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Graduate Student Association

Plenary Council Meeting

Graduate Student Association

October 2nd, 2023



Special Guest: Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)

Rebecca Vasquez, PhD
Director



VPVA

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance is committed to creating a community free from violence. They provide services designed to raise awareness of and respond to the impact of interpersonal violence and other crimes.

Provide:

- direct services
- education and training
- policy development
- consulting to the University and broader community.

3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ

Tel: 848-932-1181 (Available 24/7)

email: vpva@echo.rutgers.edu



Presidential Update



Vice Chancellor's Meeting

Transportation

- Discussed bus route delays with ongoing NB road construction
 - Most folks drive but, if you are relying on buses give yourself plenty of time

Campus Safety

- Homecoming and Family Weekend (10/12-10/15) and Halloween
 - GSA Halloween party (more on this coming up!)
- RUPD
 - Naloxone (proposed training for staff as well), AEDs in rec and some academic buildings, escort to vehicles.

Health and Wellness

- Party smart guide: [PARTY-SMART-GUIDE-v16-FINAL.pdf \(rutgers.edu\)](#)



RU-NB DICE Diversity Strategic Plan Working Group

Implementation of the [NB Diversity Strategic Plan](#) from [Campus Climate Survey](#)

- Working group is charged with navigating implementation and managing community expectations
 - Ongoing initiative since 2020, previous committees did NOT have a representative from SGS and/or graduate students
 - Part of managing the expectations of our community is making sure we're included.
- One way to do that is through the [IDEA Innovation Grant Program](#)
 - Great way to create programming that centers graduate students
 - 'Building Bridges' closing the gap to grad school for minority STEM students (Co-sponsored by GSA last year)
 - QUASAR research symposium that highlighted LGBTQIA+ researchers on campus and included trainees



EVP Update



New Mental Health Resources

Rutgers Health has rolled out two new inclusive mental health resources accessible to all students.

UWill: Free immediate access to teletherapy through an easy-to-use online platform

- Choose a therapist based on your preferences, including issue, gender, language, and ethnicity
- Select a time that fits your schedule with day, night, and weekend availability
- Access is quick and easy. Can [register and book](#) your first session using your Rutgers email
- Private. Secure. Confidential.

TogetherAll: Free peer-to-peer mental and well-being health support community

- Peer-to-peer groups through an app
- Choose your community based on your preferences with this service also
- 24/7 online community with self-help courses and assessments covering topics such as anxiety, sleep, depression and more
- Licensed and registered mental health practitioners monitor the community to ensure the safety and anonymity of all members
- TogetherAll will be available in October 2023. More information will be provided upon rollout!



Mental Health Resources

CAPS 'Let's Talk' in person sessions.

Shan Reeves, a community based counselor, who does free private and confidential drop-in conversations. First-come, first-serve basis. Walk-ins are welcomed, but [appointments can be made.](#)

- Mondays and Fridays in person. Mondays 2 PM - 4 PM at 5 Seminary PI (Honors College), Room E125
- Fridays 10 AM - 12 PM at 15 Seminary PI (Academic Building) West Building Room 5050
- There may be additional session availability coming to the Graduate Student Lounge!



Grad Student Lounge

How can this space best serve you?



Get Involved Pages

Now that recognition is complete, we will be updating organization getINVOLVED pages. Primary and officer contacts will be populated with information provided in funding application! If anything has changed, let us know by emailing ec@gsa.rutgers.edu ASAP!

If officers from your previous year did not promote you to be able to manage your organization, please let us know (email ec@gsa.rutgers.edu) so we can aid in recovering your group's page. You should make sure that 1) you are on the organization roster and 2) let us know who the primary officer is that we should remove, as well as who to replace them with.

rutgers.campuslabs.com/engage/

getINVOLVED

Search...

Explore Rutgers University - New Brunswick

getINVOLVED Help - We are here to assist!

