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Graduate Student Association

Plenary Council Meeting

Graduate Student Association
November 7th, 2022



Special Guest:

Briana Bivens
School of Graduate Studies DEI Committee



Presidential Update





Office of Graduate Student Life (OGSL)

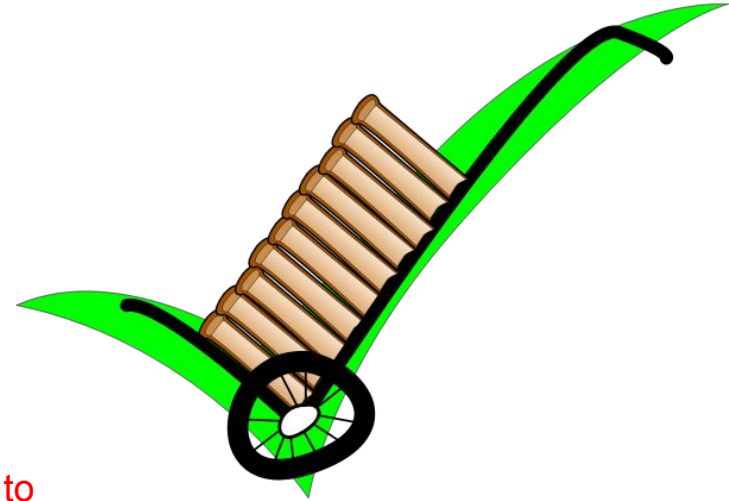


- Functions under Student Affairs
- Work closely with the GSA
- Advocates for and supports exclusively graduate students
- Successor for the late Dean Mark Schuster
- Accepting applications: <https://jobs.rutgers.edu/postings/184174>
- Ideal timeline:
 - 1st round interviews prior to EoY
 - 2nd round in early Spring
- Need graduate input for hiring!
 - Voice your opinions about what characteristics you want in a graduate Dean
- Email: President@gsa.rutgers.edu



Checking out items

- GSA has lots of games and other items available for checkout/use
 - Endless games
 - board games
 - lawn games
 - Projector
 - Grill (thanks, KAP and BESS for helping!)
 - Speaker system
- If you would like GSA to have other items available, let us know!
- Portal on getINVOLVED
 - You **MUST** return items promptly when agreed (prior to checking out)
 - Irresponsible use, late return, or damage of items will result in **penalties up to and including replacement at your GSOs expense and revocation of borrowing privileges.**
- Contact: events@gsa.rutgers.edu





Funding and recognition update

- Most groups have been approved
- Please check getINVOLVED for comments!
 - address ASAP
- If you haven't submitted a funding contract, your check **will not** be released
 - submit ASAP
- Late groups are being reviewed!
- Advanced status being finalized





EVP Update





Day of Action on Reproductive Justice

This event was 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.

Follow up meetings will be set with various administrators on fulfilment of various items on the petition.

NATIONAL DAY OF STUDENT ACTION FOR
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

6
OCT.
2022
2-7PM

FREE CONTRACEPTION/MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS ON CAMPUS
SAFE, LEGAL, ACCESSIBLE ABORTION
GENDER NEUTRAL BATHROOMS
EXPANDED FUNDING FOR HEALTHCARE CENTERS AND CHILDCARE OPTIONS

SciPol RU
IGSA N
RUSA
WE SUPPORT. WE BELIEVE. WE RESPOND.
RUTGERS AAUP-AFT
American Association of University Professors
American Federation of Teachers - AFT, CIO
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Healthy Minds Survey



**YOUR VOICE MATTERS.
YOUR WELLBEING MATTERS.
YOU MATTER.**

The Healthy Minds Study

A National Online Survey Assessing Student Mental Health and Service Utilization on College Campuses

**Take the Survey at
go.rutgers.edu/HMS2022**

Survey Open October 20–November 23

Participants entered into drawing for various prizes
Find more info at go.rutgers.edu/HMS-Info



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Vacant Positions/Office Hours

Blog Manager position is vacant. If you are interested please reach out to ec@gsa.rutgers.edu

Weekly office hours from 9-10am on Tuesdays and Wednesday. Join our getInvolved to see the office hours link.



