Resolved that, SGC will send out a "What's on your mind" Survey to SEBS students;
Resolved that, the survey will be sent out before Spring Break.
- ii. Resolution passed.

h. Motion to purchase more SGC sweatshirts.

- i. Money has been allocated for it. In the past, sweatshirts sold for \$20.
- ii. Motion passed.

i. Motion to purchase SEBS-themed T-shirts displaying the SGC logo.

- i. Motion passed.

XIV. Press Questions and Open Mic (20 min)

- a. **Graduating seniors are welcome to attend the SEBS Baccalaureate 2015 on May 15, 2015 at 6 PM in the CCC MPR. Dinner will be served. There will be mingling and food from 6-7 PM and the ceremonies will end with a candlelight walk. Join the Baccalaureate 2015 Facebook page.**
- b. **SEBS ambassadors is having major/minor mixer tomorrow in the MPR.**
- c. **Puppy club is having bake sale in the DSC from 9 AM to 3 PM.**
- d. **Senate meeting will be held on February 20, 2015 at Rutgers-Newark. There is a bus to take you.**

XV. Roll Call

XVI. Adjournment: 9:18 PM

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