I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Approval of Agenda
IV. Approval of Minutes
V. Pledge of Allegiance
VI. Public Sector  
At this time, members of the public who wish to make announcements may do so.
VII. Envoys and External Representative Reports

PGC – Last meeting is tomorrow at pharmacy 111 at 7:30 pm.

VIII. In-body Election
RULA Representative

Nominate Matthew Fishbein.

Meeting closed at 6:36 pm
Meeting opened at 6:41 pm

Matthew Fishbein is the new RULA rep.

IX. New Business

RF06-26 Bill to Co-Sponsor Asian Gala
Jim – Will they get the money in time for Dec. 13th?
Susie – Mike said yes.
Mike – Yes, can do it online in my room and send an email to Lori.

RF06-27 Bill to Grant Islamic Awareness Week Special Events Status and Funding
Abraham – Lots of different things show the Muslims in the world. Teaching RU committee to avoid misconception of the Islam after the 9/11 incident.

RF06-28 Bill to Grant Israeli Culture Festival Special Events Status and Funding
Mike – I have all the budgets up front.

RF06-29 Bill to Grant “Love Fest 2007” Special Events Status and Funding

Laya (Hillel Director) – Basically going to be a large scale outdoor event for the Spring. Two components: tabling for social justice issues around the world, several stations in which students can help out and make a difference. Such as make PBJ for the homeless. Large half day event. Various co-sponsorship from the university and local businesses.

Akash – Is there anything else pending for special event allocation?
Mike – The reason why we gave Hillel money for both events is because there were only 4 groups that needed money for special events. They were the 2 out of 4. We had additional money to allot for the special event group. Instead of packing more money, we spread it out more.

Jim – (POI) In our guidelines, there is nothing that says we can’t do this.

Dusan – Is this a first time that Lovefest is happening? So what other requirements?
Mike – Yes this is the first time. Co-sponsorship by five other groups and more than $15,000.

RF06-30 A Bill Supporting the Constitution of the Rutgers University Student Assembly and Authorizing a Constitutional Referendum to Adopt the Constitution of the Assembly
Mike – Recap of what GA have already passed it?
Dave – EGC have passed it. But other than that I do not know.
Jill – (POI) – Other GAs are voting on this next week.

Motion to go to a committee as a whole for 20 minutes. Second. Passed.

For this discussion, we are referring to the drafted Constitution.

Dave - This is one place where we want people to find how the structures are like. Talks about the legislative power and executive power.

Motion to pause for Hillel rep for 2 minutes. Second. Passed.
Motion to go back to committee as whole for 18 minutes. Second. Passed.

Dave – Then you have the internal elections. The only difference is now having them public. Everyone is allowed to be part of the discussion.

Mike – Why did you suggest eliminating closed election for internal candidates?
Dave – Balance accountability rather than discourse of hearing the truth.

Eric – (POI) – At CCC, had internal election and did not have anyone leave.

Article III
Dave - The next page we have cultural umbrella groups. How do we get cultural associates more involved? We are trying to bridged the gap. Right now there are three that are recognized. OCSA, RHA and EOF rep to be included. As non-voting member they are invited as full participants.

Kory – What about cultural groups that are not under the those three?
Dave – They are invited to come and debate, just extending voting right to the three big groups. By reaching out to theses groups we are letting them participate.

Jill – By using umbrella organization, keep in pace with u policy with cultural groups.

Greg – You said you do not want to divide but you are doing that? How is that equitable?
Dave – One person one vote is an ideal for government. But holding it as an advocacy group. We are trying to look at student government (SG) and the purpose of SG is to raise issue that have not been heard. We notice that some cultural groups have not been reached out. The kind of people that
do student gov is more of a rationdivide. People in cultural association can get involve and break away from historic invite

Akash – Have we calculated how many people on the assembly?
Dave – Within 5 – 10 of 50 plus or minus.

Dina – For the groups you are choosing on what basis?
Dave – For cultural association, it is based on university policy of who are recognize. A lot of them do similar events. This process is just following the univerisity policy.

