



**SGC Resolution**

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**Resolution Encouraging the Creation of an Office of Sustainability and Engagement**

**Whereas**, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals have provided a comprehensive schema by which to organize sustainability initiatives<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas**, resources and initiatives relating to sustainability at Rutgers currently lack central organization that could make Rutgers a leader in such efforts; and

**Whereas**, the Rutgers University mission statement calls for performing public service in support of the needs of the citizens of the state and its local, county, and state governments, including public service in the interest of a sustainable society; and

**Whereas**, the SEBS Governing Council's purpose is to benefit the students of the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and support the mission of Rutgers University; and

**Whereas**, a New Brunswick Office of Sustainability and Engagement would serve as a central hub for sustainability on campus to provide central organization that is lacking; and

**Whereas**, a Rutgers Office of Sustainability and Engagement could coordinate and provide valuable resources for SEBS students such as internship and funding opportunities, research and networking opportunities, and sustainability related instruction; and

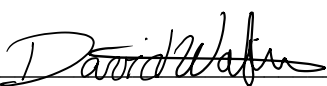
**Whereas**, 12 out of the 13 other Big Ten Universities and many other leading universities have already instituted an Office or Department of Sustainability of some form at the administrative level<sup>2</sup>, demonstrating its necessity; therefore

**Be it Hereby Enacted**, that the SEBS Governing Council supports the institution of a Rutgers Office of Sustainability and Engagement or similar infrastructure under the New Brunswick Chancellor

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<sup>1</sup><https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

<sup>2</sup>Compiled in the 2017 RUSA sustainability task force report

  
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SGC President

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