Treasurer Update





Honoraria Update

- New system
 - New request form (PDF and getINVOLVED) will be posted soon
 - requires 3 (or 4) components

Pre-event

- Make honoraria request via getINVOLVED and notify via email
- GSA initiates adding speaker to system
- Speaker receives a link to fill out various information

During Event

- Event will be held as usual
- Speaker will not receive payment at time of event

Post-event

- MUST submit a PER to initiate check request for speaker
- check generated and sent by University to speaker directly



Secretary Update





Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Committee

Discovery Advantage is the university's initiative to transform the student experience and prioritize student success. It provides a framework for a multi-faceted approach that will explore six major workstreams:

1. The enrollment model for new students, including how they are recruited, awarded financial aid, and admitted into the university.
2. Curriculum policies and procedures, including the general education core curriculum, signature experiences and high-impact learning opportunities, and the internal and external transfer of course credits.
3. On-campus living and engagement opportunities for students, particularly first-year students
4. Rutgers' advising model.
5. Administrative and financial models that support a renewed commitment to student success.
6. Development of insights and analytics to enable Rutgers-New Brunswick to be responsive to the dynamic needs of its students.

How do you think this relates to your own departments, organizations, and graduate student needs?



Your GSO and You!

Questions to ponder:

1. What do you hope students will gain from being a member of your club/organization?
2. what resources and skills do you need to be a more effective leader or to support your organization?
3. What is your fondest memory of being a member of your club/organization?
4. What are the top 3 skills you want to gain at Rutgers?
 - a. How can the GSA and your organization help you achieve those goals?
5. Use one word to describe your experience on campus.

Please share your thoughts with the GSA! Email: ec@gsa.rutgers.edu



Business Manager Update





Pre-approval (3 types)

1. **Off-campus approval**
 - a. **Needed: anytime an event is not on RU campus. No exceptions**

2. **Honoraria approval**
 - a. **Needed: for any speaker whom you want to provide an honorarium. No exceptions**

3. **Pre-allocation approval**
 - a. **Needed: May 30th - finalization of allocations (~Oct 1st). No exceptions**



Meal Limits

1. **Snack: \$5/person**
2. **Meal: Includes lunch/dinner. \$15/person**

If you don't know which is which, ask.

If you don't know how much food to order, implement an RSVP system (attach confirmed RSVPs to PER with attendance info)

Please be mindful of limitations!

One warning - subsequent violations will result in denial of reimbursement



What do I need for a PER?

IMPORTANT: Please note that your submission must include all of the following in a single pdf document. We recommend using free online tools to merge multiple scans into a single pdf. Your PDF may not be larger than 20 MB in size.

All questions about or amendments to submission of this form must be made through getINVOLVED by adding a comment to the response. Emails will not be accepted.

1. A complete post-event report (PER) form:

<https://sites.rutgers.edu/gsa/wp-content/uploads/sites/691/2021/08/2021-Post-Event-Report-.pdf>

2. A scanned copy of any and all original receipts

3. A scanned copy or any electronic version of any marketing materials used for the event (must include getINVOLVED!)

4. Proof of advisor review and GSA pre-approval (**no longer required as of 10/3/22**) - **honoraria, off-campus events, and pre-allocation requests still require pre-approval**

5. A scanned copy of a sign-in sheet for in-person event or screenshot of attendees for an online event (must be GSA format: <https://sites.rutgers.edu/gsa/wp-content/uploads/sites/691/2022/03/2021-GSO-Sign-in-Sheet.pdf>)

6. If this PER is related to an honorarium, you must attach the completed honorarium (signed and dated by your speaker) to this PER.

The GSA reserves the right to deny reimbursements, in whole or in part, for any violations of the GSA Funding Guidelines. Please direct questions related to funding policy to ec@gsa.rutgers.edu. Please direct questions related to reimbursement procedures to help@gsa.rutgers.edu.



Vice President of External Affairs Updates



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1. SAGE Survey completed and sent out to graduate student leadership at R1 universities across the United States.
 - a. Data will be presented at SAGE's Fall Forum on November 19th



Professional and Academic Director Development Updates



Headshots Event

GSA PRESENTS

HEADSHOTS

Friday, Nov 11th 2022, 9am - 4pm

GSL, 126 COLLEGE AVE

Sign up on [getInvolved](#)



Committee Updates



Recreation Committee - Sourlands Hike



 [View Event](#)

 [Submissions](#)

Sourlands Hike with the GSA



Host Organization
Graduate Student Association



Location
Sourlands Mountain Preserve



Begins
Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM EST



Ends
Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 1:00 PM EST



Recreation Committee - Big Chill

The graphic features a white polar bear wearing a red Santa hat and scarf, holding a sign that says "BIG CHILL RUTGERS 5K". The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and stars. The text "20th" is in large gold letters, with "BIG CHILL RUTGERS 5K" in white and red. Below it, a red banner says "ANNUAL RACE • 2022". At the bottom left is the Rutgers Student Affairs logo, and at the bottom right is the website "rec.rutgers.edu" with social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube, and the handle "@rurec".

