General Body Meeting  
September 19, 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.

Adriana (Dance Marathon) – Want you guys to participate physically in the marathon. Want to have you as a team. It is explained in the yellow handout. 32 hour culmination held on March 24 – 25 to raised money for kids with blood disorder and cancer. Marathon is for Rutgers community – social black out. Incorporate as many students as possible. We had a large party fund in recognition for these children with blood disorders and cancer. It is at the College Ave gym. You cannot sit and sleep for 32 hours. You don’t have to dance, you can sway. We have continuous music and events for you to partaken. Z100, DJs, continuous food (Outback, Thomas Sweets, Dunkin Donuts). We had mechanic bowl and two masseuses working on the dancers for a 10 minute period. We have a country line dancing instructor. We have different theme hour, entire hour dedicated to a different theme. Had an 80’s theme, down the shore – set up sand and played sand game. Had girls in Bikinis. Had a Wild West. Had a sport theme hour, Madden tournaments. Also Dance Marathon which happens Saturday night, close light and have a huge club party. Lots of fun. Have Hand glow sticks and gets exciting. People fight towards the end for it. Max capacity fill to the brim, pay five dollars to get in. Have people waiting outside. Invite children that benefit to family theme hour. After all the hard work, you get to see the family. They love the fact that they have older brothers and sister that recognize it and help them going through. Money raised does not go to research, it goes to the non medical needs. That means if family cannot pay for water bill or car bill, help pay since they have all the treatments to pay for. Help lead normal lives. Have two full time teachers that help them keep up their studies. Scare to go back to school because they are scared that they look like they fell behind. We also pay attention to the siblings to try and help cope with this. Institute is based in New Brunswick. Several buildings are affiliate with Rutgers. 32 hours is a lot but shows how little going through compare to the kids with the blood disorder and cancer. Turn to the yellow card. There is a captain. Apps due yesterday but probably extend. Work with director to plan the marathon. Can go to mtg like this to solicit the dance marathon, go to food organization to get food donated, go to meetings now until marathon, volunteer work two 4 hour shifts and pay a small fee. If can’t do year long commitment volunteer is great. Can be a dancer. You are the one that makes the marathon happen. Just go to the website listed on the yellow card. Sign up and you are in. There are sessions that teach you what to do. We also offer institute visit and we can set that up for you as well. So please check out the website. Meet tons of people. Encourage for group to come in.

Eddie: Adopt a Family, how does that work?

Adriana: Apply for it by October. Becoming a big sister or brother to hang out with them, visit them or buy them toys. Can support them in an even more personal way.

Khush: As a group what is the fee for dancers?
Adriana: 35 dollars per person for dancers. You are required to raise $300. There are canning weekend. Give you friend and family letter.

Josh Truppo: Chair of CCC. Look forward to work you with. Two meetings but they are housekeeping ones. Law services, accounting services, Cooper Dining hall close, career services. We love to have an envoy every week here for you.

VII. External Representative Reports

Andrew (Tennis team) - Bring awareness. One of the 6 teams being cut because of the budget. Bring awareness to RCGA to help get it restore. We have a website savetennis.rutgers.org. We have been on the news. If you guys can do anything, we definitely have a say about the budget.

Dave: Talk to Eric.

NJPIRG (Sarah) – 58 voters reg on Constitution Day. Big event – October 20th Northeast student leadership conference. Bring together students leaders training for student organizing and governing skills. Focus, get out to vote, global warming, higher education issue. The fight for higher education and getting politician vote is not over. Would love to see everyone in this room to go to Boston. Would love for everyone to look at the website. Does anyone question about Boston?

VIII. Guest Speaker

Jack Molenaar – Rutgers University Department of Transportation Services

Jack: Start with what’s new? Try to come twice but only came once last semester. We change the name. Transportation encompasses everything. Good time to change name because we change location. 55 Commercial Ave. Had to change envelopes and labels so good time to change. Budget did hit the dept. Cut half million in bus budget. Your transportation fee was raise by 10%. 250, 000 to make difference in budget cut. Only had to cut two things: Busch library shuttle. It was redundant. Cut exam service a frequency of 10 to 13 minutes. Had to cut buses on every single line if difference were made. Hope does not cause the problem. People did not even know the Busch library shuttle exist. Exam shuttle is covered by nextbus. We have new buses. Targum article about the new buses. New buses are easy to unload, low to the floor. Stop buttons on poles. For drivers it is easier to turn easier to use in the city street. Windows so can see in and out a lot. Why did you get new buses if budget cut. Company (Academy) ask to bring them in and said okay. It is hard to believe but true. That is a good thing. The stops in front of the Rutgers student ctr. We made that change because that stop was in btw two crosswalks. Bus block crosswalk. Consolidate to bus in one stop which keep them moving more. We requested that stop to be push back. It is good for safety. Nextbus.com tells you exactly when the buses come. Pull dispatcher off street. Don’t need someone sitting in booth. Had to get fix because of ventilation problem. Not good for management or administrative standpoint. Dispatcher now watching the screen, like air control traffic. All L route buses are bunched up, so held them at the stop. Ruins the system for the whole day. L was so bad because it sits in traffic and all of them caught up. Try to work to keep them spaced. If 10 mins. late or early don’t pay for that full run. Last yr missed whole run would not pay. Forced to manage system better.