Jill (POI) – They actually represent other cultural organization in the same kind of section. They go to all the other latino groups. We are trying to limit the number of people on body and representing them at the same time.

Greg – Is it fair to expand one share of influence? Is it fair to increase their representation?
Dave – This is one proposal. I do believe that it was discussed, but it is ruled out. We want to further extend for those organization to come. The will of the student is really the key. Our discussion rep. we should find what the individual will is. Assuming this would pass it would go to referendum for student to vote and see what they think the will is. This has support from the Daily Targum. This model goes further than the current model.

Dave - Executive board here is five position outlined. You can see the details of each individual role. This is an internal executive board. Primary is to run the meetings. Council of Presidents sets the agenda and how the meetings should be run. These are internally elected position and then run in first meeting.

Akash – Plan to incorporate of chairs against being chair of another group?

Jill – Is person as treasurer of another organization can they be allocation chair?

Dave - This executive board has no restriction.

Article IV

Dave - These committees can exist on campus councils. Rep from the local LA committee on College Ave would then serve on LA committee for the assembly. Hopefully you get the university to cooperate.

Mike – For the number of members + one? Which committee?

Grant – IA under standing committee means assembly doesn’t have to have it.
Dave – It means that they have to have it. Others don’t have it.

Yelena – Can you be chair of campus assembly and then the big assembly?
Shawn – That is back in the council of presidents.

Dave – Chair are elected the same way rep are elected.
Jim – When we are creating this it was complicated. Say you are on the assembly, and campus councils. So coordinate with assembly.

Sharo motion a committee to whole for another 10 mins. Second. Passed

Article V
Dave – Allocation section. This will make it one whole process. One central body so we can allocate it university wide. Next section is the membership. It is a new proposal. Each campus have one representative does have a voice in the allocation process. There is a separate process for professional. They can choose to be in their own allocation or come to us. The reason is because this is how it works now. No they have a choice whether with the regular allocation or their own board. So on their own will get 80 % instead of 45%. At large students position. Have students outside of allocation to participate such as finance students. Allocations that are recommend each semester has to be approved by the assembly. Professional school gets 80% if they choose. The new Environmental Biological school will join the central one.

Grant – Engineering and pharmacy okay with the 80%?
Dave – Lot of discussion and thing it is pretty fair.

Article VI
Dave - Local Governance – this defines the election. To get elected it goes through campus councils, will have senate position. Right now have 4-5 per campus. It is open to all students. Campus councils will have assembly rep. If they have class year rep. can work that out. Off campus student is include fully. One of the 5 senators has to be off campus. One of each class rep has to be off campus too. They still only get 6 rep plus one additional at large.

Greg – One of the however many have to be off campus? Is there another council that is for off campus? Is there anyway to make off campus, have five and separate off campus?

Dave - If you have ten people running on campus and five open, five highest votes will get position. There is only one open off campus position.

Eddie – 4th paragraph down, section 6.01 in terms of election. You could directly have all four senators have off campus students.

Shawn – It is okay that there are 4 for off campus for senator.

Dave – Further restriction can be added.

Yelena – If students is living off-campus and decide to move on-campus, what happens? And what happens if you change campus?

Whole for another 15 minutes.

Dave – The housing guideline is once you move off campus, you cannot move back on campus. This has only been established for next year. They do not know the demand until summer.
Jill – elected member of the DARC, then what?
Shawn – Not constitution but standing rule.

Dave – Next year we will discuss election guideline. Easton and Rockoff goes to election guideline. It is up for discussion if we defined them as off campus.

Mike – If the senate seats are not filled, do they become senators for what campus do they put on?
Dave – They become an at large seat for the whole New Brunswick.

Dave – Depends on the number divided by 5. Another 2700 students enrolled then we can redistribute. They would be full assembly members as an at-large.

