



Serving School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Students

*Agenda for Monday 11/03/2014; Cook Campus Center Room 202*

- I. Call to order: 8:03 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 10/20/14: Approved**
- VI. Envoy Reports (5 min each)**
  - a. Senate Report**
    - i. Research, Graduate Students and Education Committee:
      1. Dr. Anna Zim visited from the Rutgers libraries and discussed specifics about the Rutgers open access policy. The policy will go into effect on September 1, 2015. There will be a press release. Rutgers is one of the first universities to establish this program for graduate students. Anyone in the world can access these journals, papers, and manuscripts submitted by graduate students, faculty, or staff.
      2. Next month, the committee will be sending out a survey for international graduate students. This survey will be used to assess their experience at Rutgers. Results will be available publicly on December 29, 2014.
    - ii. Student Caucus:
      1. Discussed Rutgers budget for 2015-2016 academic year and nomination guidelines set by the senate for the 2015 Commencement speaker.
    - iii. Senate:
      1. Cancelled meeting. Only caucus and committee meetings were held.
  - b. RUSA Report**
    - i. Campus caucus meeting
      1. Looking into improving lighting and opening up more study spaces on the Cook campus.
- VII. Committee Reports (5 min each)**
  - a. Academic Affairs**
    - i. Reached out to the Director of Employer Relations at Career Services.
    - ii. Major representatives are encouraged to talk to their UPDs early.

- iii. Anyone majoring in exercise science or sports management, there is an annual career fair designated for these fields being held on November 4, 2014 at 6:30 PM in the College Avenue Student Center Multipurpose Room.

**b. Allocations**

- i. Budgets have been collected for past 2 weeks. Budgets are due on Friday, November 14, 2014. Committee will meet after meeting.

**c. Internal Affairs**

- i. Presentation on attendance guidelines. Will be revised.
- ii. Currently working on Constitution.
- iii. Committee will meet after the meeting.

**d. Public Relations and Programming**

- i. Monster mash went well. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event. More people should sign up for future events.
- ii. Working on pageant and planning the details.
- iii. Email [prprogramming@sgc.rutgers.edu](mailto:prprogramming@sgc.rutgers.edu) with questions and comments.
- iv. Committee meeting sometime later this week.

**e. University Affairs**

- i. Each committee member presented 2-sentence summary or update on issues that they have been working on.
  - 1. Parking lots: Nothing further to do than make times and rules more available to on-campus drivers and commuters; most lots are open until 2 AM.
  - 2. Internet issue: Nothing further that can be done. Feedback was given to OIT and they will fix it at their own pace.
  - 3. Knight Mover service is available from Monday-Thursday from 3 to 6:45 AM only. The number is 732-932-7433.

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

**a. President**

- i. Town Halls
  - 1. Public Safety: Scarce on resources so most of the focus is on wards 5 and 6 in the College Avenue area. They are now aware of the security issues present on Cook/Douglass.
  - 2. Commuter/Transportation: So few REXB buses available. Budgets are reviewed for each line and are open to revision.
    - a. White buses are present because some of our regular Rutgers buses are in Newark.
  - 3. Housing and Dining (Esther): Really informative. Talked about the low quality of residence halls on Cook. There are ongoing new renovations and lists of buildings to go through for renovation on a cycle. Sustainability is a recurring theme among the dining halls with the use of reusable takeout containers as a start. Dining halls are having trouble getting students to participate in new initiatives. Referenced master plan and talked about the need for study centers.
    - a. Asbestos: Don't bang on your wall or disrupt buildings.

