General Body Meeting
September 12, 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.

NJPIRG Representative - Came to introduce herself and about NJPIRG.

Karen – I want to welcome everyone back. I am one of the advisors of RCGA. I will get to know you over the year. Lori and I go back and forth to the meetings. I look forward to working with all of you.

PGC (President) – Just attending and keep up to date.

VII. External Representative Reports

BOG (Jill Curtis) – Will hear updates and meetings from me. Education Planning and Policy meeting on 9/28 at 1 pm. There will be another one at 10/13 in Camden. If you have questions and want to know about updates feel free to talk to me.

Sharo – Board of Trustee. Disappear to go to other meetings. Serve as envoys to other meetings. Jill and I will be disappearing at periods of time. BOG and BOT meet at the same time. Serve as student liaison. Help out wherever can.

Jill – Work with the GAs to help create restructure of student government. Send out an email about committees by Dave about the restructuring. Any questions?

Dave – BOG consists of 11 members and BOT highest members of university. They have jurisdiction over the Rutgers land.

VIII. In-body Election

Confirmation for E-board Members (2)

Mike Convente for Treasurer
Khushboo Shah is nominated by Andrew Geibel for corresponding secretary.

Motion to close meeting. Approved at 6:48 pm.
Motion to open meeting. Approved at 7:11 pm

Mike Convente is treasurer.
Khushboo Shah is corresponding secretary.
IX. New Business
   RF06 – 01 Bill to Approve the Elections Guidelines and Elections Cover Letter
   Moved to Old Business at 7:14 pm
   Unanimous consent

   RF06 – 02 Bill to Approve the Elections Appeals Guidelines
   Moved to Old Business at 7:16 pm
   Unanimous consent

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

First and most importantly, welcome back. We had a couple of events in June, they were budget events. There was a press conference and petitions were released which consists of nearly 7,000 signatures presented to members of assembly. 60 students were sent to Trenton to meet with legislators about why budget is important and are not in favor of the students. We lay ground work and will continue fight this year.

NSO events, Congrats to Dina and Andrew for CPR. Working with NSO was a way to get involve in student government. Involvement fair had approximately 260 groups to share info and how to get involve in groups. Hopefully will see good response from that event.

Two elections - 6 reps for 2010 which starts Monday, the 25th to Thursday. The results will be announced on the 29th. Info sessions are coming up. There is an info session right after this mtg. Come and learn what it means to be an RCGA member. Info session on Busch and one on Friday on Busch as well. We look forward to seeing all candidates. It’s a good experience. Encourage everyone to get involved. There is an in-body election 9/26 for university senator and 08 rep. This is open to all Rutgers College but excludes affiliates of RC. Show up to meeting and nominate your self. You have to give a one minute speech and answer questions if any.

One of the biggest event – Constitution Day. Karen and LA committee has been diligently working on it. Next Monday. Senator Menendez will be there. Need volunteers. Extended invitation to Keene but will not fit into his schedule

Student government restructuring. Each college has associations. Not going to work with one school of arts and sciences. We do have a lot of leadership opportunities. There are hundreds of student leaders. We want to see that continue. Sent email to elected members for the committees. Break down student government members to individual committees. Work on different attributes on restructuring. There are many committees in place: allocation, committees, steering, structure etc. See Dave, Sharo or Jill for any questions. Info will be available on websites as well. We need RCGA volunteers. We need 12 people to step up. If didn’t email please see me after meeting, implementation committees for task force. Jim will talk more about it. Computer is updated to windows XP. Should be able to log in with eden. Password is test 555. It will ask u to make a new password. We launch the RCGA blog.

Grant – Are we going to have a shared document folder?
   Dave – there should be two, one for allocations and one for RCGA.
If you want to put any committee news can send to Dave or Jim to put on blog.

Next week will have guest speaker Jack Molenaar from RUDOT. If anyone has technical questions for parktran so I can warn him so he can be prepared. It helps that he gets some preparation so he can bring statistics.

We will have dance marathon people here to speak to us of RCGA getting involve again.

Some mix up about our meeting rooms. We are being bumped to the next room for next mtg. Worst case scenario will have signs to show we are in 410. Next week 410 and the week after that is 411.

b. Vice President Jim Kline

Jim – Welcome back everyone. Congrats to Khush and Mike. Want to thank elections committee and CPR working with NSO to spread RCGA. Saw a lot of great things and we didn’t start yet. One last housekeeping thing, if you have trouble logging in on the computer in the office let me know asap so we can fix it. After mtg run over to office to try it. Encourage everyone to get involved. We need as much feedback and as much participation as possible. Critical yr for student government we have to reorganize ourselves. I hope everyone gets involved.

Fall retreat – Oct 6th – 8th at Camp Bernie, still in process of planning. Had meetings with some of you guys to make it more fun. Worked on it all summer with Lori and Karen. What we saw so far is great. Better than last place. Swear it will be a lot of fun. Try to make as much fun as possible. That’s when friendship forms. Lots of great memories. Third yr. for me time flies by quick. If you are interested in helping me plan the retreat reach out to me. Sunday before last week – fall eboard / chair mtg. Set agenda for the fall. What we are going to do at retreat.

We are changing the way we do committees reports. Weekly mandatory committee blogs. After mtg post up blog. For communities and transparency reasons.

Chairs have a special place in my heart. You are the first responders and mentors for committees. One last thing allocations, no rep tonight but important to communicate with them. Sunday Dave and I had training with them. Had meeting with other people for funds. Cook is different from us in the way they allocate money.

