



RUSA Bill [---]

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A Bill to Create an Ad-Hoc Committee to Explore Storage Difficulties on Campus

A bill to address the storage issues currently facing Rutgers clubs and organizations

Whereas, Rutgers University - New Brunswick currently has 750 student-run organizations on campus;¹

Whereas, many Rutgers-New Brunswick clubs do not have adequate storage solutions despite needing equipment, that is paid for by Rutgers years in advance, to perform their various events;

Whereas, the only Rutgers organizations that do not have such issues are Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA), Rutgers Formula Racing (RFR), and the largest Engineering Organizations since they have their own dedicated buildings;

Whereas, Denis Parfilko, the treasurer of Voice Acting Network and Collective of Entertainers (V.A.N.C.E.), a voice acting and audio editing organization on campus, has taken it upon himself to address this issue, trying to solve this problem since February 18th, 2023. He has regularly come to RUSA meetings, to talk about this issue and highlight its importance, contacted Alexander Library Staff, MEO representatives, the director of Student Spaces, every administrator within various Student Centers, SABO, Multiple Communications Professors in

¹<https://newbrunswick.rutgers.edu/student-experience>

relevant College Ave. departments, SC&I building executives, even the Chancellor, and many others;

Whereas, V.A.N.C.E has also tried to get in contact with administration over this issue, trying to have one (1) closet of storage somewhere on College Avenue to hold more than \$3,000 of audio equipment and microphones within close proximity of Alexander Library, the only place on campus with free, student accessible recording spaces

Whereas, Rutgers MEO Staff has continually promised the V.A.N.C.E. organization specifically a resolution to their specific issue has failed to allocate a single relevant closet on the College Avenue Campus. Due to this, members of the organization, like Denis Parfilko, had to not only store the audio equipment at his house for three (3) years, but had and still continues to transport this equipment from his house to the Alexander Library for recording sessions;

Be it hereby enacted, the RUSA Assembly shall vote to create an ad-hoc committee to investigate and address the storage needs of Rutgers University-New Brunswick clubs;

Be it hereby enacted, the committee shall explore the following questions throughout its tenure:

1. How many clubs on campus are actively experiencing struggles with storage?
2. What spaces are available on each campus?
3. How much “actual” storage there is, including excess unallocated spaces and storage for other departments?
4. Who is using these spaces and how effectively are they using them?
5. What spaces can be transferred for certain clubs to use, particularly clubs with equipment bought by Rutgers?

Be it further enacted, Usman Khan shall serve as the Chair of this committee with five (5) additional students representing each of the New Brunswick campuses (College Ave, Busch, Livingston, Cook, Douglass). These five representatives shall be the following:

Denis Parfilko, _____ Representative;
Kyle Bennet Raymundo, _____ Representative;
Jeremy Mai, _____ Representative ;
Ron Chrysler Gocotano Amistad, _____ Representative;
Clark Mitchell, _____ Representative;

Be it further enacted, by a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote, the Assembly suspends Chapter 306.1 in the RUSA Standing Rules, which reads ad-hoc committees must be “automatically dissolve at the next Spring Organizational meeting following their creation,” so the ad-hoc can continue working throughout upcoming semesters until the issue has been resolved or if the Assembly formally votes to end the ad-hoc committee’s existence;²

²  RUSA Standing Rules as of March 13, 2025

Be it further enacted, this committee will send out a survey to all clubs on campus asking them about their storage situation and any issues they have. This will provide a better understanding of how prevalent storage issues are on campus and will prioritize clubs that need storage based on their respective situations.

Be it further enacted, this storage ad-hoc committee will work directly with the Meetings and Events Office, Facilities, IP&O, Student Centers and Activities, and other relevant Storage/Academic Space allocators (whoever they may be) to determine solutions to the storage issues;

Be it further enacted, this ad-hoc committee will schedule regular meetings with members of the administration, and records of such proceedings shall be available and publicly accessible in a transparent manner;

Be it finally enacted, if meetings held with administration and other relevant Rutgers facility faculty and staff are not productive, the ad-hoc committee must create a report detailing where there are issues and present potential solutions, and then have the RUSA President and RUSA Executive Board sign the report for it to be sent to the Office of the President.

Dates:

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