



Engineering Governing Council

The legislative body representing the students
of the School of Engineering at Rutgers University.

**Monday, September 24th, 2007
8:10 PM, BCC 116**

Call to Order 8:13pm

General meetings of the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) convene at 8:10 PM by the Chair. The Secretary of the EGC shall call the roll at this time.

Approval of the Agenda/Minutes

The agenda for the current meeting shall be approved at this time. Any minutes sent out and/or posted from previous meetings will be approved at this time.

Guest Speaker

Dean Michael Stillwagon, *Busch Campus Dean of Students*

What is the difference between my role and that of Rankin's? My job is to coordinate the implementation of students' services on the campus. I try to make this place a little bit smaller than it really is and help connect the students with the resources on campus. I work with students who have difficulties eg students who had surgery and therefore had to miss classes, I talk to faculty to make things easier for the students, also looking at some academic options for the students. I also try to undo the RUScrew as much as possible for the students on the Busch Campus. If a student complains about a department giving him a hard time, because I will be interacting with all the different offices I will be able to know if it is just an isolated incident with regards to the office and know how to handle the department if it isn't. I am also the primary advisor to BCC so I will interact with you, since we are trying to emulate some of the things your society has done.

One of the things assigned to me this year, is working on the commencement ceremony so it is like how it was for people affiliated with Rutgers College since most of the graduating seniors this year that reside on Busch campus presently were mostly Rutgers College students. We will be doing the same thing for the Sophomore and Junior classes as well, so that no one feels like they have lost their identity.

Questions and Answers.

Representative Sodhia: If we have made effort to contact a department to no avail, can we then contact you? For example I had a leak in my room and housing kept me running around in circles for 3 weeks without even coming to take a look at the leak.

Dean Stillwagon: *That's an excellent reason to come talk to me. My job would have been to help you find some temporary accommodation and prod the dept to fix the problem. That doesn't mean you shouldn't make the initial phone call, when you encounter difficulty that's when you contact me, but for students who are in immediate crisis, physical, emotional, come to me immediately.*

President Spatocco: Can you speak more about the proposed Student Advisory Panel?

Dean Stillwagon: *Presently there are 2 panels being formed, a student based panel and a faculty based panel. The student based one is going to be made up of student leaders and will reach out to influential students in the community.*

Representative Sodhia: Can we come to you for anything, like if I have a problem with a class on Livingston?

Dean Stillwagon: *You can go to any dean on any campus to complain, they will just comment me on that so I know how to follow up.*

Targum Representative: Are all the Campus Deans of Students setting up panels?

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Dean Stillwagon: *Yes, but each dean has a different style as to how to recruit people. And with that please stop by my very spacious office, there is no furniture as of yet, so it is just the secretary who sits up front alone, and I know she would welcome whatever company she gets.*

Forum and Reports

Open Discussion *Members of the public are encouraged to speak at this time*

Matt Lundon: The Rutgers Engineering Society will be having their next meeting on October 11, the meeting will be open to all graduating seniors and will take place at Winants hall, on the Old Queens.
www.rutgersengineeringsociety.org We are still looking for judges for the competition see me if you need more info

NJPIRG: We are running a couple of different campaigns this year. Voting registrations, environmental awareness campaigns etc. Because we are funded by students we are having our referendum this semester just like the Targum did the previous semester and we need student representatives to steer the Oversight Committee that is being formed. The oversight committee is responsible for coordinating the referendum, if you have any questions please contact me.

Matt Lundon: The Alumni Relations Task Force Report was released, if you'd like to make any comments talk to me.

External Representatives

PGC: We are working on a resolution for the football tickets.

Standing Committee Reports

EA: We are working on the non-Honours departmental tours; we are contacting the faculty and hope to have things rolling soon

UA: We are working on the new cigarette ban, stadium expansion, and the deferred maintenance issues. If you have opinions don't be shy I don't bite...hard.

SA: We started planning the upcoming Society Presidents' meeting, which will take place later this fall.

IRC: We had discussion on voting policies. First year elections started today and will go on till Thursday. We already made some grammar changes to the constitution, email me if you need to know the word for word break down.

Events: We plan to leave for the retreat by 6pm and return 12.01 Sunday. If you need to leave early for religious reasons, see Ted, and let him know also if you have any preferences with regards to food.

Publicity: Tomorrow is elections BBQ at the BAMM dorms 12:00 – 3:00, come flip burgers tomorrow...please remind freshmen to vote

Finance: I need receipts 2 weeks after events.

In-body Elections and Confirmation of Officers

(1) NJPIRG Referendum Oversight Committee

Oversee the referendum, draft up the regulations, make sure referendum goes according to plan and deal with appeals if they do come up. They meet just once a week up until the referendum and we need a representative from every council so we know all the voting goes according to plan and no rules are broken.

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i. **Nominees:**

Yigiter Izgordu (winner)
Jimmy Nici
Rohit Sodhia (decline)

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Forum and Reports

President's Report

I have set the goal of 50% voters turn out, it shouldn't be too hard, and voting ends Thursday get the word out.

Please go to the retreat, if you have a car please drive, please help out with the BBQ tomorrow. At the council presidents meeting we talked about meal sign-aways, it'll continue to be once per semester for an organization. Jane Oates put out an initiative for community service, we are ranked 47th, there are talks to have a colloquium on volunteering. There are bills Thursday at RUSA: Special Events please look at them as the Special Events bill is considering allocating \$40000 that's a lot of money!

Society Reports

SWE: We are having an event on how to impress people at interviews at the Paul Robeson centre from 6 to 8 on Tuesday.

Pi Club: We elected our e-board, and had a great turn out at our first meeting.

AICHE: We have our general interest meeting tomorrow Tuesday 25th

OXE: We elected new e-board members

IEEE: We are having our general meeting on Wednesday room 116 at the student centre

RFR: Most of our designs have been finalized we will soon start ordering parts

IIE: We had a blast at our last meeting, ran out of pizza ☹ because so many people showed up.

AIAA: We had a lecture from Professor Rossman, if people are still interested in the club they are still welcome Oct 17 there might be a BBQ 12-5 :-\

Internal Representative and Committee Reports

BCC: We had our first chair meeting on Sunday.

RUSA: Internal Affairs, if you had issues with the constitution please come up and talk to me, we will be talking to it seriously. Oh and they adopting the EGC guidelines for attendance policy

University Affairs: I was the only one at the meeting so I talked about what our UA committee talked about

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Representative Trager: Tent State: if you are interested in community service talk to me

Representative Sodhia: Air: National Be the Change day October 6, we are looking for 170 volunteers please if you are interested come talk to me or sign up on the website. There will be buses from the student centres.

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President Spatocco: please write up deferred maintenance lists, like the men's bathroom on ARC, SERC and send it to Wajdi

Representative Shah: What's the construction about by the Engineering building? Some of the lines maybe water lines are being tampered with, the thinker woman has been moved. wajdi@eden.rutgers.edu

Press Questions

Adjournment 21:18

The Secretary of the EGC shall call roll at this time

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