

RAPPS GENERAL MEETING 11/6/08

Meeting Began at 12:30 pm

- There are only four Bloustein T-Shirts remaining. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see Emily Grant. We are considering ordering additional shirts.
- A merger between RAPPS and the Planning and Policy Students for Social Justice has been proposed and approved by the PPSSJ membership. This has been proposed to encourage a more inclusive Bloustein student body, to provide for the future of the goals of PPSSJ and to simplify funding and budgeting matters. If the membership approves the merger, RAPPS will change its constitution by adding a Social Justice Chair, adding the key purposes of the PPSSJ group to the current purposes of RAPPS and adding a Social Justice Chair to the upcoming ballot for new RAPPS Officers. To make the change, RAPPS must also vote. A 2/3 majority of the members present at a General Meeting is required for changes to the Constitution.
 - Members present voted on the proposal, and it was adopted unanimously.
- The RAPPS election is to be held in November. Kelly O'Brien and Vinny Riscica have been appointed to manage the election. An e-mail calling for nominations will be sent shortly. Nominated individuals will have an opportunity to accept or decline the nomination before ballots are printed. Board Members will be notified after the election, but the official transition will occur at Snow Ball.
- Snow Ball is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, January 31st. If you have any contacts for auction donations please contact Emily Guskin. If you are interested in participating in planning the event, please contact Katie White. Information regarding the RAPPS scholarship will be e-mailed. Bill Losasso and Anthony Durante have agreed to serve on the selection committee
- RAPPS is hosting a food drive to benefit the NJ Community Food Bank. To make things a little more interesting, we have structured the drive as a competition between the Policy, Planning and PhD students. Charlie Heydt is the Planning Captain, Peter Knox is the Policy Captain and Gina Bienski is the PhD Captain. Please watch for an e-mail from your captain about the details.
- RAPPS will also be holding a Clothing/Shoes drive to benefit Monarch Housing. A collection box will be provided in the 2nd Floor Lounge.
- Rutgers is Hosting the Big Chill run/walk on December 13th. If you are interested in participating in the 5k, please sign up at bigchill.rutgers.edu/Welcome.html.
- On Thursday, November 20th, RAPPS and PPSSJ will be hosting the first ever Thanksgiving Potluck. Please visit <http://bloustein.wikispaces.com/> to sign up. RAPPS would like to extend a special invitation to all of the international students.
- If students are interested in Bloustein business cards, please contact Judd Schechtman.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50 pm