- b. Tray-less campaign was successful in reducing food waste.
        - c. Trying to incorporate local food into dining halls.
      - 4. Thank you to everyone who came to the town halls!
    - ii. Speakers
      - 1. No speaker today. Randi Mack (Director of Cook and Douglass Student Centers) and DGC representatives may be speaking at next meeting. Sharon Martin from Housing on Cook may speak in the future.
    - iii. Sign up for Alumni & Community Engagement volunteer opportunities.
      - 1. Registration link on minutes from 10/20.
    - iv. Try to attend the RUSA meeting on November 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM in the SAC. President Barchi will be in attendance and he loves to hear student concerns.
  - b. Vice President**
    - i. Caucuses Reports
      - 1. Reminder that you only have one month. Remember to send Victoria your UPD reports as well as to Academic Affairs.
  - c. Recording Secretary**
    - i. Reporting Motions and Resolutions
      - 1. Please send an email to Monika at [secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu](mailto:secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu) for any motions or resolutions to add to the Agenda before the meeting.
  - d. Corresponding Secretary**
    - i. Website
      - 1. Process of updating the website. The designer said that the site failed when changing the URL.
  - e. Treasurer**
    - i. Monster mash funds should be given to Kate.
- IX. Dean of Students Report (5 min)**
  - a. No report**
- X. Cook Campus Dean Report (5 min)**
  - a. No report**
- XI. Alumni Report (5 min)**
  - a. Cook Alumni Association**
    - i. Rutgers speed networking event will be held on December 3, 2014 at 6 PM in the College Avenue Gym.
      - 1. Participants will be given 3 minutes to network with each alumnus, cycle around, and get comfortable with interviewing for about an hour.
      - 2. Attendees will be divided by majors and fields and can talk for longer periods of time.
      - 3. Sign-up can be found on [rutgersalumni.org](http://rutgersalumni.org).
    - ii. Life After College event for upperclassmen
      - 1. Network with alumni in majors and fields of interest.

2. Email blast with QR code will be going out with pre-registration where you can indicate an area of interest. There will be a prize raffle where you can win an iPad,
3. Will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2014 in CCC 202.
- iii. Email the association to place advertisements in the monthly alumni email blast.
- iv. See <http://www.cookalumni.rutgers.edu> for information about funding for events. Invite alumni to your events, if possible.

## **XII. New Business (10 min each)**

### **a. Attendance Guidelines**

- i. 1 unexcused, 2 excused → 3 absences per semester
- ii. No more point system.
- iii. Two roll calls will be taken and a ½ absence will be granted if you miss a roll call.
- iv. Email recording secretary → she determines if the absence will be excused or not.
- v. Committee meeting attendance must be recorded (1/2 absence if missed).
- vi. Retreat (unexcused → 2 absences)
- vii. Senators meet monthly, RUSA representatives meet biweekly, envoys meet whenever assigned, if not → let VP know
- viii. Internal Affairs will be in charge of assigning and holding judicial reviews.
- ix. Tabled until next week for further revision.

### **b. Resolution from University Affairs in support of Take Back the Tap**

- i. Whereas, the SEBS Governing Council represents students concerned with the environment, and whereas, Take Back the Tap is an organization concerned with reducing solid waste by reducing student use of disposable water bottles, and whereas, it is the responsibility of our council to express support for our student-run organizations when appropriate, therefore be it resolved that our council will stand behind Take Back the Tap by signing petitions and letters as a council after said petitions and proposals are approved by the University Affairs Committee.
- ii. Motion passed.

### **c. New Date for Mr. and Mrs. SEBS Pageant**

- i. Motion to make a friendly amendment to change date from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month
- ii. Motion passed.

### **d. Co-sponsorship for TEDxRutgers Club's public speaking contest: Speech Craft**

- i. Presentation given by TEDxRutgers.
- ii. Speech Craft is a public-speaking contest where students do speeches and one student that is chosen as the best speaker will also speak at TEDxRutgers in March. Eight more speakers will be at the event, including Mike Swift, faculty, and professors.

- iii. Speech Craft will be held on November 19, 2014 from 7-10 PM at the Busch Student Center's Center Hall. The theme of the event is "makes you wonder" and each student will speak for 5 minutes in front of an audience of students (200 max. capacity).

iv. Motion passed.

**XIII. Press Questions and Open Mic (20 min)**

**a. Marisa, Derrick, and class representatives see Christina after the meeting.**

**b. Election Day is coming up!**

- i. Cook Campus zoning for voting:
  - 1. Starkeys, Newells → North Brunswick
  - 2. Any other address → New Brunswick
- ii. Sunday, November 9, 2014 from noon to 9 PM there will be an Alpha Zeta fundraiser at Papa Grandes.
- iii. November 11, 2014 at 7 PM in Jameson Hall (across from Cabaret theater) there will be a cooking basics event by nutrition advocates.
- iv. Temporary lighting has been put up on Biel Rd.

**XIV. Roll Call**

**XV. Adjournment: 9:10 PM**