

# Minutes of the 14th October meeting

## I. Quorum and Call to Order

## II. Old Business

- A. Approval of minutes from September 16, 2001 meeting – minutes were approved unanimously.
- B. Executive Report
  - 1. The shopping van which normally takes on-campus students to stores for food shopping has now expanded to accommodate off-campus students as well. This is for students who live in the second, fifth, and sixth wards in New Brunswick. If you want more information, you can go to the GSA website, [gsa.rutgers.edu](http://gsa.rutgers.edu), and go to the News section. The GSA is giving \$2000 for this service, so more people need to use this service.

Schedule:       Every Tuesday at 7:30 pm - Pick up from  
Douglass Student Center for A & P in North  
Brunswick (for 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward residents)

Every other Tuesday at 7:30 pm – Pick up from  
Rutgers Student Center for Stop and Shop in  
Highland Park (for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Ward residents)

- 2. An AAUP reception was held in October 8. Contracts for Rutgers employees is up on June 30, 2003, so the negotiating process will start in Fall 2002. TA's and GA's got a 10% increase in salary in 1999, without any graduate student representation, and that probably won't happen again. Gary Bartlett and Peter Blew are the graduate student representatives to the AAUP, so if you have any questions, please contact one of them or go to [www.rutgersaaup.com](http://www.rutgersaaup.com).

## III. New Business

- A. Recognition of external organizations – none

B. Emily Francis from the Student Chapter of NJPIRG (New Jersey Public Interest Research Group)

She talked about the Community Waterwatch Program and the Vote NJ Program, which seeks to increase voter registration. She also mentioned the student fee in the tuition bill for NJPIRG, which is voted on every 3 years in a university-wide referendum. The question is how NJPIRG fits into the educational plan at Rutgers. Voting starts October 22. 25% plus 1 person of each school division needs to vote yes to get the NJPIRG referendum approved and to keep NJPIRG programs continuing at Rutgers. Also, there is an oversight committee, which approves the voting process and looks at the referendum process. They need 1 person from each government group, it meets for 2 hours a week for 5 to 6 weeks, and the next meeting is October 18 at 6:30pm. If you want more information, contact Emily at (732)247-2197.

C. Charlotte Wood

She spoke about approving a resolution on same-sex marriages in New Jersey. She mentioned cases in Hawaii, where same-sex marriages are constitutional and amended in the constitution, and Vermont where civil unions, not marriage, was approved. New Jersey courts and the legislature appear to be in favor of same-sex marriage, but grassroots approval is needed. The Douglass College Governing Association approved a resolution for same-sex marriage on October 2, while the Engineering Governing Council and the University Senate were waiting to approve the resolution. This will be approached again in November. Also, a resolution will also be written up to take to each individual department. If you want to contact Charlotte, her e-mail is [crwood@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:crwood@rci.rutgers.edu).

D. Proposals from floor - none

IV. Reports –

A. Executive – Jeff is waiting to give this report.

B. Committees

1. Social/Cultural – The event on October 11 was not well-publicized, so check the website for information.
2. Publications/Newsletters – A complete overhaul of the office, including updating the server and updating programs on the computer, is being done. If someone knows anything about Windows NT, please contact Anand at [aslan@mac.com](mailto:aslan@mac.com). Also, contact Anand if you want to update or link information on the website about various events.

3. TAGARI/Student Affairs – There was a meeting on October 8, and a newsletter for TA's and GA's from the AAUP was printed with articles, surveys, and a membership form. It will be linked on the GSA website. If you want to join this committee, please contact Jeff or Gary.
4. ISAC – The pizza hours are going well. The next one will be held this Friday, and the next 3 pizza hours will be held at the Busch Campus Center. A representative from the AAUP spoke at the last meeting. They also issued a joint statement with the undergraduate ISAC condemning the events of September 11 and held a vigil, which unfortunately was not well-attended.
5. Community Affairs – There is currently no one in this position, but a newsletter was provided with an article by Jeff. If you want more information, contact Jeff.

C. Treasurer/EAC Report

The budget this year (2001-2002) is about \$140,000. The following groups had specific issues related to their budget applications.

1. The Food Science GSA, Christians on Campus, Association of Social and Health Psychology Graduate Students, Center for Critical Analysis of Contemporary Culture, History Graduate Students, and the Society for Biomaterials did not have representatives, so their budgets were not voted on.
2. Brian's office hours are Saturdays in the GSA office from 6-8pm, if you have any questions pertaining to budgets.

D. University Representatives

1. RSCGB – The meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month for 1 ½ hours, and that food is provided. This groups talks about improvements that can be made to the Campus Center, such as possibly getting new food vendors, as well as keeping the Graduate Student Lounge. See Jeff if you are interested.
2. DSCGB – Nothing to report.
3. Representative to the Board of Trustees – Jason worked with Jeff on issues brought up at this meeting.

4. University Senate – The first meeting was on September 21. No real concrete items were discussed. However, an overenrollment committee was established to look at the overpopulation at Rutgers. Health care for fellows will be discussed at the meeting on October 19.
  5. Executive Council – Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 1:30pm once a month at Bishop Place. Kerry Preston was nominated, but a 2<sup>nd</sup> position is still open.
  6. Academic Computing – No information available.
  7. Parking – No meeting as of yet.
  8. Bike Task Force – This is an ad-hoc committee to decrease parking and increase the number of bikes on campus. Jeff is the rep for this committee. Cedar Lane will be getting a bike lane in on direction between Livingston Campus and Johnson Park. Also, the Cook/Douglass bike lids are being offered to undergraduates only, in exchange for advertisements on them. It is hoped that graduate students will be able to obtain them as well at a later date.
  9. Health Services – One position was taken by Joe Civale, and another spot is open. If you are interested, please speak to Jeff.
- E. Administrative Assistant – Neither Emily nor Dijha were at the meeting, but their office hours are on the website. If you need help with copies or anything else, let them know.

V. Question time –

Someone mentioned the deduction of money for on-campus rent straight from a TA/GA check in 7 pay periods each semester and how this hurts international students. There have been many complaints about this and it will be addressed in a meeting with John Malley.

VI. Adjournment