Parking, presented concept to charge resident more. Not approve. 140 for commuters, 180 for residents. Upper management keep it flat for this year be of what’s going on. Proposed for 2007.
Enough to get feedback to go to fall semester. Everyone got caught up in budget. Will be coming on to look at everything. Charging high for some and low for some. Maybe open for all. Doesn’t matter what school it is based on where you lived. Looking at everything and anything. If any ideas they are welcome. Online commuters could buy pass for any zone. Rutgers College only. Limited to what is sold at 55 commercial. Reduced line. Gray slips to park on yellow lot the 1st two weeks. Just took it away. Eliminate 4 administrative people. This is the free NJ transit week. Can use it for free. Njtransit.com, get a coupon go out and go to Hoboken

Mike: Potentially revenue from zipcar?
Jack: Subsidizing zipcar and still there. Advertise on postcard that went out in the mail. Raise residential pass to advertise zipcar.

Akash: Talked about getting meters on College Ave?
Jack: Look at all different places. Not done with master plan. One of the places Lot 26 in the spring to a meter. Anyone affiliate can park there if have a pass. Depend on how permit sells go. Can close off that lot and not have deck over packed.

Eddie: Why the REXB doesn’t stop at the Parking lot (stadium)?
Jack: REXB, only academic stops for one stop to another stop. Not for commuters or residents.
Eddie: She was not able to get a pass on College Ave but got a Busch pass.
Jack: She could have bought a Cook/Douglas Pass. Choices shows up online.

Alyssa: Meter lot half an hour?
Jack: Don’t know, not as long as a class. Can set up those station so can’t add time. Want to use credit card and knight express?

Khush: The thing with L buses, does that apply to all buses?
Jack: Yes all route

Akash: New lot on Busch across Werblin?
Jack: Doing work on field not lot.

Jim: Continue to push for the two, what the timeline?
Jack: This semester

Eddie: Changing the A for the bus stop? Don’t like seeing people walking that far at night. That part is shadowed it is possible to move it just for night. Farther to clothier.
Jack: No. We want to have it one stop easier for security and cameras.

Chris: LC student who might not be guaranteed parking?
Jack: No final say. You have more influence than I do. If you want it a certain way push it strongly. Housing wants to keep LC for parking for residents. Looking at different option. Residents are just storing vehicle for the most part. Permit ratio system how much can sell. Spend lots of time on parking waiver.

Greg: Expanding current deck or build one that is just a lot one behind gym?
Jack: Right now we have more than enough paring 21,000. 20,000 a stall to build a deck. Buses is cheaper. Maintenance for the deck is expensive. Last thing to do is build the deck. Manage system first.

Khush: What was the order that ran out for passes?
Jack: A out, 18th, Busch sold out yesterday, Cook still available

Akash: Closer to the lot because it goes that way to go to Busch
Jack: Livingston or Busch, just going to be on a bus anyway. Extend bus if add west lot. Cost more money to do that. B route is difficult. That is the only route truly stress about.

Khush: Can’t get to class on time with 20 mins?
Jack: Looking at whether to create express route or add a bus. Constantly working on it. Changing the LX to only route 18 instead of river road or cedar lane. Just email those things if having problems.

A lot of the bus sit there and some just leave. So sit there for 5 mins. Is it possible to just switch the bus schedule?
Jack: It should be rare that it should happen. Email me. I hate when two double ee, get off in back and get in front. Believe computers tell lies. So if we have backup definitely helps us and you.

Dusan: Is there a way to a different stop first instead of center first, trying to make it express.
Jack: Still making it work maybe making it express.

What is the website?
Nextbus.com, trying to get one onto every bus stop. If internet get it at anytime. Students have used it in the summer. Sleep longer or doing something else.

IX. New Business
    RF06-03 Bill to Grant “Be the Change Day” Special Events Status and Funding

Dave: Does anyone have any technical issues? We will have representative next week to talk about it?

Khush: Can we have special event funding at any time?
Dave: We will have one more this semester and another one in spring?

Chris: How much money do we still have set aside?
Dave: We have about $38,000 for the whole year.

    RF06-04 Bill to Co-Sponsor Class Council of 2008 Bus Trip to Navy Game

Sam is stepping in for Susie.
Dave: Technical question?
Dusan: 15 for the bus?
Sam: 10 and left over money is use for something else at end of the year.
Dina: Game and bus cost 15.
Dusan: When I was in SCA, the most amount sold for a ticket is 10 dollars. I don’t know if that is still in the guidelines. Up to SCA committee to set in the guideline.
Dave: Don’t actually have a set guide. Up to SCA disgression.
Chris: Does other GAs fund this?
Dave: We are the only one.
Jill: Point of info. they had this last year.

