



# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #1**

WHEREAS Grand Marshal Week 2018 Elections included a number of human errors, including, but not limited to, the omission of amendments, the appearance of duplicate names on the ballot, the inclusion of write-in candidates on the ballot, and the omission of RPI identification checks at polling locations;

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2018, the Elections Commission released a list of its concerns with the elections, noting that the elections were not tampered by any candidate and that the results stood as valid;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2018, the Rensselaer Union Judicial Board ruled that the concerns with the elections process must be addressed and resolved for subsequent elections; and

WHEREAS the Rensselaer Union Constitution authorizes the Student Senate to establish and maintain elections policies and procedures;

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To establish the Elections Reform Task Force as a special committee of the 49th Student Senate:
  - a. Its membership shall consist of the Grand Marshal, the Chairperson of the Elections Commission, the Chairperson of the Web Technologies Group, a judicial board emeritus, and three members-at-large appointed by the Grand Marshal, and
  - b. It shall fulfill its purpose and present to the Student Senate, in the form of a report and resolution, its recommendations by no later than December 31, 2018, and
2. To charge the Elections Reform Task Force with the purposes of:
  - a. Reviewing elections policies, including the *Grand Marshal Week 2018 Elections Handbook*, to identify and recommend solutions to any issues with the elections process, and



- b. Working with the Web Technologies Group, the Rensselaer Union Systems Administrators and Software Engineers, alumni, and other Union organizations, to identify and recommend solutions to any technical issues with the voting system, or to propose an alternative to the current voting system.

SO MOVED BY

Nancy Bush '19

AND SECONDED BY

Bryan Johns '19

VOTE

17-0-1

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# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #2**

WHEREAS Jerry Matthews has served the Department of Public Safety for over eight years, as Director from 2005 to 2009 and as Interim Director from 2014 to 2018;

WHEREAS he has shown a true dedication to not only protecting the students of Rensselaer, but also engaging with them as an active member of the campus community;

WHEREAS he has played a major role in the expansion and creation of numerous safety initiatives on campus, including growing the officer escort program during overnight shift hours, the implementation of a campus-wide active shooter drill, and expanding the relationship between Public Safety and the Troy Police Department;

WHEREAS he has spearheaded the initiative for Public Safety to participate in extended outreach to students in order to make the office a more welcoming and approachable division of campus for students;

WHEREAS his efforts and services will not be forgotten, and he will be missed by many;

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To thank Jerry Matthews, Director of Public Safety, for his years of service to the Rensselaer community, for his commitment to student safety and wellbeing, and for his continued willingness to support student initiatives and programs,
2. To recognize all of the contributions that he has made to the campus as a whole, and
3. To wish him the best in his well deserved retirement.

So MOVED BY

**Nancy Bush '19**

AND SECONDED BY

**Bryan Johns '19**

VOTE

**18-0-0**

PASSES | FAILS



# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #3**

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Chairperson of the Judicial Board's appointment of Joshua Berman as Chairperson of the Judicial Board, effective upon the resignation of the current Chairperson.

SO MOVED BY

**Bryan Johns '19**

AND SECONDED BY

**Meagan Lettko '20**

VOTE

**17-0-2**

PASSES | FAILS



# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #4**

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Chairperson of the Judicial Board's appointment of Philip Charles as a Regular Member of the Judicial Board, effective immediately.

SO MOVED BY

**Bryan Johns '19**

AND SECONDED BY

**Meagan Lettko '20**

VOTE

**16-2-1**

PASSES | FAILS



# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #5**

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Chairperson of the Judicial Board's appointment of Shawn Vollaro as a Regular Member of the Judicial Board, effective immediately.

SO MOVED BY

**Bryan Johns '19**

AND SECONDED BY

**Meagan Lettko '20**

VOTE

**16-0-3**

PASSES | FAILS



# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #6**

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Chairperson of the Judicial Board's appointment of Heidi Niskanen as an Alternate Member of the Judicial Board, effective immediately.

SO MOVED BY

**Bryan Johns '19**

AND SECONDED BY

**Meagan Lettko '20**

VOTE

**18-0-1**

PASSES | FAILS



# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #7**

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Chairperson of the Judicial Board's appointment of Welby Huynh as an Alternate Member of the Judicial Board, effective immediately.

SO MOVED BY

**Bryan Johns '19**

AND SECONDED BY

**Meagan Lettko '20**

VOTE

**16-0-2**

PASSES | FAILS





# MOTION

**Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate**

**Date: May 2, 2018 | Motion #8**

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Chairperson of the Judicial Board's appointment of Gabrielle (Alex) Ford as an Alternate Member of the Judicial Board, effective immediately.

SO MOVED BY

**Bryan Johns '19**

AND SECONDED BY

**Meagan Lettko '20**

VOTE

**17-0-1**

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