Use the resources at the "getINVOLVED help" profile for tips on using this platform. [Connect to getINVOLVED help profile here](#)

Events

Recommended Events

All Events

AIR GARBA

Holiday moviehouse

Take a Hike

MOVIE Night BLACK ADAM

Forms

Search Available Forms

36 Available Forms

Showing 1-25 of 36

Profile Set-Up Form (for Graduate Student Organizations) - 2022-2023

End Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 5:45 PM
Student Involvement (Office of)

1 Submission in Progress

RESUME

Change of Officer Form 2022-2023

End Date: Saturday, April 1, 2023 12:00 AM
Student Involvement (Office of)

START

Contract Checklist 2022-2023

End Date: Monday, May 1, 2023 12:41 PM
Student Involvement (Office of)

START

Engagement Exploration Questionnaire - Engagement Hub

End Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023 3:12 PM
Student Involvement (Office of)

START



Treasurer Update



IMPORTANT Finance Training Reminders!

- **GSA EBoard Pre-Approval is still required for**
 - **Events requiring honoraria**
 - **Conferences**
 - **Off-campus events**
 - **Prizes and giveaways**
 - **Pre-allocation pre-approval**



IMPORTANT REMINDER

As stated in the GSA Constitution, GSOs must hold **at least one (1) event per semester** that all GSA constituents are welcome to attend. If this is not met, the GSO's recognition will be revoked.

This will be enforced again starting this semester (Fall 2023).

See GSA Constitution Article IV., Section A, Subsection 6.a.



Funding and Recognition AY 2023-2024

Number of Applications	Approved	Approval Rate
59	53	89.83%



Funding and Recognition AY 2023-2024

- Approved GSOs' Total Annual Entitlements will posted by tomorrow.
 - All allocations are pending submission of funding contract **and** pending any outstanding issues with the application materials
 - Most common reason for rejection: Redundancy between groups
 - Most common issues:
 - Tentative list of events not in the required format
 - Constitution and/or getINVOLVED page does not explicitly state that membership and events are open to all graduate students
 - DEI Statements missing or not in the right format.
 - Academic GSOs missing academic and departmental code information
- Check your GSO's Funding and Recognition application submission to view comments from the GSA EC and make necessary changes.



Late Groups Funding

If you missed the deadline, you can still apply for Late Groups Funding!

- **\$1000 entitlements**
- **Rolling basis until funding pool is exhausted**



Expected Entitlements

2022-23 Budget for GSOs	2023-24 Budget for GSOs	%Cut
\$128,000.00	\$115,000.00	10.2%

Reasons for a cut

- **GSA Budget Reduction:** GSA budget reduce by ~10% due to lower enrollment
- **Enhancing Long-Term Viability:** To ensure the sustainability of our budget over the long run.
- **Post-COVID Spending:** Recognizing that allocated funds increased in the post-COVID years, partially due to accrued savings.
- **Reduced Dependence on Savings:** Acknowledging that our budget cannot rely solely on savings to cover expenses.
- **Efficiency and Effectiveness:** Focusing on transitioning from increased spending to more efficient and effective spending.



What can I do if my GSO may need more funds to hold the events we want to hold?

- Collaborate with other GSOs for events
 - Use Discord channel **#collaborations**
- Request co-sponsorship with GSA if the event would be of interest to all graduate students (case-by-case basis)
 - Email ec@gsa.rutgers.edu to discuss
- Strongly encouraged attempts to forge collaborations with departments, units, offices, etc
 - Note: any conference should seek collaborative funding outside the GSA as well.



GSO Spending Tracker

- Use [provided template](#) for tracking GSO spending
 - Including honoraria!
 - Including events held that did not use funding!
- Required to submit twice/academic year
 - Fall Submission due **December 31st, 2023**
 - Spring Submission TBD

Questions? Email treasurer@gsa.rutgers.edu.



Secretary Update



GSO Event Advertisement

ATTENTION

If you have an event that you would like for the GSA to advertise in the weekly newsletter, please email the communication text and flyer to secretary@gsa.rutgers.edu for review and inclusion.

