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**Sponsor:** SEBS Executive Board

**Co-Sponsor:** RUSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Sustainable Governance

**Bill to Adopt the Recommendations of the RUSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Sustainable Governance**


**Whereas,** the initial purpose of the RUSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Sustainable Governance was to explore alternative structures for student governance at Rutgers University — New Brunswick and to collaborate with stakeholders groups from within the University;

**Whereas,** the natural direction the Committee took placed a strong emphasis on collective bargaining and collaboration;

**Whereas,** Presidents of all undergraduate student governments at Rutgers University — New Brunswick — including the Engineering Governing Council (EGC), the SEBS Governing Council (SGC), the Pharmacy Governing Council (PGC), the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA), the Mason Gross Student Governing Association (MGSGA), the Rutgers Business Governing Association (RBGA), and the Douglass Governing Council (DGC) — were consulted and/or communicated with throughout the duration of the Committee;

**Whereas,** SGC President David Wakim, SGC Recording Secretary Christina Thomas, and SGC Allocations Committee Chair Katherine Scott were active working members of the Committee, and the final report reflects their contributions to discussion;

**Whereas,** the collaboration between all stakeholders was extremely efficient and beneficial in fostering general goodwill and an active working relationship; and

  
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**Whereas**, RUSA has adopted the recommendations of the Committee;

**Be it hereby resolved**, the School of Environmental and Biological Sciences(SEBS) Governing Council (SGC) shall adopt the following recommendations based on the report of the RUSA Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainable Governance:

1. SGC supports the creation of a “Presidents Council” to consist of the Presidents and one additional member of all of the undergraduate student governments on campus.
  - a. The additional member for SGC shall be the Vice President. If either the President or the Vice President cannot attend, the President and the Vice President, may appoint an SGC member or members to serve in the interim.
  - b. SGC encourages the Presidents Council to meet on a monthly basis, beginning after the SGC Transition Meeting and meeting during the next academic year, with the first meeting being organized by RUSA and each subsequent meeting being organized by a student government, cycling: first with RUSA then each student government in alphabetical order.
  - c. The Presidents Council shall be encouraged to discuss ongoing initiatives, pertinent issues on campus, challenges to student governance, and best practices.
  - d. SGC encourages the Presidents Council to be transparent and publish a record of their proceedings from time to time and make the same available to other members of undergraduate student government.
  - e. SGC shall refer to the Internal Affairs Committee the matter of examining whether or not the Presidents Council should be a permanent fixture as an inter-governmental body and whether or not SGC’s participation should be mandated under the Standing Rules.
2. SGC shall participate in a “Student Government Symposium” consisting of all of the undergraduate student governments at Rutgers University — New Brunswick which allocate the Student Activities Fee.
  - a. All executive offices of each student government, including, at minimum, chairs of standing and ad hoc committees, shall be invited to attend the Symposium.
  - b. The Symposium shall be organized on a date which is amicable to most student governments and held within the first two months of the Fall Semester.
  - c. The Symposium shall serve as a forum to discuss ongoing and new initiatives, challenges in student governance, and best practices.
3. SGC shall support the creation of an Executive Directory, to consist of the contact information for all executive offices of all student governments.
  - a. The Corresponding Secretary shall be tasked with including the SGC email accounts for all of the Chairs of Standing Committees and members of the Executive Board, and updating them as necessary.
  - b. SGC encourages the dissemination of this list, once completed, to all members of student government.

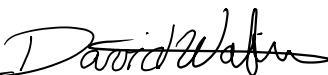
  
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4. SGC shall support the implementation of an additional monthly meeting attended by the undergraduate members of the University Senate's Student Caucus during months in which the Senate is scheduled to meet; adjacent to the release of the next Senate meeting agenda.

a. SGC shall encourage all of the SGC Senators to attend the meeting in order to review the business scheduled for the Senate meetings.

b. SGC shall refer to the Internal Affairs Committee the matter of examining whether the additional Student Caucus meetings should become a permanent fixture and whether or not attendance by SGC Senators should be mandated. SGC further encourages other student governments to do the same.

  
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