IN-PERSON RACE

DEC. 3 AT 10AM
COLLEGE AVENUE GYM

\$20 IN-PERSON RACE FEE + \$10 TOY DONATION
INCLUDES LONG SLEEVE SHIRT

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT NO HUNGRY KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

VIRTUAL RACE

NOV. 28 - DEC. 5
COMPLETE ANYTIME • ANY LOCATION

\$20 VIRTUAL RACE FEE
INCLUDES THE BIG CHILL WINTER HAT

Would love to make a GSA team! If interested, email recreation@gsa.rutgers.edu before registering

Registration link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/NewBrunswick/RutgersBigChill5K>



Recreation Committee - Other events?

- RU rock wall climbing
- Skiing?
- Other activities?
 - Biking
 - Hiking in other locations
 - camping
 - RU golf



Email recreation@gsa.rutgers.edu to join the committee (**looking for members**) or suggest events!



Mental Health Committee - Meditation Mondays



MEDITATION MONDAYS

REFRESH, DESTRESS & REJUVENATE
MEET NEW FRIENDS

RSVP link - tiny.cc/meditation_mondays
Monday, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. EST
Online Via Zoom





Senate Updates

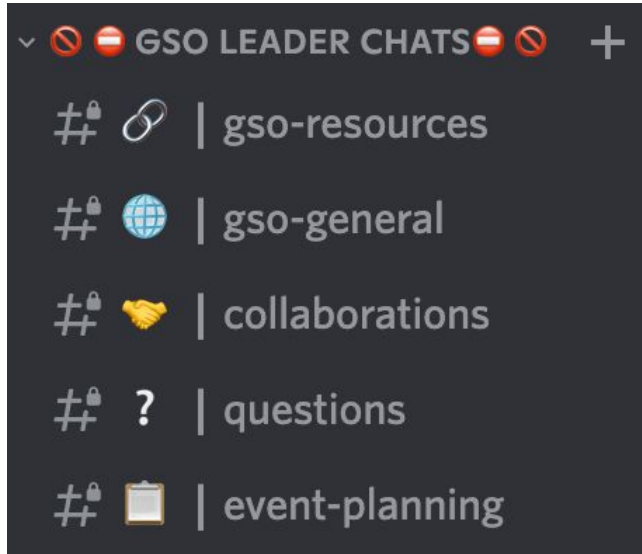
General Senate Updates

- Due to push back, meetings will be *entirely on Zoom going forward*.

ASRAC committee:

- Charge: should we have specific rules for late approval of add/drop? Vote leaning towards no specific rules, with a requirement to have agreement between student/faculty/dean.

Discord Moderator Update



If you hold a position in a graduate student organization, you should have access to these channels and your discord username should be **GREEN**.

Discord Checklist for all GSO Officers

1. Join the discord [here](#), read through the rules, and type and enter !agree into the agreement channel. Then, a bot will DM you to walk you through the steps of verifying your netid
2. **Change your server name** to include your GSO, position, and pronouns if you can fit them. To do this, click your name in the list of online members (*if you're on your desktop, this will be on the right, if you're on mobile, click the people icon in the upper right corner*), hit 'edit profile.' and then 'edit server nickname.'
3. Ensure that you have access to the **GSO leader channels** and that your name in the members list is GREEN. If it is not, contact me either via email (discordmod@gsa.rutgers.edu) or by DM on discord

GSA DISCORD MOD — 1



Cassie Winz | GSA M...



DISCORD



Open to all
New Brunswick RU
Graduate Students!



**SCAN
HERE**

**To join the Rutgers Graduate
Student Association Discord
Server!**

Please share with your
GSO members and at
your GSO events!

Questions? Email discordmod@gsa.rutgers.edu

[Rutgers GSA Discord Server Link!](#) (or) **<https://discord.gg/QGKjYJ62vX>**



GSA Events Updates

*COFFEE And
Breakfast Mixer*

Wednesday, Nov 9th

9AM - 11AM

**Livingston Student Center
LSC Coffeehouse**

**GSA MOVIE NIGHT
WAKANDA FOREVER**

RU CINEMA LIVINGSTON

Thursday, Nov 10th 3pm

Premier Show!



Collaboration with GSOs on December event:

- GSA End of Year Dinner
 - Dec 14th 6-9pm
 - Livingston Student Center
- We need YOUR help! for funding as well as **running event** (set up and cleanup)
 - counts toward advanced status criteria
- Please email: events@gsa.rutgers.edu if you have any questions



Questions? Comments? Announcements from GSOs