Milo – For example 11 senators and Douglass have 3 and UC have 1, is that going to throw off rep from one campus to another?
Dave – It is a little more equitable than what you said. But for RC it is both from College and Busch so it is 5.5. Needs will reflect the students living on that campus. This is a way to address all issue.

Grant – How would senate seat if one campus doesn’t want to be part of it?
Dave – Then redistribute according to those who want to be on it.

Greg – In order to run for president you need to have had exp of previous semesters. But they come to 80% of meetings or committee meetings, how to tell if they can vote but cannot run?

Dave – It is not previous semester, it is any previous semester. People running for presidents should have experience. This is what other GA has done and RCGA is the only one that does have it. We have loosen it from one year to one semester. Would qualify even if not voting member but still actively participating. Simple as having guest list and just sign up.

Greg – 80% is sizeable. If student of campus want to elect somebody and how is it fair to smack them down and say no you can’t.

Dave – This document is not decided by Rutgers College but everyone on campus. If there are issues that we have problems and work with the guidelines to change this and amend this constitution. Right now we are putting a draft together but 75 people which is the majority.

Article IX
Dave - Couple of ways. The standard way is 2/3 of votes. It is the same process to have it amended. It is a great difference from the current system now. Section 9.2 exist for two years. After each year and review how each is working. Allocation to make sure that there is no conflict of interest.
Provision allows for annual review. Allow for changes to be made to constitution by 2/3 votes. Fluidity for the first two years. Lots of issue that we do not agree with you. Will see how it works when in practice. 2% of undergraduate to make amendment by petition.

Maurice – How much is 2%?
Dave – That is about 500

Referendum
Dave - Use these in past to set student fees. Do you support in increasing 5.00 for student organization. This is for when you need to get the students input directly. 15% to ratified since we are expanding the government by a lot.

Ratification
Dave - Next week goes into debate and vote on this constitution. Must be approve by 2/3 vote for those that want to participate. This new system is also what members of RU want to see as their representative. Take to referendum and get 15%. Then it would be adopted. We have to make changes to whatever. National average for student government election is 8%. Cook gets 20% and last year RCGA got 16%. There will be one referendum running for the entire campus since this is going to be the first time.

Grant – When will referendum occur?
Dave – February since we need to plan election April.

Grant – When will students know what campus they live on?
Dave – We were told by spring break.

Out of committee as a whole.

RF06-31 Bill to Encourage a Reserve for Donated Books at New Brunswick Libraries
Mike – Where did you get the idea for doing this? Did anyone come to recommend this?
Chris – This came up in committee. Poor compensation for book, will refuse to sell it back to the book store. There has been a good many kids that have books and throw it on shelf. If enough students are interested can go to library than collect dust.

RF06-32 Bill Urging the Shift of Library Hours
Jim – Have you been in contact with anyone at the library?
Greg – Khush and I have gone to see Judy Gardner. Said this is feasible.

Maurice – Did you run into a problem or did you consult students?
Greg – It was brought to committee.

Dymir – Were the other library considered?
Greg – The other libraries are different. This would be a good start right here on College Ave.

Khush - LSM closes at midnight. There is no 24 hours study place on College. On Busch they have Arc.

Chris – We are also looking around for other places to make it as a 24 hour.

Dina – Do you have general number as to low number at 8 am?
Greg – There is no specific number. The usage would increase.

Mike – Did Ms. Gardner go over the logistic for the shift?
Khush – There would just be extra money. Just a bit of additional charge.

Guest – Is there anyone objecting?
Greg – There hasn’t been any objection.

Chris – Many of the kids use library in the morning primarily as printing place. It would not get in the way of that.

RF06-33 Resolution Recommending the Honoring of Milton Friedman as a Distinguished Alumnus
Shawn – Why administration would be against it?
Greg – Members of Centurion wanted to renamed NJ Hall after him. As recently as last Friday, McCormick was adamant that it was not going to happen since it was a historic building. It would not be wise to push for College Hall.

Mike – To your knowledge, any sort of scholarship in his honor?
Greg – There is a scholarship at University of Chicago.

