



Serving School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Students

Agenda for Monday 12/01/2014; Cook Campus Center Room 202

- I. Call to order: 8:00 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 11/17/14: Approved**
- VI. Envoy Reports (5 min each)**
 - a. Senate Report**
 - i. Next meeting for Senate will be Friday, December 9th at 1 PM in the College Avenue Student Center MPR.
 - b. RUSA Report**
 - i. No report.
- VII. Committee Reports (5 min each)**
 - a. Academic Affairs**
 - i. Meeting with Career Services took place two weeks ago with Janet Jones, the Director of Employer Relations, Larry Jacobs, Career Development Specialist, and Kristen Lester from the SEBS SPIN program.
 1. Cluster career fairs from last year are no longer in place. One mega fair will be held on Thursday, January 29th and 30th from 12 to 5 PM in the Sonny Werblin Recreation Center. There is no longer a SEBS mini fair and many SEBS majors don't feel represented in larger career fairs since there are not a lot of companies present that hire from these majors. Career Services believes that smaller companies don't want to pay the money to come to career fair.
 - a. Life After College event on January 25th is a good opportunity to network and the Cook Alumni Association will try to go look for alumni out there for a specific major.
 2. Agreed upon an alumni networking event in which alumni come and invite contacts that they have from past employers as well as faculty and their contacts to serve as an informal SEBS career fair.
 3. Considering a case competition sponsored by major faculty, which will look good on students' resumes.
 - ii. Also thinking about a reverse fair in which student organizations have tables set up and employers can view what's going at Rutgers. This event is usually selective, requiring organizations to apply. SGC can be a part of that event on March 5th.

b. Allocations

- i. Committee had a meeting and went through eleven out of the eighteen budgets and will go through the remainder of spring budgets in the coming week.

c. Internal Affairs

- i. Attendance guidelines revisions have been completed.
- ii. Important for representatives to send in their major caucus reports.
- iii. Committee meeting after council meeting.

d. Public Relations and Programming

- i. Mr. and Mrs. Pageant went really well. Mr. and Mrs. SEBS title ended up being split between the genders. Nick Quaglieri and Lindsay Root were the winners. Prizes were given out.
- ii. Tabling event went well and the issues brought up were posted on Facebook group.
- iii. Will continue to be promoting alumni events.
- iv. Committee will have brief meeting after council meeting.

e. University Affairs

- i. Having trouble contacting people about extending library hours and finding out building renovation orders. Would like to make more progress on these issues next semester.
- ii. Will try to have draft of farmer's market resolution.
- iii. Brief committee meeting after council meeting.

VIII. Executive Board Reports (5 min each)

a. President

- i. Second retreat of the year is coming up soon.
 1. This *mandatory* one-day event will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 9:30 AM to 3 PM in CCC 202.
 2. The retreat will include fun team building exercises, discussions about goals that we want to complete, and there will be food provided.
- ii. The Life After College event will be held on the following Sunday.
- iii. Be sure to share events on Facebook.

b. Vice President

- i. Caucuses Reports
 1. Sent out email to people who haven't sent out their reports yet. Please make sure to send them in soon.

c. Recording Secretary

- i. Judicial Review will be underway this week. Internal Affairs will be going through attendance in the next few days.
- ii. If you have a class conflict with our Monday night meetings next semester, please send Monika an email as soon as possible to secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu.

d. Corresponding Secretary

- i. Chairs, if you want to post anything on our new website or Facebook page, email Kit at council@sgc.rutgers.edu.

e. Treasurer

- i. Getting green water bottles ready and will be ordering them tomorrow.
- IX. Dean of Students Report (5 min)**
 - a. No report
- X. Cook Campus Dean Report (5 min)**
 - a. Friday from 4-7 pm in the CCC is the last Responsible Drinking Happy Hour of the semester.
 - b. Big Chill is a 5K run to gather toys for the children of New Brunswick. It would be great to have a good showing from this campus and you must bring a toy that costs \$10 or more.
- XI. Alumni Report (5 min)**
 - a. Thank you for promoting the Life After College event. Please register to enter a drawing for an iPad. Fifteen students registered so far. Alumni will be at Responsible Drinking Happy Hour to answer your questions.
 - b. Twenty-five alumni signed up to either attend the event or get in contact with students.
 - c. Reached out to department chairs to help discuss career plans and planning as well as helping students within their departments.
 - d. Holiday party for alumni will be on the 17th at 7 PM in the CCC.
- XII. Old Business (10 min each)**
 - a. None
- XIII. New Business (10 min each)**
 - a. Attendance guidelines
 - i. Changed the last two sections in Article 2.
 - 1. 3 absences allowed → one unexcused, two excused
 - 2. Absences for SGC committee meetings will count independently from the SGC council related meetings. Again three absences are allowed → one unexcused, two excused
 - ii. Article 4 has been changed.
 - 1. All unexcused absences will result in deduction of one absence form allowed unexcused absence.
 - 2. Two excused absences are allowed.
 - iii. Article 6 has been modified.
 - 1. Volunteering is required → every SGC member must sign-up for at least two hours of volunteering with sign-ups on Sakai.
 - 2. Notice that you are unable to attend after signing up must be given within 48 hours in advance and if the notice is not given 48 hours in advance, you must find a replacement → if not, you receive one absence
 - iv. Attendance guidelines passed.
 - b. **SGC Spring Budget Proposal 2015**
 - i. Overhead, programs/events including the Retreat, A Day at the Gardens, Senior Dinner, a De-stress Event, a Professional Development event, and Ag Field Day.
 - ii. Budget passed.
 - c. **Motion for SGC to sponsor a water filling station in Nicholas dorm.**

- i. Motion to amend the original motion to sponsor a water filling station in the Mabel Smith Douglass Library
- ii. Motion to refer this motion to the University Affairs committee, seconded, and passed.

XIV. Press Questions and Open Mic (20 min)

- a. **Upcoming blood drive, contact Marisa for details!**
- b. **Nutrition Advocates are hosting a free Cooking Basics event in Jameson Hall (across from Cabaret Theater) tomorrow, December 12th at 7 PM.**
- c. **The Cook/Douglass Recreation Center's weight room and cardio rooms are closed until next semester. There is construction for a new MPR that can be used for fitness classes and actual meetings for student organizations as well.**
- d. **Amy's internship is selling shirts to raise awareness about paper cups. Her organization, Kill the Cup, is all about promoting useable coffee cups!**
 - i. The offer for a shirt is only for one more week and by following the link below you will get 2 dollars off:
<http://teespring.com/killthecup/?pr=awesome>.

XV. Roll Call

XVI. Adjournment: 9:21 PM