



Serving School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Students

**Minutes – 9/22/14 Meeting, Cook Student Center Room 202**

- I. Call to order: 8:02 PM**
- II. Pledge of allegiance**
- III. Determination of a Quorum and Roll Call: Quorum determined**
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Approved**
- V. Envoy Reports (5 min each)**
  - a. Senate Report**
    - i. Respective committee meetings were held.
    - ii. Senate election procedures aiming for equal representation. Unit mergers and structural changes include a law school merger and nursing school merger with Rutgers. Executive board will be working with senate in the 2015-2016 academic year.
    - iii. International graduate students, mostly from India and China, will be getting surveyed for research.
    - iv. Student caucus had introductory meeting for this year.
    - v. President Barchi gave a speech that is available on the senate website: [senate.rutgers.edu](http://senate.rutgers.edu). There were controversial questions about faculty contracts.
  - b. RUSA Report**
    - i. Voted on bill to create a taskforce to work on methods of implementing new ways of tackling sexual assault and held committee meetings. Rest of body will be sworn in on October 2, 2014.
- VI. Committee Reports (5 min each)**
  - a. Academic Affairs**
    - i. Talk to undergraduate program directors about updating policies and course directories. First meeting with Career Services will be held on Wednesday.
  - b. Allocations**
    - i. Part of SEBS tuition goes towards SEBS clubs and organizations. Had appeals meeting last week that went well.
  - c. Internal Affairs**
    - i. Fall 2014 Elections from September 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> were successful. Will be updating attendance policy and guidelines.
  - d. Public Relations and Programming**
    - i. No-shows during tabling for Cook Community Day.
    - ii. Anyone in another SEBS club should promote SEBS Governing Council and the Farmers Market, which is held every other Thursday.

- e. **University Affairs**
  - i. Working on getting more study space in the student centers during midterms and finals time.
  - ii. Like Facebook event for Farmers Market.
- VII. Committee Break Outs (15 minutes)**
- VIII. Executive Board Reports (5 min each)**
  - a. **President**
    - i. We will have a speaker next week from either transportation or emergency preparedness. Come prepared with questions and get the word out. Try to be polite and diplomatic.
    - ii. Training this Sunday in CSC 202. Training event is mandatory for all members from 11 AM-12:30 PM and from 11 AM-4 PM for new members only.
    - iii. Strategic plan for Rutgers is now available. Will be holding public discussion about the draft.
  - b. **Vice President**
    - i. Email Victoria at [vicepresident@sgc.rutgers.edu](mailto:vicepresident@sgc.rutgers.edu) if you have any speaker suggestions.
    - ii. Major reps have to meet with their UPD at least once a semester and email Victoria.
    - iii. New members choose a committee.
  - c. **Recording Secretary**
    - i. Committee chairs email Monika at [secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu](mailto:secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu) about attendance at your committee meetings.
    - ii. Email Monika a copy of your schedule ASAP if you have a schedule conflict and email her ahead of time if you cannot make it to a meeting for any other reason.
    - iii. If you have not emailed me ahead of time and are not present for roll call at the beginning of the meeting, you will receive half an absence that counts towards your total absence count.
  - d. **Corresponding Secretary**
    - i. Working on new website!
    - ii. Like Farmers Market Facebook page.
  - e. **Treasurer**
    - i. No report
- IX. Dean of Students Report (5 min)**
  - a. Introduction to Dean Jefferson
  - b. Visit her office downstairs.
- X. Cook Campus Dean Report (5 min)**
  - a. Introduction to Dean Storch
  - b. Talk by George Marshall and book signing on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM in the CSC. Food may be provided afterwards.
    - i. Are our brains wired to ignore climate change?
  - c. Fall 2014 Research Mixer will be held on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM in CSC.

- d. First Friday of every month is Responsible Drinking Happy Hour. Requests that SGC cosponsors October 3<sup>rd</sup> Happy Hour from 4-7 PM.

**XI. Alumni Report (5 min)**

- a. No report

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

- a. Marisa: I move to have SGC co-sponsor Happy Hour on October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-7 PM. Motion approved.

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

- a. Katelyn: 3-weeks prior notice for co-sponsorship? Dean Jefferson: Not necessary.
- b. Omar Ali from Green Print: Email at [omar.yousef.ali@gmail.com](mailto:omar.yousef.ali@gmail.com) about writing articles. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 PM in Merle V. Adams Room, CSC.
- c. Akash: TEDxRutgers will be hosting annual conference every spring. Drop by if you are interested.
- d. Matt: SEBS Pre-Med/Pre-Dent Society will be having meeting Wednesday at 8PM with Kaplan presentation.
- e. Dean Storch: President of Tanzania and his delegation will be giving a lecture about finding solutions to global problems at the CASC. See description below:

Rutgers' Center for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA Centers):  
On behalf of the GAIA Centers, you are cordially invited to a public lecture by His Excellency Jakaya Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania on **Friday, September 26, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.** at the College Avenue Student Center.

The vice-chancellor of the University of Dodoma will also be in attendance to sign the MOU between UDOM and Rutgers, the very first MOU between Rutgers and Tanzania.

The untitled public lecture is on the role of academic partnerships in advancing Tanzania's priorities and finding solutions to global challenges.

The RSVP link is:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=r6mm9llab&oeidk=a07e9rnnua29276257f>

- f. New members send school e-mail and Net ID to Monika at [secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu](mailto:secretary@sgc.rutgers.edu).

**XIV. Roll Call**

**XV. Adjournment: 8:55 PM**