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

One resignation from Merryman, had organic chemistry class on Tuesdays. Another 08 class rep opened. Next week we also have 08 and senate seat open as in-body. Freshmen info session after this. Had allocation meeting yesterday. 3 passed. 2 will be in next week meeting. If any question let me know so we can debate on it next week. We have about $38,000 total that is for whole year.

b. Vice President Jim Kline

Hand out important paper and program waiver for retreat. Mail tonight or we can’t do some activities. There is also memo for member.

I am now an official member for student fee consolidation committee, under Blimling. Take all college and consolidate into one. The next couple of months we will be talking about this. Will report this in meetings. Will go to UA to talk about this. To create flat fee, athletic and club sports.

Me and Dave go to DCGA to kick the envoy system just like Josh came tonight. We will try to introduce ourselves. Get ball rolling for the envos. Khush is hard at work for the envoy sheet. Talk to chairs after mtg. recommend to check the blog. Thanks to chair that posted this week. Continue to go the way it is this week, I am so happy I don’t have to send it out.

Jill: Every time somehow post blog does it go to body or everyone?
Jim: Just body.

Saw blog and answer questions in blogs. All waivers must be back tonight. Thanks LA for tremendous work for constitution day. Karen has been working on it all summer. Menedez was here, it was awesome. Hopefully get Kean before election.

Direct everyone attention to the handout. Will go right down the list. October 6th – 8th. Take off work. Attendance on retreat is mandatory. Transportation will be provided. Leave at 4:30 pm sharp. Reference to the Memo. Next week, health insurance number and ssn. In case accidents or someone getting sick. If have cool ideas let me know. 5 – 6:30 next week for retreat planning meeting. Zero tolerance for alcohol. No drinking. Will give you packing list as it gets closer. Waiting for freshmen to get on board. 4 yrs ago someone bought alcohol and every got home. Questions, comments or concerns let me know.

Dusan: Where you meeting?
Jim: In the office on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm
Chairs see me after this meeting.

c. Treasurer Michael Convente

95,000. If committees doing event give me receipts.

d. Recording Secretary Susan Ko

e. Corresponding Secretary Khushboo Shah

Passing around envoy sheet. Important this yr to go and participate. We need good relationship. President and VP setting an example. Get it back to me before meeting.

Eddie: If you sign up for DCGA does that means you are excuse?

Dave: Excuse once a month, do want to go to their mtg.

f. Parliamentarian Sharo Atmeh

XII. Committee Announcements

Dina: Chair for CPR, tomorrow we are co-working with class council. Need volunteer. Bishop beach tomorrow 2 – 8. So pass around sheet. Eddie will be there if any questions. Oh it’s a bbq

Jim: Lot of signing sheet going around, there weren’t as many people on Busch, people are not signing up for enough stuff. Service hours so get them done. Just volunteer from the heart.

Usker: Candidates mtg after this mtg. If you guys want service hours feel free to come on down. 08 and senate next week. Tell friends. See ya next week.

Eric: Will send email on transforming undergraduate education committee. Please be quick to send email back.

XIII. Internal Representative Reports

Jill: BOG mtg this week. McCormick will go over goal visions in the year. Any questions see me after meeting

Sharo: RULA met this week, we discussed quite a bit. An event at some point in mid Nov and early Nov in actual statehouse. Begin efforts early and start high. Got advice and lobbying. This year budget out in March wont get the extra month. The fight doesn’t end.

XIV. Press Questions

XV. Public Sector At this time, members of the public who wish to make announcements may do so.

XVI. Additional Information
Greg: Thank everyone for the whole set up for constitution day. I was unable to be there for Mendez speech. I was dismayed at what we saw in front of the Targum. I want to know if it was supposed to be a Mendez rally? Does he know it was constitution day, did anyone let him know?

Karen: We invited him for Constitution day, we weren’t told what his speech was about, no one in RCGA wore his stickers. It was not intended to be partisan. Didn’t invite Mendez for a communist rally. Bring awareness about candidate in election.

Dave: Thank Karen, did everything in her power. Rejected a prewritten speech. Qualify success.

Greg: Just wondering what the deal was, the RCGA name was on it and it looks bad.

Jill: The RCGA did not intentionally put it in the ad. The people from the candidate did it. There is only so much you can do with the candidate.

Usker: OCSA had their first meeting last night. Had pizza. Dean Neigborn Mondays at 8 pm at the next meeting. 10/16 Molenaar will be there again.

Eric: RCGA intramural team, particularly a dodge team. Send an email for registration time and hopefully a sign up sheet next week. 25th is the deadline.

Sharo: Everyone knows about tradition if you are of age after mtg.

XVII. Roll Call
XVIII. Adjournment
  7:44 pm