Keep in mind that the newsletter goes out Monday mornings, so you should give us time to review and approve. Please send information and flyers in advance.



GSO Leaders Contact List

Updating our GSO Contact List!
Should be done within the next week
or so. Will be sending out an email to
make sure that everything is correct,
so keep an eye out for that!





Business Manager



GSO Funding Contracts

- *Now available! Form here:*

<https://sites.rutgers.edu/gsa/wp-content/uploads/sites/691/2023/10/GSA-2023-2024-Funding-Contract.pdf>

- *Submit here:* [2023 Funding Contract Submission](#)
 - *Submission required before any funds will be released*
 - *Please submit ONE funding contract per GSO*



Portals available!

- *Grad Student Lounge Reservation Request:* [GSA Lounge Reservation Request](#)
- *Games & Equipment Checkout:* [GSA Games and Equipment Checkout](#)
- *Durable goods requests and prize requests will be available soon.*



Please submit forms correctly!

- *Please fill out all fields appropriately and completely!*
 - *Ex. If it asks for an email, put a valid email!*
- *Incorrect information will result in immediate denial of the form*
- *You will have to resubmit with correct information*



Using getINVOLVED to Sign Attendees In

- *Step 1: create event on getINVOLVED*
- *Step 2: go to “manage event”*
- *Step 3: click on your event*

Manage Events

Search Events

🔍 Type to Search

Text entered in the search bar will automatically filter results.

Sort By

Start Date



259 Events

Showing 1 - 10 out of 259 Events

☐ Analytics

CREATE EVENT

GSA Office Hours

Tue, Nov 28, 2023 4:00 PM EST - Tue, Nov 28, 2023 5:00 PM EST

Invites sent: 0 RSVP count: 0



Click the gray box, not the 3 dots!



Using getINVOLVED to Sign Attendees In

- **Step 4:**
 - *Use QR code (print and attendees can scan)*
 - *Use access code to enable Campus Labs phone app and scan attendees Event Pass*

Event Details



[View Event](#)[Submissions](#)

GSA Office Hours

 Host Organization
Graduate Student Association (GSA)

 Location
Online

 Online Location
<https://rutgers.zoom.us/j/96135573948?pwd=dE9maUg4NW4ZlhrekJNOERTaW5tZz09>

 Begins
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 4:00 PM EST

 Ends
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:00 PM EST

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Event Rating

STATUS

 Approved

VISIBILITY

 The Public

RSVP SETTING

 Anyone

EVENT ATTENDANCE

0

Invitees

0

Attended

0

Absent

0

Excused

ACCESS CODE

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ATTENDANCE URL

<https://rutgers.campuslabs.com/engage/ev>

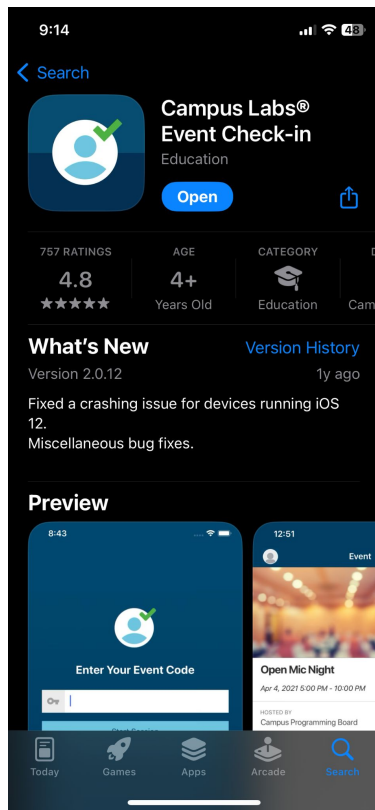
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VIEW QR CODE