Jim – What is his connection post graduate?
Greg – Do not know if any donation or lecture here. He was nobel Laureate. He was awarded several things. So it is sizeable in it of itself.

Milo – Milton a conservative and not a liberal.
Dave – The question is for debate.

Grant – Have you spoken to administration to anyone at all?
Greg – Largely based on McCormick response. Administration brought it up and they would do something about. Make it into an actual committee.

Dave – It is possible this committee is already forming and invite students to join.

Jim – If anyone is interested he is in the 1766 magazine.

Mike – Did ever in his works did he ever say anything about RU and promoting it?
Greg – I have not read Friedman extensively.

Grant – Move to amend last clause of bill. Friendly.

Erik – What is democratization in several nations?
Greg – Lot of policies in Chile help break down. Let liberalization of Chile to occur.. Chile and Astonian

Chris – Make an effort to commemorate to someone who has contributed to the world better. Before we destroy ourselves.

RF06-34 Resolution Approving Advocacy Issues for the Rutgers University Legislative Affairs committee
Soldifies that we are lobbying for exempt certain people to pay undergrad rates.

Grant – What is the difference between little c as big C?
Sharo – RULA is well known so left committee as little c.
RF06-35 Resolution Approving the Budget for the Rutgers University Legislative Affairs committee

X. Old Business
RF06-18 Bill to Co-Sponsor Armenian Cultural Night
Motion to move by unanimous consent. Passed.

RF06-19 Bill to Co-Sponsor Cru Café
Motion to move by unanimous consent. Passed.

RF06-20 Bill to Approve Spring 2007 Student Fee Allocation
Against
Greg – I am abstaining. RCGA is not to approve every line item. One of the clubs is NJ Solidarity is an org that voices and sponsors Palestinian Terror and suicide bombing. For that solely I cannot vote for the bill but will not be against so will abstained.

For
Sharo
Mike – Every org that is approve. Had been approve by higher board of administration. Dean Wilson is our advisor. Each event has to be approve by us at retreat. They have been reviewed with mission statement and purpose. They must provide that for us. If we see that event do not see fit then wont fund.

Grant – What is the organization?
Mike – It is not about doing it expediently. We do each budget individually. So I don’t know.
Dave – The two events are film and guest speaker.

Chris – What organization the members of the allocation belong to?
Mike – I know several are members of the AIRS.
Dave – When vote on it, they are abstained from their organization group.

Motion to move to previous question. Passed.
Roll call vote.

RF06-21 Bill to Grant Dance Marathon Special Events Status and Funding
Motion to move by unanimous consent. Passed.

RF06-22 Bill to Grant “Rutgersfest” Special Events Status and Funding
Motion to move by unanimous consent. Passed.

RF06-23 Bill to Grant “Pan Asian Lunar New Year Celebration” Special Events Status and Funding
Motion to move by unanimous consent. Passed.
RF06-24 Resolution Encouraging Faculty to put ISBN on the Department Website or Course Synopsis
Motion to move by unanimous consent. Passed.

RF06-25 Resolution Urging the Extension of Add/Drop Period
Motion to move by unanimous consent. Passed.

XI. Officer Reports
a. President Dave Cole
Karen and I had a meeting yesterday. We presented a new idea for lobbying in the process we are Working with Blimling and the director of state relation. It is moving towards, this is what we do at RU and this is how RU benefits the states and how it benefits the constituents. The idea was not well received by the director of state relation. Those of us did not find it to be an acceptable answer. If want more info talk to Karen. Want to expand problem.

Jill - Not accounting elected legislators is a problem. Getting endorsement from local and state leaders rather than just federal.

Eric - What do you mean hold accountable?
Dave – Contract model asking them to sign contract saying that we view higher ed as a primary education and vote accordingly. Can take to legislators meeting that the x number of people are in support for the higher ed. When it comes down to a vote it has not been done only talk. Want to have vote say what they tell us is what is done.