Implementation – worked on it a lot of the summer. Set up separate committees after that and give recommendation to McCormick and sort of enact on it. Students and faculty run on it. Some of you guys were asked by me and Dave to work on it at the RCGA level. Residential colleges, admission, academic issues are some of the committees. We are going to divide some of these communities into ours, so RCGA can work on it as well. University, housing, assessment, early implementation issues go to UA on the committee mtg. Will free up a lot of our time.

Jill – I am on excom, does that mean I go to UA although I’m on IA..
Dave: UA will dedicate 5 minutes in the beginning to talk about it.
Really big process most amount of input. Each committee need to write a recommendation. Does anyone have any questions about it? Most of this semester is going to be a rush.. Samir wants to go to admission committees but it is close so go to AA and AA can talk about it at the RCGA level. A lot of committees started to meet in the summer. Dean Carbone is now a dean of residential. Admission committee has put online a new and improve application starting this month. It is on the website. For the first class on the arts and science college entering next year.

Khush – Is someone on RCGA members on all the implementation committees? Jim – No, try to get as many. It is now closed but go to the UA meetings since it is under RCGA now.

We will see student union which is a new term. We will see changes really quick. If you have questions come to me I'm b with one on one.

c. Treasurer Michael Convente

Thank you for confirming me as your new treasurer. We now have a balance $9,535. 92. Work with SCA and get cultural funding.

d. Recording Secretary Susan Ko
e. Corresponding Secretary Katie Talalas

f. Parliamentarian Sharo Atmeh

Jill and I are defacto on the steering committees. Please volunteer on these committees. We will do hands-on things in the committees. Implementation faculty engagement committee. Fight to death for student outreach committee. Faculty will be engaged, come and ask questions. Faculty will come to meetings and talk and want to see what students want. Budget cuts worst than we thought. Oh well. Just kidding. The various students are getting together a report on the actual things that happen as a result of budget cut. The president address is on Friday urge all to attend, seat is limited but one of the most important address. Homecoming is this weekend so enjoy. The new enrollment VP is Courtney McAnuff.

XII. Committee Announcements

Dave – different committees to work on things among in university, everyone is welcome to participate.

Karen (LA) – this is geared towards the body. Since none of you replied to my email, I am going to assume that none of you got my email. I will tell about it. Constitution Day - movies being shown and refreshments. LA is trying to do the get out to vote campaign. Tables set up on Busch and College Ave. I need 2 things from you, volunteers which will be handing out forms. I will pass the paper and you guys will write your name on it. Secondly, working for Menedez to come. And he is coming and did contact Keene but he cannot come. Come at 1:30 to listen to a speech. Press will be there. If you cannot be there, please tell other groups and your friends to go. We need a large crowd to be there. Targum has an ad about it and maybe RUTV. 1.Sign up on the paper. 2. Volunteer 3. Do both 4. Tell your friends.
Sharo – College vote has been more and more important. So if large group shows up more candidates will come in the future.

Dave - Any other questions?

Erik (UA) – Interested in UA meet me after this. Monday at 12:30. Encourage all to come and talk about issues. Can voice anything about university affairs and cover large jurisdiction. People on implementation committee need to see me. Let us all know what’s going on.

Andrew – Two announcements, one for Dina and one for me. Anyone interested in CPR come see me after this meeting. We try to reach out to people. We are trying to do weekly ad, closer to semi-weekly ads. Chairs, if any ideas for ad let me know.

Khush (AA) – Right now we don’t have a meeting time. Meet me after mtg on the right side.

Jim – Have to meet somewhere else. Elections committee are having their info session here.

Sam – Residential life and implementation committee. We are mtg on Sunday at 9:30 pm in the RCGA office.

Usker – Cover letter has the info session scheduled. Info session tonight and, Others on Busch tomorrow and one on Friday. Please come to that. Next Tuesday is a mandatory candidate meeting. Please come to that. As per IA stuff, attendance policy standing rule 13 states 3 unexcused is allowed. Committee counts as 1 and general mtg is counts as 1. 3 is ground for some sanction. If miss anyone of them, give e-board the excuse. If you have a class, drop it or pick up another section. Had someone that had an 8:30 class and thought he can make it. Sort that out now before we get too far. Can’t make committee work out with chair or talk to Dave to switch. Violations of the rules that person will be removed from the body. Standing rule 14 states 4 service hours. EOF, RHA, and OCSA do not have to do service hours. Do in office and out of office. Sign in sheet. Make sure to sign out the time and get hours counted for. To get into office ask e-board or chair if there. If not go to operation office and show id and they will open for you. If operations office is closed go to front desk. In-body election coming up for 08 rep. and senate. Questions?

XIII. Internal Representative Reports

Grant (RHA) - Past 3 weeks we have been really busy working on election stuff info session in residential hall. Our election start tomorrow into Thursday. First general body is on the 18th. Expect huge turnout I look forward to working with you.

Sharo – RULA meet at Thursday 9 pm this week in RCGA office. RULA is a lobbying association. We discuss issues university wide, state wide, local and legislation.

Dusan - Is it going to be at the same time every week?

Sharo - Yes and it will be every other week.

Targum Press is Carrie.
XIV. Press Questions
XV. Public Sector   *At this time, members of the public who wish to make announcements may do so.*
XVI. Additional Information

Eddie – Reminder, no senate meeting and not having committee. Go to president address. Interesting speech does not regard implementation. There will be other interesting things he talks about.

Karen – Blame me for messing up the sheet. Only up to 3 pm for Constitution Day. So those that sign up and maybe you can do another shift.

Dave – Thank you for bearing with us for this meeting for the new people. First mtg we need to get all business out.

XVII. Roll Call
XVIII. Adjournment
   8:10 pm