



Serving School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Students

*Minutes for Monday 10/6/2014; Cook Campus Center Room 202*

- I. Call to order: 8:04 PM**
- II. Pledge of allegiance**
- III. Determination of a Quorum and Roll Call: Quorum determined**
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Approved**
- V. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Minutes from 9/8: Approved**
  - b. Minutes from 9/22: Approved**
- VI. Envoy Reports (5 min each)**
  - a. Senate Report**
    - i. The next meeting will be held on October 24, 2014 in CASC at 1:30 PM.
  - b. RUSA Report**
    - i. The general meeting with the director of student legal services took place on September 25, 2014.
    - ii. Passed bill creating student advisory committee for student senators containing eleven members.
    - iii. The next meeting will be held on October 2, 2014. The meeting will be a town hall with the mayor of New Brunswick, James Cahill, regarding improvements in public transportation and crime alerts as well as the addition of a supermarket in New Brunswick by next spring.
    - iv. A bill was put forth for ad hoc committees dealing with sexual assault.
      1. Anisha and the academic affairs committee are discussing the possibility of having excused GPAs for sexual assault victims.
    - v. Twenty additional officers will be hired.
    - vi. Emmet will be working on Meal Swipes for Charity.
- VII. Committee Reports (5 min each)**
  - a. Academic Affairs**
    - i. Meeting with Career Services was held last week.
      1. Online sessions via Google will be made available for students unable to make it to career fairs.
      2. Drop-in resume critique is available to students.
      3. Career services would like student feedback for improvements.
      4. Career development class is being implemented with an emphasis on obtaining internships and jobs.
      5. Plans are being made to create a tutorial for CareerKnight.

6. Social media campaigns on Facebook and Twitter will be expanded to include giveaways and prizes so that more people will follow the accounts.
  7. Email blasts will be modified to pertain to specific career clusters including different concentrations of majors (STEM, business, etc.).
  8. No update has been given regarding career fairs but there is an upcoming meeting with Janet Jones and the employer relations team.
- ii. Rutgers internship and co-op programs are available. A new Rutgers Internship Excellence Award is being presented to students with marketing or technology internships. Anyone who has participated in a Rutgers internship can apply.
- b. Allocations**
- i. Received contact info for this year's SEBS club officers in preparation for the Spring budget.
  - ii. Assigned members of committee to each of the clubs so that they have point of contact .
- c. Internal Affairs**
- i. Daniella and Alex will be working on attendance guidelines.
  - ii. Email Monika and Nhung regarding absences.
- d. Public Relations and Programming**
- i. Thank you to volunteers at Responsible Drinking Happy Hour. Sold sweatshirts at the event.
  - ii. Working on survey for SEBS students.
  - iii. Thinking about expanding advertisements about SEBS and SGC events beyond the Cook Campus.
- e. University Affairs**
- i. Farmer's markets are going well.
  - ii. Looking into more study spaces for finals at the student centers.
  - iii. Contact committee about any issues or problems around the university.

## **VIII. Executive Board Reports (5 min each)**

### **a. President**

- i. Thank you to everyone for coming to the team building exercise.
- ii. Public Forum about Strategic Plan highlighted an improved student experience, better student advising, enhanced career services, and the importance of diversity.

### **b. Vice President**

- i. Reminder to major representatives to send Victoria a summary of talks with their respective Undergraduate Program Directors.
- ii. Make sure to join major clubs and talk to people in your major.

### **c. Recording Secretary**

- i. Internal affairs make up compiled lists for people who have to go under review and all of the motions that have been made thus far.

### **d. Treasurer**

- i. SGC-themed pens, preferably with blue ink, will be brought up at next meeting.
- IX. Dean of Students Report (5 min)**
  - a. Dean Jefferson**
    - i. No report
- X. Cook Campus Dean Report (5 min)**
  - a. Dean Storch**
    - i. Thank you to SGC for helping co-sponsor Responsible Drinking Happy Hour. The next happy hour will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in November.
    - ii. Undergraduate Research Mixer will be held next Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 PM at the CCC.
    - iii. Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 11 AM-4 PM over by bookstore on Douglass.
    - iv. Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the first radio sex therapist and the host of *Sexually Speaking*, will be speaking at Traves Hall in the DSC on October 22, 2014 at 7 PM.
    - v. TEDX Conference will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015.
      - 1. Visit [tedxrutgers.com](http://tedxrutgers.com) and the Facebook page.
      - 2. Public speaking contest will be held. Committee applications are now out. Direct questions to Akash and Anisha.
- XI. Alumni Report (5 min)**
  - a. No report**
- XII. Elections**
  - a. University Affairs Chair**
    - i. Esther elected as new University Affairs Chair.
- XIII. Old Business (10 min each)**
  - a. None**
- XIV. New Business (10 min each)**
  - a. Motion to have SGC participate in Bed Races**
    - i. Rationale: opportunity for SGC to reach out to other campuses and promote governing council activities and goals.
    - ii. Motion to table the discussion until next meeting so that Katelyn can check with the SGC budget has passed.
  - b. Motion to co-sponsor the following town halls: Public Safety (Monday, 10/13 @ 8PM in the Red Lion Café, CASC), Transportation (Tuesday, 10/21 @ 8:15 PM in the LSC), Dining hall (Tuesday, 10/28 @ 7PM in Traves Hall, DSC)**
    - i. Purpose: Help promote event and ask questions pertaining to issues.
    - ii. Motion passed.
  - c. Motion for SGC to table at Monster Mash on Friday, 10/24 from 6-9 PM at the Cook/Douglass Recreation Center w/ sign-up on Sakai**
    - i. Rationale: help kids in the New Brunswick community have a safe Halloween trick-or-treating experience.
    - ii. Reminder that family-friendly costumes should be worn.
    - iii. Motion passed.
  - d. Motion to move into committee of a whole**

- i. Motion passed.

