



# Engineering Governing Council

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

**Monday, February 24, 2014  
8:10 PM, BCC 116**

## **Call to Order**

*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.*

## **Forum and Reports**

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

### **External Representatives**

#### **University Senate**

- Camden Meeting this past Friday
- Budget and Finance
  - o Responsible Central Management
- Student Affairs
  - o Discussion of the potential of the merger with the Nursing School
- ASRAC: Academic Interests of Students
  - o Focused on the merger
- Textbook Reform: Cheaper Textbooks
  - o School of Engineering specifically focuses on the cheapening of textbooks
- Chancellor of Camden, extreme growth of Camden

#### **Rutgers University Student Assembly**

- Student Life gave a presentation on what is going on, in charge of all 400 other clubs that governing councils do not have jurisdiction over
- RUSA Elections: Representatives for Busch Campus, Class of 2016
  - o Years' worth of experience on the Executive Board for President, Treasurer
  - o Ticketing
- Rutgers Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity, => allowed to campaign for their charity to raise money
- Academic Affair: Textbook Reform

### **Internal Representatives**

#### **University Affairs**

- Meeting with administration in order to work with Safety Walk
  - o Planning stage of the safety walk, get feedback about issues
  - o Dividing Busch Campus into 8 sections
- Facebook page hoping to be completed by next Council meeting
  - o Allow the attachment of photos to a form
  - o Created for the students of the School of Engineering in mind
  - o Rutgers Voice, Voice of Rutgers, **RU Concerned**, RU Talking

#### **Engineering Affairs**

- Study Abroad discussion at the open house
- Tutoring through OSD, not well known, see if willing come to BAMM

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### Society Affairs

- SPTM on March 1<sup>st</sup>, this Saturday
  - o Time to still be discussed
- Two bills that are being discussed
- Meeting with Packaging Professionals next week

### Events

- Engineering Cup Month of April
  - o April 10<sup>th</sup> = Basketball @ 2-4:30 PM
  - o April 14<sup>th</sup> = Volleyball @ 3-5:30 PM
  - o April 15<sup>th</sup> = Football @ 3-5:30 PM
  - o April 16<sup>th</sup> = Ultimate Frisbee @ 3-5:30 PM
  - o April 17<sup>th</sup> = Soccer @ 3 – 5:30 PM

### Finance

- Meeting SPTM on March 1<sup>st</sup>
- NERD Olympics on last Wednesday, look out for date changes
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Mid Semester due
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Fall 2014 Packets
- For NERD Olympics, they do reimbursements themselves
- Office Hours 8-9PM in C-163

### Publicity

- Publicity for E-Week could have been better
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Rutgers Cinema – The Social Network
- EGC Calendar up on the website
- Committee has expanded

### Internal Review Committee

- Change Constitution to change Nomination Procedure

### Standing Committee Reports

### In-body Elections and Confirmation of Officers

- (4) Class of 2014 Representatives

### NEW BUSINESS

**EGC14S03** - Resolution for Supporting the Initiative to Reduce Textbook Costs

**EGC14S04** - Bill to Allocate Special Events Funding to the collaboration of Phi Sigma Rho (PSR) and Sigma Phi Delta (SPD) for Mr. Engineering

**EGC14S05** – Bill to Recognize the Rutgers Chapter of the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers

**EGC14S06** – Bill to Recognize the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) – Rutgers Student Chapter

**EGC14S07** – Resolution to open up a referendum to amend the Constitution

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## OLD BUSINESS

### EGC14S02 - Bill to Allocate Special Events Funding to Engineers without Borders (EWB)

#### Forum and Reports

##### President's Report

- NERD Olympics
  - o Two whole pages dedicated to the NERD Olympics in the science section of the Targum
  - o Free Movie Series = free popcorn and free soda

##### Internal Representative and Committee Reports

- Relay for Life
  - o Dean and Kat, chairing the efforts of Relay for Life
  - o Planning events for the future
  - o Sports Tournament or Ball
  - o Open to suggestions
  - o Join EGC Relay for Life Team
- Fundraising
  - o Went well at NERD Olympics
    - Sweatpants were sold
  - o Raised a lot of money
  - o Planning events for the future
  - o Open to suggestions
- Rutgers Day
  - o Huge Event
  - o Meetings on Mondays at 7PM
  - o Research Symposium = Competition, more hands on
  - o If you like to volunteer, please contact
- Open House
  - o April 5<sup>th</sup>, not being held in conjunction with Rutgers Day
  - o Need tour guides to show prospective students around

#### Society Reports

- **Phi Sigma Rho**
  - o Cardboard Canoe
    - Dee and Katie won most spirited
  - o Mr. Engineer
    - Raising Money for Dance Marathon
    - March 7<sup>th</sup>
- **RUSMEO**
  - o High School and Middle School Outreach
  - o Observatory in March
  - o Process in organizing actual outreaches
- **RUBMES**
  - o General Body meeting next Wednesday
  - o Professors will discuss their research
- **SWE**
  - o 7PM BCC Ballroom Dancing

