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UNIVERSITY | NEW BRUNSWICK  
Graduate Student Association

# Plenary Council Meeting

Graduate Student Association  
October 3rd, 2022



# Special Guest: AAUP-AFT (Union)

Liana Katz



# Get involved with your union!

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# Presidential Update



# NJPIRG Oversight Committee

What is NJPIRG? A student run/funded public interest group

Key Initiatives:

- Save the Bees, New Voters Project, End Hunger and Homelessness

Referendum Vote:

- Add \$13 (waivable fee) to student fees to support initiatives
  - Currently already a \$12 fee. Grad students not paying because 2019 low division turnout

Oversight Committee:

- Goals: Increase voter turnout, ensure compliance, hire poll workers and run polls, decide on budgeting information.
- Shawn Rumrill representing Graduate Student stakeholders.



# Special Guest: NJPIRG

Alex Gordon  
[agordon@njpirgstudents.org](mailto:agordon@njpirgstudents.org)



# Chancellor's Meeting

## Transportation

- Discussed safety walks, bus routes
- If interested in town hall email [president@gsa.rutgers.edu](mailto:president@gsa.rutgers.edu)

## Campus Safety

- RUPD
  - Naloxone (proposed training for staff as well), AEDs in rec and some academic buildings, escort to vehicles.

## Health and Wellness

- Initiatives for plan B/C pills to be available on campus



# Grad Student Lounge

How can this space best serve you?





# EVP Update



# Academic Master Plan

President Holloway and Chancellor-Provost Francine Conway released the Academic Master Plan for New Brunswick for the next five years. This was built from recommendations from the Academic Master Plan steering committees over the past 9 months. Two items of the plan are focusing on expanded support services (like mental health resources) for graduate students and infrastructure improvements to campus buildings etc.

Please visit [amp.rutgers.edu](http://amp.rutgers.edu) to learn more about this plan.

Please also visit <https://discoverynb.rutgers.edu/> - here you can share any feedback you may have with the Academic Master Plan Steering Committee on projects that the AMP should focus on.



# Get Involved Page

Please use [this link](#) to view a list of available forms on getINVOLVED. and navigate to the "Profile Set-Up Form (For Graduate Student Organizations) 2022-2023." Once you have filled out this form, please email the GSA at [ec@gsa.rutgers.edu](mailto:ec@gsa.rutgers.edu).

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](mailto: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

Take a Hike

MOVIE Night

BLACK ADAM

## Forms

[VIEW SUBMISSIONS](#)

Search Available Forms

### 36 Available Forms

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#### 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



# Day of Action on Reproductive Justice

This event is being brought to you from GSA, Rutgers AAUP-AFT, RUSA, VPVA and SPAR. We have a tabling event and a panel around various reproductive and LGBTQIA+ issues. We will have a voter registration table, safe sex practice pamphlets and product giveaways, informational table from Violence Prevention and Victim's Assistance group and will be collecting signatures for a petition with various demands on reproductive and LGBTQIA+ issues.

We will also have a panel from 6-7pm in the Raritan River Lounge at Student Activities Center on College Avenue Campus. ([getInvolved posting](#))




Come stop by our table on College Ave October 6th between 2-7pm to learn more!


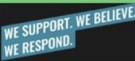


**NATIONAL DAY OF STUDENT ACTION FOR**

# **REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE**

**6 OCT. 2022 2-7PM**

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# Treasurer Update



# IMPORTANT Updates

- **General Pre-Approval is no longer required effective immediately**
  - You will still need honorarium and pre-allocation pre-approval
- **International honoraria are temporarily suspended**
  - Your speaker must have a valid USA SSN



# Pre-approval removed notice...

- COVID Pre-Approval is no longer required for in-person events
  - Honorarium pre-approval is still required!!
- If you are unsure about certain purchases or event details, and want to discuss in advance if your event is appropriate and can be funded, email [ec@gsa.rutgers.edu](mailto:ec@gsa.rutgers.edu) with specific questions.

**IF YOUR POST EVENT REPORT DOES NOT CONTAIN APPROPRIATE JUSTIFICATION OF FUNDS (receipts, official sign-in sheets, advertising materials, completed PER pages, etc), GSA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DENY REIMBURSEMENT. THIS IS IN OUR CONSTITUTION AND FUNDING GUIDELINES.**



# 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 2022).

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





# Funding and Recognition AY 2022-2023

- Approved GSOs' Total Annual Entitlements will be posted by tonight at midnight.
  - All allocations are pending submission of funding contract **and** pending any outstanding issues with the application materials
    - Most common issues:
      - Constitution and/or getINVOLVED page does not explicitly state that membership and events are open to all graduate students
      - Academic GSOs missing academic and departmental code information
      - Redundancy between groups
      - Eboard contact information missing
    - Funding Contract will be posted tonight on GSA getINVOLVED
- Check your GSO's Funding and Recognition application submission to view comments from the GSA EC and make necessary changes.
  - GSO's have until 🎃 **OCTOBER 31st, 2022** 🎃 to submit the corrections and updates.

