General Body Meeting
October 24, 2006

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. External Representative Reports

LCGA (Michael) – Tomorrow the RU Dems are debating the RU Republicans from 7:30P to 9P in College Hall featuring Greg Walker and Martin DeLuca. LCGA will be working with CCC to discuss the housing issues presented by the new School of Arts and Sciences.

CCC (Michael) – also reported about the housing issues.

VIII. New Business
   RF06-10 Resolution Supporting the New Jersey Supreme Court’s Decision in Lewis v. Harris
   Amendment (friendly): delete the word “marriage” from the “Be it Finally Resolved” clause.
   RF06-11 Resolution Urging a Change in the Staggered Class Schedule
   Eddie: What are considered to be rush hour classes?  Most students take classes between 1P and 4P but I will look for better wording for next week.

IX. Old Business
X. Officer Reports
   a. President Dave Cole

   Cybil James, the new University ombudsman, will be joining us as a guest speaker on 11/21.

   There was a steering committee meeting for Restructuring Student Government – it was a marathon, lasting for four hours. We will have the document by this weekend and we will have about a month to discuss and hopefully approve it for referendum.

   There was a Steering Committee Meeting for the Implementation of the changes for Undergraduate Education where we discussed publicity for the progress.

   Jeff Chang will be stepping down, which means that in two weeks we will have an open Class of 2008 Representative position.
b. Vice President Jim Kline

There was a chairs meeting after last Tuesday’s meeting – you can get in touch with chairs about what’s going on in their committees if you’re interested.

For those of you who are still interested in going back to your high schools to recruit for Rutgers I have the materials you’ll need at the end of the meeting.

c. Treasurer Michael Convente

I’m beginning to put together a budget for RCGA for the Spring Semester. Chairs please get your budgets into me shortly and begin to think about what events you want to have next semester.

d. Recording Secretary Susan Ko

No Report.

e. Corresponding Secretary Khushboo Shah

I’m passing around the envoy sheet so please sign up for it.

f. Parliamentarian Sharo Atmeh

Please be respectful for next week’s debate.

XI. Committee Announcements

LA (Karen) – Last Friday, a few members of LA went to the Commission on Higher Education and it was a pretty good meeting. There is a long range plan that comes out every year that the governor uses as advisory materials. The outline is available currently. We met with Chairwoman Jane Oates after the meeting and she really put us on the right track for our lobbying efforts for the next few months. If you have any questions contact me after the meeting. LA will also be meeting with legislators over the next few months. I’m passing around guidebooks with information about your districts.

UA (Akash) – UA will be meeting in here for 15 minutes after the meeting.

AA (Khush) – AA will be discussing the effects of the budget cut on the library as well as course schedule posting and we will be meeting for a few minutes after the meeting tonight.

IA (Usker) – Service hours are due on Monday and we will be discussing the member of the month so please send us recommendations. We will also get started with the issues for the constitutional referendum and the creation of the Busch Campus Council.

Sam (SCA) – We will be meeting after the meeting.
XII. Internal Representative Reports

BOT (Sharo) – the BOT held their first meeting of the semester this month and it decided to divest the University from all of its investment holdings in the Sudan. The Lipmann Hearn Project is moving underway and the capital campaign is entering into what is called the “silent” stage where the University will be approaching large donors before the public stage of the campaign.

Karen: Is it listed anywhere that this money will be used for X, Y, and Z? No, it’s still too early in the campaign.

CAC Jury (Jillian) – The jury met over the past three days to discuss the exhibits and we made our recommendation to the President this afternoon, but because of a confidentiality agreement I can’t tell you what we recommended.

State Relations Committee (Jillian) – This is a confidential committee, but I can tell you that things are going well.

Alumni Taskforce (Jillian) – Our goal here is to find a way to reorganize and reconnect the alumni to the University for the Capital Campaign and the future.

RULA (Sharo) – RULA is having an event in the State House on November 20th which is going to be a huge deal and more information is to come.

Asian Student Council (Albert) – November 12th, CASA is showing a video in the BCC at 7:30P. December 13th is their big event called Asian Gala which is meant for Asian Cultural Awareness and the proceeds will be donated to charity.

XIII. Press Questions

XIV. Public Sector  

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XV. Additional Information

Sam Plascencia: The Day Without Hate is going on right now downstairs, so please sign up.

Will: Is Election Day an excused absence for those who have to go home and vote or work on Election Day? No, it will not be excused.

XVI. Roll Call

XVII. Adjournment 7:30P