

RAPPS Meeting: 2/26/09 Minutes

Start: 12:40PM, Student Lounge, Bloustein

- I. Open House: Open House/Orientation for Incoming Students March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - a. Hosting Incoming Students: Anyone interested in hosting a visiting incoming student for the nights of March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> contact Mark
  - b. New Brunswick/NYC Walking Tour/Outing (Friday April 2<sup>nd</sup>) : Breakfast and quick walk through of New Brunswick as well as trip to NYC (Details are still being worked out). Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Updates will follow.
- II. Constitutional Amendments: The updated constitution (available for review on the RAPPS Sakai page) was passed with a majority vote. Amendments are as follows:
  - a. Article 1, Section D & E: Addresses merge of RAPPS and Bloustein Social Justice student groups.
  - b. Article 3.1: Clarification of RAPPS board members executive term length & addition of Social Justice Chair to executive board.
  - c. Article 3.1: Addition of Activity Chair (formerly Social Chair) and Social Justice Chair
  - d. Article 3.2: Clarification of responsibilities for Activities & Social Justice chairs.
  - e. Article 3.3.3: Online RAPPS board nomination/voting processes & electronic ballot box.
- III. Mentoring Event: An ice cream social mentoring event for undergraduate students interested in graduate programs (public health, policy, planning) will be taking place on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15PM at Murray Hall. Bloustein students are encouraged to participate. Any volunteers interested please contact David.
- IV. Bloustein Newsletter!: Any students willing to contribute to a student newsletter or that have ideas for articles please contact Eric.
- V. Social Events:
  - a. Solar Power Plant Visit
  - b. Xanadu Tour
  - c. Non-Matric Student Involvement: Non-matric students do not receive RAPPS updates/emails. Please inform any non-matric students of events, meetings, socials, etc.
  - d. Potential Social Event with Mason Gross Students
- VI. Rutgers Day (April 25<sup>th</sup>): RAPPS will have a table at Rutgers day to pass out information to RU students and attendees. Volunteers are needed!!! Anyone interested in sitting at the table for a shift on the 25<sup>th</sup> please email a Mark. More information will be sent out as the date nears.
- VII. Family Graduation Open House: A potential open house at Bloustein can be arranged for the families of students (particularly graduating students) in order

to showcase the Bloustein facility and provide a glimpse into the daily life of a Bloustein student. If you are interested in having this event please email a RAPPS board member.

VIII. Computer Lab Usage!!! Just to clarify:

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Lab: Is reserved as “quiet space”
- b. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Lab: Is reserved for group work. Students are allowed to talk and work on group classwork/projects/study sessions etc.
- c. Study Spaces: There are several conference rooms throughout the building that may be used for studying as long as there are no meetings being conducted. (As well as classrooms) If you would like to reserve space to study email Lynn.
- d. T-Shirts: Bloustein T-shirts have been designed—look for the design on Sakai or flyers in the lounge. If you would like to purchase a shirt please contact a RAPPS member. These will be purchased by order (aka if you want one you have to let us know BEFORE they are ordered, and will be sold at cost (aka we’re not making money)
- e. Movie Nights: Anyone with suggestions for movies please email me or post suggestions to sakai.
- f. Sakai & RAPPS: Check out the RAPPS Sakai tab for information, to give feedback or suggestions and for access to the calendar
  - i. Anyone can add events to the calendar on sakai. Please limit these events to things pertinent to Blou students. (Conferences, meetings, lectures, intramural events, and school/campus social events)