Karen – Not a GA run organization. May start from GA but not a RULA committee. When you sign up you are hold accountable for the time you commit. Hopefully more effective and creating volunteer and manpower. It is not an RCGA project. It is a complete separate entity.

Chris – Are you going to be working together on the assembly? Is it going to work through the assembly and trying to voice their opinions?

Karen – No, setting up a frame work for future and sent to other colleges to use as a model.

Dave – It is very nebulous. Should be changing our legislative approach and RU as a whole has not been effective. This is a side project and don’t want to take away from what GA are already doing. We can move forward with lobbying. Steering committee mtg in two weeks for implementation.

Eric – What is your next step since reacted negative?

Dave – Went to see if we can get mailing labels. We were not interested in someone who was doing something for 15 years and not achieving anything. Do not know what the next step is. Want to try to get people on board. More announcement about it coming up.

b. Vice President Jim Kline
All chairs we have meeting after this. We won’t be long.
c. Treasurer Michael Convente
Did all the sophomore pick these sheet up for Student Chartered Trustee. There are 2 spot. 45 member on trustee, 3 are student and are voting position. One of the most important thing is voting on the school budget. One of the term is 2003 and another 2007. You don’t have to have the 48 credits, but you have to have them by July 4. Tuesday, Jan 21, will be interviewed. Meeting every on month and committee meetings as well.

Dave – 6 yr and a 3 yr term. Highest vote for 6 year and the next person of for a 3 yr.

d. Recording Secretary Susan Ko
e. Corresponding Secretary Khushboo Shah
Envoy sheet as usual.

f. Parliamentarian Sharo Atmeh
There are two slots open. Good luck and email with questions of anything. After the next time we meeting I have a BOT’ mtg. Any questions or concerns pls tell me. Wednesday 13th at 3 pm. It is an open meeting.

XII. Committee Announcements
Karen – I just want to say Thank you and Congrats to LA and Sam. We have 4 meetings set for the next week. To everyone else keep going pls.

Sam – Pilot experiment for ten days for color coding flyers.

Usker – We are rewriting constitution for college ave campus council. Wenesday at 9 pm. Also doing it for busch campus councils. Will bring back to body after break. Amend standing rules. No one is censure for this month. Notable decline in out of office service hours. Take time over winter break to meet legislative. Member of the month next week. Send off with a good note next week.

Khush – Hope to encourage administrator. Thanks for support.

Akash – After a lot of deliberation with comm. and GA. We are finally going to see the bill with B express route. Need lot of support. Just let me know.

XIII. Internal Representative Reports
Jill – BOG is meeting on Friday. We will hear something on athletic issue. Met for the first time is the elimination for the 6 sports. So we will see what they have to say about that. Correction with multicultural group.

Greg – Last night went to EGC, was first envoy trip. Dean Carbone and dean of housing were there. Specifically ask about the new organization of housing. They did not give EGC students preferred housing on Busch. The assembly constitution was passed at EGC.

Dymir – EOPSA hold the dinner. I use the segment of the show with what happen with going to Trenton. It was successful.

Eric – CCC. Someone wanted to ban flyers on bulletin which did not passed. It was unanimously rejected. It was an environmental reason for that. New resolution brought up were: Art work to be
displayed for their academic buildings, they are also voting on constitution next week, nominated of BOT rep. Dale Cruson for 6 yr. Paul Venus for 3 yr.

Mike – Was any further discussion why CCC fail to allocate for the Global Warming?
Eric – It was not discussed.

Greg – It was not RULA seats. It is BOT seats Passed against weekend exams.

Matt – LCGA meeting, most important is the discussion of constitution. Distressed with election externally. This presents us with new issue, if they don’t pass will they be part of the assembly. We tried to explain that and said no if not voted for the bill. All members and president expressed discontent with it. It is like forcing them to pass because want to be part of it. I am assuming that they want their modification put in before they pass it. Unfortunately, advisor and president ensuring that their organization will still be funding them through the assembly. Advisor saying that there organization will still be funded.