**XV. Roundtable: Council Goals and Suggestions**

**a. Esther**

- i. Alarming disconnect between campus life and real life (laundry, food, not being educated about New Brunswick community, safety)
- ii. Need fun way of teaching people basic life skills
- iii. Solutions: “Learn about New Brunswick” or “Survival Skills” event/town hall, present fun facts about the area, share life skills on social media

**b. Marisa**

- i. Speaker suggestion: dining hall managers
- ii. Inconsistent wireless internet in apartments
- iii. Tech support is not helpful
- iv. Solution: send out public service announcements when making improvements
  - 1. University Affairs (UA)

**c. Emmet**

- i. Freshman don't know what SGC is and are not excited to be in SEBS, which should be highlighted as a unique or special community within Rutgers
- ii. Solution: more outreach, flyers (“SEBS governing council, it’s a thing” or “Did you know SEBS is amazing?”)
  - 1. UA, Public Relations and Programming (PRP)

**d. Sam**

- i. SGC should have volunteers with tables set up in Neilson and hand out flyers
- ii. SGC website is really difficult to navigate
  - 1. Internal Affairs (IA), PRP

**e. Alex**

- i. RU Wireless has garnered lots of resident complaints
- ii. Difficult to take online classes
- iii. Routers are banned this year
- iv. Solution: petition
  - 1. UA

**f. Britney**

- i. Newell Apartments are having serious maintenance issues (water seeping from walls, etc.)
- ii. Need face lift, insect removal, and new appliances
  - 1. UA, Rutgers Housing, Maintenance, Residential Life staff
- iii. Town hall meeting on October 17 in the Scarlet Lounge on Cook

**g. Sarah**

- i. Newell Apartments parking lots have parking restrictions for certain times making it hard to stay overnight
  - 1. UA
- ii. Spoke to officer in Public Safety building about this issue
- iii. Speaker suggestion: Jack Molnar

**h. Xuwen**

- i. Nothing
- i. Mike**
  - i. Academic issues with Martin Hall
  - ii. Solution: credit transfer request form should be entirely online
    - 1. Academic Affairs (AA)
- j. Akash**
  - i. Classrooms on Cook are in a really bad state compared to classrooms on other campuses and despite the new Nutrition building, no attention is being paid to existing buildings or academic spaces
    - 1. Ex: Hickman Hall, Food Science Building
  - ii. Temperature in classrooms has to be controlled better
    - 1. UA
- k. Neal**
  - i. Strengthening alumni relations would be good for networking
  - ii. Invite director Janet Jones along with members of alumni association to strengthen SEBS student opportunities
- l. Jenny**
  - i. More REXL and REXB buses are required
  - ii. Knight Rider and Knight Wagon are not helpful
  - iii. Students should not have to take a taxi at 3 AM or be stranded on College Avenue
- m. Kayla**
  - i. Buses end at 10 PM and students have to take two buses and transfer
  - ii. Need more promotion for SEBS on social media to get everyone more excited about the school
  - iii. Need to update degree navigator
    - 1. AA
- n. Derrick**
  - i. Work needed in Foran Hall
    - 1. Broken light makes it really dark when exiting building
    - 2. UA
- o. Deanna**
  - i. More SEBS students should be able to know what Rutgers Gardens is
  - ii. Solution: sponsor shuttle to Rutgers Gardens
- p. Kelly**
  - i. Get the SEBS name out there
  - ii. PR should be working on getting students more excited about SEBS
- q. Amy**
  - i. Needs a way to find internships, frustrated with career services
- r. Anisha**
  - i. Library hours should be extended
  - ii. Douglass library is open until 2 AM
  - iii. Open Chang library for longer hours → might not be allowed to extend hours due to security issues
- s. Kaitlyn**
  - i. Wi-Fi issue is also on other campuses

- t. **Alex**
    - i. Need printing via printer money at Chang library
    - ii. Library is considered public so no RU express is allowed, working on it
  - u. **Andrew**
    - i. Reduce emails from SGC's Sakai page
  - v. **Lauren**
    - i. Some classes for Marine Sciences majors are only offered every other year
    - ii. Solution: update course lists, mandate more advising sessions, contact UPD
  - w. **Kevin**
    - i. People playing around on construction sites should not be allowed
      - 1. UA
  - x. **Matt**
    - i. Renovate Cook Student Center, expand food options, and extend time restrictions
  - y. **Sarah**
    - i. Meet the Professors and similar events should be held because new students don't know their deans or professors
      - 1. PR, UA
  - z. **Candace**
    - i. CSC should be open longer on weekends
  - aa. **Ankita**
    - i. Food is a problem
    - ii. Dining hall hours should be extended until 9 PM on weekends, takeout is super unhealthy
      - 1. UA
  - bb. **Danica**
    - i. SEBS ambassadors
  - cc. **Steve**
    - i. Animal Science majors cannot get into classes they need a
      - 1. Animal Science representative
    - ii. Bookstore is closed
    - iii. Follow Instagram page @sgcgovcouncil
- XVI. Press Questions and Open Mic (20 min)**
- a. **Cooking the Basics, Davidson Hall 219, October 14, 2014 @ 7 PM, Free food, pumpkin themed**
  - b. **Free tickets to American Museum of Natural History, contact Jenny Im**
  - c. **Change @sebsgovcouncil name by adding Rutgers to attract more people to follow us**
- XVII. Roll Call**
- XVIII. Adjournment: 9:26 PM**