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Bill to Adopt the Recommendations of the RUSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Sustainable Governance

Whereas, the initial purpose of the RUSA Ad-Hoc Committee on Sustainable Governance was to explore alternative structures for student governance at Rutgers University — New Brunswick and to collaborate with stakeholders groups from within the University;

Whereas, the natural direction the Committee took placed a strong emphasis on collective bargaining and collaboration;

Whereas, Presidents of all undergraduate student governments at Rutgers University — New Brunswick — including the Engineering Governing Council (EGC), the SEBS Governing Council (SGC), the Pharmacy Governing Council (PGC), the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA), the Mason Gross Student Governing Association (MGSGA), the Rutgers Business Governing Association (RBGA), and the Douglass Governing Council (DGC) — were consulted and/or communicated with throughout the duration of the Committee;

Whereas, EGC President Navruz Baum and EGC Internal Finance Chair Sharon Xiao were active working members of the Committee, and the final report reflects their contributions to discussion;

Whereas, the collaboration between all stakeholders was extremely efficient and beneficial in fostering general goodwill and an active working relationship; and

Whereas, RUSA has adopted the recommendations of the Committee;

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Be it hereby resolved, the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) shall adopt the following recommendations based on the [report of the RUSA Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainable Governance](#):

1. EGC supports the creation of a “Presidents Council” to consist of the Presidents and one additional member of all of the undergraduate student governments on campus.
 - a. The additional member for EGC shall be the External Vice President. If either the President or the External Vice President cannot attend, the Internal Vice President shall attend in their place. If either no one or one person can attend out of the President, the External Vice President, and the Internal Vice President, the President may appoint an EGC member or members to serve in the interim.
 - b. EGC encourages the Presidents Council to meet on a monthly basis, beginning after the EGC Transition Meeting and meeting during the next academic year, with the first meeting being organized by RUSA and each subsequent meeting being organized by a student government, cycling: first with RUSA then each student government in alphabetical order.
 - c. The Presidents Council shall be encouraged to discuss ongoing initiatives, pertinent issues on campus, challenges to student governance, and best practices.
 - d. EGC encourages the Presidents Council to be transparent and publish a record of their proceedings from time to time and make the same available to other members of undergraduate student government.
 - e. EGC shall refer to the Internal Review Committee the matter of examining whether or not the Presidents Council should be a permanent fixture as an inter-governmental body and whether or not EGC’s participation should be mandated under the Standing Rules.
2. EGC shall participate in a “Student Government Symposium” consisting of all of the undergraduate student governments at Rutgers University — New Brunswick which allocate the Student Activities Fee.

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- a. All executive offices of each student government, including, at minimum, chairs of standing and ad hoc committees, shall be invited to attend the Symposium.
 - b. The Symposium shall be organized on a date which is amicable to most student governments and held within the first two months of the Fall Semester.
 - c. The Symposium shall serve as a forum to discuss ongoing and new initiatives, challenges in student governance, and best practices.
3. EGC shall support the creation of an Executive Directory, to consist of the contact information for all executive offices of all student governments.
 - a. The Secretary shall be tasked with including the EGC email accounts for all of the Chairs of Standing Committees and members of the Executive Board, and updating them as necessary.
 - b. EGC encourages the dissemination of this list, once completed, to all members of student government.
4. EGC shall support the implementation of an additional monthly meeting attended by the undergraduate members of the University Senate's Student Caucus during months in which the Senate is scheduled to meet; adjacent to the release of the next Senate meeting agenda.
 - a. EGC shall encourage all of the EGC Senators to attend the meeting in order to review the business scheduled for the Senate meetings.
 - b. EGC shall refer to the Internal Review Committee the matter of examining whether the additional Student Caucus meetings should become a permanent fixture and whether or not attendance by EGC Senators should be mandated. EGC further encourages other student governments to do the same.

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