Pleased to announce: All recognized GSOs were funded **100%** of their allowed request!  
Thank you to all who applied and all who requested reasonable amounts of funding.



# 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**



# 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](mailto:ec@gsa.rutgers.edu) to discuss



# 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, 2022**
  - Spring Submission TBD

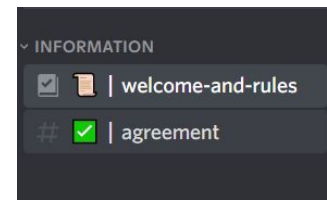
Questions? Email [treasurer@gsa.rutgers.edu](mailto:treasurer@gsa.rutgers.edu).



# GSA Discord Server (for GSO Eboards)

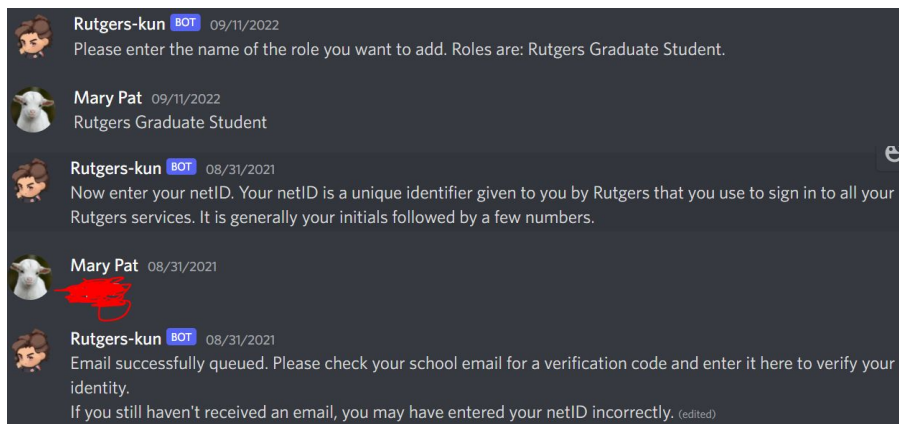
<https://discord.gg/j7VCQgZ> (expires tonight!)

If you joined, but can only see 2 channels **then you still need to verify your netID!!!** → → → → → → →



## How to Verify NetID

1. Read the rules in the **#welcome-and-rules** channel
2. Agree to the rules by typing **!agree** in the **#agreement** channel
3. Check direct messages to find one from **@Rutgers-kun**
4. Follow the instructions. Example below.
5. You will be sent an email to [netid@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:netid@scarletmail.rutgers.edu) with an access code, so you will need to check that email!





# Ok, I joined and am verified, now what?

1. <https://discord.gg/j7VCQgZ> Share link with the rest of your eBoard! (it expires tonight)
2. Add ([YOUR GSO]) to your server nickname
3. Direct Message @Mary Pat and let her know that you need to be added to the GSO Leader role.
4. Introduce yourself in **#intros**
5. Post upcoming events in the **#gso-events** channel!

If you are new to Discord, check out the link in **#discord-how-to!**

*If you want some help, Mary Pat can stick around for a short period of time after the meeting to lend a hand.*



# Secretary Update



# Vice President of External Affairs Updates





# External Affairs

- Developing relationships and initiatives with the Office of Federal Relations
  - Monthly Meetings (all grad students can join)
  - NSF Advocacy
    - Call for NSF-funded graduate students to work with the Office of Federal Relations for Advocacy
- Working with SAGE (Student Advocates for Graduate Education)
  - Working on developing advocacy white papers



# Committee Updates



# Senate Updates



# Monthly Senate Meeting - Sep 23 2022

## President Holloway address and Q&A:

- Qs on graduate student contract negotiations and mental health resources
- Qs on RBHS merger and PTL contract negotiations
  - Large theme of “equal pay for equal work” *\*\*can grad students inherit as well?\*\**
- Holloway: “tuition needs to increase by 5-10% unless new sources of revenue are found”



# Monthly Senate Committee Meetings

## **ASRAC (Academic Standards, Regulations, and Admissions Committee):**

- Currently working on charge for “Late Course Add/Drop Policies”
  - Please contact if you have any personal experience to shed light on this matter.
  - [nml95@rutgers.edu](mailto:nml95@rutgers.edu)

## **RGPEC (Research, and Graduate and Professional Education Committee)**

- Charge for “Approved Electronic Notebook Programs.”
- Other [active charges](#).
- Motion on the floor: Proposed resolution on Labor Relations.
  - Email at [sq1389@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:sq1389@scarletmail.rutgers.edu)



# Upcoming Events

*COFFEE And  
Breakfast Mixer*  
**Wednesday, Oct 5th**  
**9AM - 11AM**  
**Academic Building Room 5190**  
**College Ave**



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Hours on Tuesday and  
Wednesday 9-10am



Questions? Comments? Announcements from  
GSOs