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- Partners will be provided
  - **IEEE**
    - Lockheed Martin Info Session March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - **SPD**
    - Mr. Engineering March 7<sup>th</sup>
    - Ballroom Dancing
  - **ASCE**
    - Concrete Canoe, Placement Day this Saturday
  - **Rutgers Formula Racing**
    - Thursday 5:40 PM
    - Going to three conferences
  - **Solar Car**
    - Info Session March 13<sup>th</sup> 9:40PM Hill Center 116
- Open Discussion** *Members of the public are encouraged to speak at this time*
- Town Hall March 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Dean Castro of Students on Busch
    - Jack Molenaar, Department Facilities
    - Free Food, BCC

### Press Questions

### Adjournment

*The Secretary of the EGC shall call the roll at this time.*

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**EGC14S03**

**Authors:** University Affairs Chair Kaustubh Deshpande

**Sponsor:** University Affairs Committee

### **Resolution for Supporting the Initiative to Reduce Textbook Costs**

**Whereas,** the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) is the governing body responsible for serving the best interest of the students in the School of Engineering; and

**Whereas,** the cost of textbooks is a significant financial hardship on the students, with estimates of average annual textbooks costs for college students reaching \$1200\*; and

**Whereas,** the cost of textbooks also presents a barrier to students success and participation in class; and

**Whereas,** several schools in the Big Ten have open access resources and initiatives; and

**Whereas,** the University Senate Student Caucus has passed a resolution calling for the Senate to take action on this issue; therefore

**Be it hereby resolved,** that the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) supports the initiative to reduce textbook costs without sacrificing the quality of education.

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**EGC14S04**

**Author:** Jacqueline King, Treasurer

**Sponsor:** Finance Committee

### **Bill to Allocate Special Events Funding to the collaboration of Phi Sigma Rho (PSR) and Sigma Phi Delta (SPD) for Mr. Engineer**

**Whereas,** the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) recognizes Phi Sigma Rho (PSR) and Sigma Phi Delta (SPD) as official EGC societies; and

**Whereas,** PSR and SPD both have an account with the Rutgers University Student Activities Business Office; and

**Whereas,** the collaboration of PSR and SPD have properly applied for special events funding according to the EGC's allocations guidelines; and

**Whereas,** the collaboration of PSR and SPD have requested that the EGC allocate \$2,973.00 out of a \$5,012.90 projected overall budget for the Mr. Engineer collaborative event; and

**Whereas,** the finance committee evaluated the funding request of PSR and SPD according to standard procedure and determined that \$1,129.38 should be allocated; therefore

**Be it hereby enacted,** that the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) allocates \$1,129.38 to the collaboration of Phi Sigma Rho (PSR) and Sigma Phi Delta (SPD).

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**EGC14S05**

**Authors:** Society Affairs Chair Jennifer Dang

**Sponsor:** Society Affairs Committee

### **Bill to Recognize the Rutgers Chapter of the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers**

**Whereas**, the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) is the governing body responsible for overseeing and supporting the societies relating to the School of Engineering; and

**Whereas**, the Rutgers Chapter of the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) meets the requirements to become an EGC-recognized society; and

**Whereas**, the Rutgers Chapter of SASE is open to undergraduates and graduates dedicated to celebrating diversity at Rutgers and in the workplace; and

**Whereas**, the Rutgers Chapter of SASE is dedicated to preparing members for success in the global business world; therefore

**Be it hereby enacted**, that the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) recognizes the Rutgers Chapters of Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) as an official EGC society.

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**EGC14S06**

**Authors:** Society Affairs Chair Jennifer Dang

**Sponsor:** Society Affairs Committee

### **Bill to Recognize the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) – Rutgers Student Chapter**

**Whereas,** the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) is the governing body responsible for overseeing and supporting the societies relating to the School of Engineering; and

**Whereas,** the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) – Rutgers Student Chapter meets the requirements to become an EGC-recognized society; and

**Whereas,** the SPE – Rutgers Student Chapter allows all undergraduate and graduate students at Rutgers University to partake in events that will broaden their knowledge relating to plastics; and

**Whereas,** the SPE – Rutgers Student Chapter is dedicated to promote the scientific and engineering knowledge of plastics by technical meetings, networking events, and presentations; therefore

**Be it hereby enacted,** that the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) recognizes the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) – Rutgers Student Chapter as an official EGC society.

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**EGC14S07**

**Authors:** Internal Review Committee Chair Carlos Mora

**Sponsor:** Internal Reviews Committee

**Resolution to open up a referendum to amend the Constitution**

**Whereas**, the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) is the governing body responsible for serving the best interest of the students in the School of Engineering; and

**Whereas**, the constitution states that only school of engineering students that have served the previous 2 consecutive semesters as voting members of the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) are eligible to run for the positions of Treasurer, Internal Vice-President, and President; and

**Whereas**, this introduces difficulty to students who had studied abroad and to students that had class at the same time as the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) meetings; and

**Whereas**, the Internal Review Committee (IRC) is the body responsible for revising the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) constitution; and

**Be it hereby resolved**, that the referendum shall be as follows: Students from the School of Engineering that have been voting members of the Engineering Governing Council (EGC) for 2 out of the 3 previous semesters, not necessarily consecutive, are eligible to run for the positions of Treasurer, Internal Vice-President, and President.

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