Graduate Student Association

Student Council Meeting
April 04, 2022
I. Guest: Emmet von Stackelberg (Rutgers AAUP-AFT)
II. Guest: Amanda Liyanaarachchi (Election Commissioner)
III. GSA Elections 2022-23
IV. Report on the State of GSA
V. Updates from the Senate
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GSA Officer and Senator Positions

Nominations will be open for the GSA Officer and Senator positions for the 2022-23 AY. Open positions are:

- **Executive Board Positions**: President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

- **VP Positions**: VP of External Affairs, VP of Events and Programming, and VP of Marketing Orientations and Communications

- **Directors**: Professional Development, and Academic Development
  - NOTE: GSA Director positions are appointed by EC and confirmed by council after elections

- 4 School of Graduate Studies (SGS) University **Senators**

**Expected Timeline**

Nominations Open: March 28th

Nomination Close: April 10th at Midnight

Election Period: April 12th - 15th
Who can run for an officer position

- Any graduate student enrolled in the following schools:

  - Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy
  - Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology
  - Graduate School of Education
  - Mason Gross School of the Arts
  - Rutgers Business School- NB
  - School of Arts and Sciences
  - School of Communication and Information
  - School of Engineering
  - School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
  - School of Graduate Studies
  - School of Management and Labor Relations
  - School of Social Work

- Non-SGS, RBHS constituency is sometimes unclear. Get in touch if you have questions.
IV. Report on the State of GSA
President
Website Domain Updated

- The updated website address for GSA is gsa.rutgers.edu

- NOTE: Reimbursements via Electronic Submission Portals
  - Please use the right portals to file for reimbursements.

Please email at president@gsa.rutgers.edu
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Interested in an event? Click on the event name for more info
Graduate-Professional Student Appreciation Week

- April 6-11, 2022
- We strongly advise all the GSO leaders to attend the Mental Health and Resources Town hall on April 11, 2020 at 5 pm.
  - Invite additional students in your cohort, organization, department, etc!

Please email at president@gsa.rutgers.edu
Executive Vice-President
Treasurer
LAST DAY FOR PER REIMBURSEMENT SUBMISSION IS MAY 31, 2022.

Reimbursements **must** be submitted by this date so that they may be processed for this fiscal year.

If your GSO wants to hold an event between June 1st and October, you must receive explicit approval from GSA since no funds are allocated for that period of time.
# Proposed Durable Good Amendment

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**Google Document Contents:**
The above table  
Reasons for changes  
Re-written Funding Policies Section 4.5  
Current Funding Policies Section 4.5  

**COUNCIL MEETING VOTE DATE:** TODAY (APRIL 4TH)

[View Google Document of Proposed Durable Goods Amendment](#)
Vote on Durable Goods Funding Policies
Policy for Communal Durable Goods

Supplies that may be useful to multiple GSOs may be purchased by the GSA and kept for loaning to GSOs

- Available for short term loaning on a check-out and check-in basis
- May include things such as board games, sports equipment, etc.
- Purchased at the discretion of the GSA EC
- Would not be funded by the GSO’s entitlement

Benefits

- Reduce duplicity of goods owned by GSA
- Maintain quality of goods
- Reduce burden of purchasing goods on the GSOs
- Encourage collaboration for events
Durable Goods Request Form
sites.rutgers.edu/gsa → Records → Electronic Submission Portals

DISCLAIMER: NO GOODS MAY BE PURCHASED UNTIL EXPLICIT WRITTEN APPROVAL IS PROVIDED.

For more information on what qualifies as a durable good and the restrictions, see the GSA Funding Guidelines.
If your GSO is interested in co-hosting an event with the GSA, email treasurer@gsa.rutgers.edu & events@gsa.rutgers.edu.

Upcoming Major Annual Event:

**End-of-Year BBQ**

**April 29th**

**Set-Up:** 3PM

**Event:** 4PM-7PM

**Clean Up:** 7PM-however long it takes
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Health and Nutrition Committee
Interesting and thought-provoking workshop!!

Message us if you are interested in watching it!!
Health and Nutrition Committee

Social Media posts

International Carrot Day
APRIL 4TH

1. 88% water content
2. Source of soluble fiber
3. Rich in Vitamin A, K1, several Vitamin Bs, and potassium

HEALTH BENEFIT
- Reduce blood cholesterol
- Benefit eye health
- Manage weight loss

Fun fact:
Baby-cut carrots are machine cut from regular carrots, then peeled, and polished!
Questions?
Email: healthandnutrition@gmail.com

Actively Recruiting Members!

@healthnutrition_gsa_ru
@HealthNutritionGSARU
@Health_GSA_RU
RUHealth&NutritionCommittee
Mental Health Committee
The MHC is recruiting new members!

Please contact us if interested:
mentalhealth@gsa.rutgers.edu

https://sites.rutgers.edu/gsa/resources/health-and-wellness/

- List of downloadable mental health resources
- “How to find a therapist” doc
Events

We strongly encourage everyone to attend the Mental Health and Resources Town hall on April 11, 2022 at 5 pm.

There will be a Paint Knight on April 7th 6:30 - 8:00 PM (If you RSVP’d please let us know to coordinate pickup)
Mental Health Survey

Survey opened in May 2021
Closed February 2022
254 responses

Look out for a report after the Town Hall Meeting on April 11th!
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee
Upcoming March Events

A workshop with Center for Social Justice Education titled “Gender in Society: Feminism” - led by Diversity Peer Educators - on Zoom on April 26th - RSVP Link here
V. Update from the Senate
Update: Senate Meeting

- The University Senate met on March 25, 2022
  - **Meeting agenda:**
    https://senate.rutgers.edu/meeting/senate-meeting-new-brunswick-campus-report/#
- Chancellor Conway gave a report on the state of Rutgers-NB
- Passed 7 resolutions, including one that redefined what the presidential search committee should look like, and another that recommends better pay and benefits for PTLs
- **Budget and Finance Committee** - Submitting a recommendation to President Holloway for increasing accessibility to the university budget
- **Next Senate Meeting: April 29th, 2022 at 1:00pm**
  - Organizational Meeting to elect new Executive Council
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