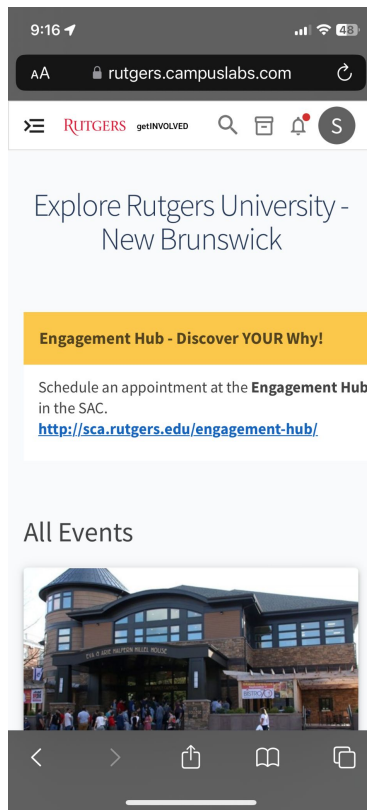
Any Engage user who visits this URL within 72 hours after the event ends will be marked as "Attended" for this event.



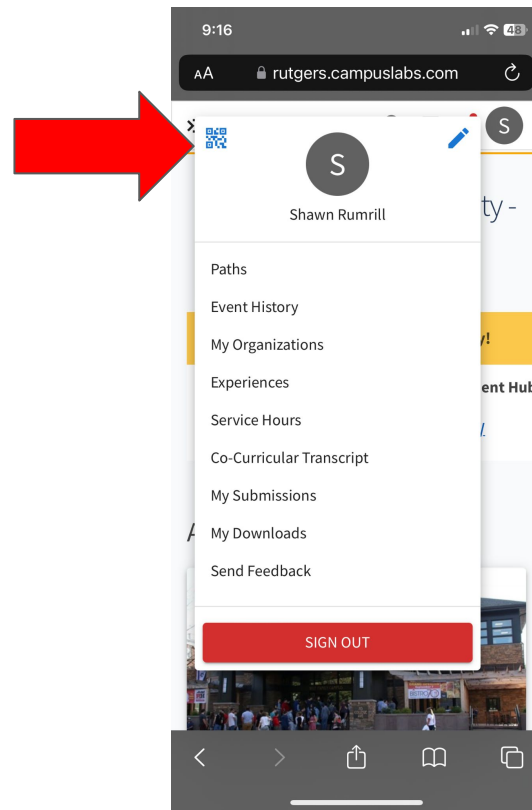
What is Campus Labs Event Pass?



Download app! (and enter event access code)



Attendees login to getINVOLVED



Scan attendee's Event Pass



Vice President of External Affairs Updates



Committee Updates



Senate Updates



Monthly Senate Meeting - Sep 22 2023

Resolution Of A Vote Of No Confidence In The Leadership Of Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway

- Full text of the resolution [here](#)
- Resolution was not officially on the agenda before the meeting, needed $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to be added on the agenda, and then needed $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass
- 72 minutes of discussion about the resolution
- Resolution outlined 7 actions that were a breach of trust and 5 previous senate resolutions passed last year that lead to this resolution
- Resolution passed - Yes: 89; No: 47



Upcoming Events



[GSA getINVOLVED](#)



Weekly EC Office Hours on
Tuesday 4-5pm and
Wednesday 9-10am



Upcoming Events

VPVA'S TOWN HALL
4:00-5:15PM

OCTOBER
17TH 2023

Join us in
person at the
Graduate
Student Lounge
or on Zoom!

GSA TOWN HALL



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VIOLENCE PREVENTION
AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE

*Persons with disabilities who anticipate needing accommodations or who have questions about physical access for this event may contact vpva@echo.rutgers.edu or (848) 932-1181 in advance of the program.



Volunteer GSOs
wanted!

Upcoming Events



Decorating,
set-up,
check-in,
clean up!

Email: events@gsa.rutgers.edu!



Questions? Comments? Announcements from
GSOs