Mike – (POI) Allocation will have no rep from LC but still get it. Have no say but still get funded.

Chris – The way that internal president was handling, she understood that there would be no voting power on allocation distributed. They all seem to feel that they are bullied by RCGA.

Matt – The scary thing is that LCGA can vote down and run as a side show to the assembly. They are voting on it next week. Another LCGA member ask, so if all GA fail will RCGA become the assembly. That is proving and showing that Dave is a communist dictator. LCGA is under the impression and this is how we are going to have our power. I have notice that going to LCGA meeting, DCGA and EGC where are the LCGA envoys here? They are not going to any other GAs. We should tell them to come instead staying in their own world. Lillian is trying to plea by asking them what do they want so they can be part and still represent and their internal pres said we want equality. She said that their time and effort spent on the committee was wasted because their suggestions were not considered. She is having a hard time trying to get in contact from McCormick. So if don’t get anything, will do a sit-in at McCormick office.

Mike – Can you back up that they do not have any internal rep?

Chris – It seem like they basically think that the other GA didn’t have the authority to have the right to exclude you from it if you don’t want to be part of it. They want to know where you got the permission to do this. Sam, she did make a point that there is going to be one school of arts and sciences.

Matt - Murkerjee meeting – Molenaar also came. It was a long and informative meeting on both ends. Changing the scheduling would be expensive and faculty would be ify since they just got one change not long ago. Molenaar agreed with Murkerjee. He came because he can do something with the bus. So what Molenaar showed to me with the B route thinning of trying flipping B route completely. If question with what he said e-mail me. Murkerjee also asked me to find out what majors are being affected. He is in the process of doing it. Ask me to ask peers. Email if that happens to you.
LCGA pass a similar bill, the same one that Khush sponsor and would be happy to work with them and said no that they will be individual.

Khush – We are holding a bookswap on Jan 17th from 3 pm – 9 pm in the RSC MPR. So we are going to be working on that.

XIV. Press Questions
The X route meeting is that open to the public?
Akash – As soon as I can get a date I will get it to you.

XV. Public Sector  At this time, members of the public who wish to make announcements may do so.
XVI. Additional Information
Akash - Thank you Matt to a good LCGA report. At senate mtg, Blimling and McCormick to have a LC expansion meeting. The initially weren’t going to have any RCGA there. Sam who organize the meeting included me on the list. Will set a priority list and see how many can go. Creating for center of student life on LC which would be Tillet. Move campus center to Tillet. In the end we are going to be paying for this. If interested let me know.

Maurice – I met with this women who is in charge of flyers. Her first name is Diana. Help me out to formulate new policy for flyer. Do pilot program after break to put up and have it color coded to see when it is supposed to be torn down. Tomorrow I will send email what the policy is. The only general idea is that Mon, Wed, and Fri are the only days to be taken down. Recycle Mania came in 31st place for a school that is conscious in recycling. I went back to my high school to talk about RU. That was fun. Everyone was interested in nursing and engineering. It anyone goes back to the high school. Either or mention the EOF program. Only one person you knew what it was. Even the counselor did not know. They were not interested in football.

Eddie – Pinpoint a group is how you get sued. Other GA have singed out and almost been sued. It is going to be that committee will have something for next semester for student fee. Concern, comments, to the meeting. We are going on Thursday.

Eric – Thank Matt for a good report. I was at LCGA meeting two weeks. They have a huge misconception about our intentions. They are not as large of the body as our. People who were on the committee were not so antagonistic.

Yelena – I made an appt for Dec 13th. Shar and I are making appt for our district and the ones near it during break, let me know.

Grant – Went to speak to school on Wednesday and have a good number of interested in RU and interested in Douglass Residential college. Lot of people interested. Another graduate catalog for admission. If anyone have question, call and set it up and go. Talk to students and ask questions.


Jill – Another GA almost got sued because they rejected that group not because they spoke about it.

XVII. Roll Call
XVII. Adjournment at 9:02 pm