

2022-23 Special Election Campaign Statements

Executive Committee Alumni Representative

Tom Struble, Alumni Association (A)

Good afternoon fellow Senators.

As your current Alumni Member of the EC, I was present and engaged in meetings, representing Alumni, and our Rutgers community. It was an exciting year as a major focus for myself and our Alumni Caucus was to introduce the Rutgers University Alumni Association, its mission and goals to both the EC and to the Full Senate.

I've strived to engage our Alumni Caucus in our monthly "lunches" to keep each other informed of our individual committee work. An equally important part was to share to the RUAA Leadership not only our committee work, but also the "goings on" within the senate. This ongoing collaboration between each other has proved to be very successful in keeping our constituency informed.

As a member of the Student Affairs Committee I've been involved in discussion of Charge S-2115 Academic Freedom, which is continuing its work. I was also a member of the Ad Hoc Committee Informational Report on Culture & Leadership

In closing, I'd like to say that as a member of the Senate and the Executive Committee it was a very successful 2021-22 year, and I'd like to have your support as a EC member for the upcoming year. Thank you.

Tom Struble
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Executive Committee Student Representative – Newark

Tiffany Olivera, Graduate School-Newark (S)

Tiffany Olivera is a third year PhD student studying Chemistry at the Newark campus. She was elected as the Newark Graduate Student Senator for this 2022-23 academic year, and she would be a great addition to the Executive Committee. While Tiffany was an undergraduate student at NJIT she served for two years during 2018-2020 as the Chemistry Senator for the Student Senate. She is interested in participating more, and I believe she would be an involved and active member in the Executive Committee. Tiffany has had a unique academic journey, and her perspective on graduate education (specifically) will be an asset to the Committee. In addition, she will bring her unique perspective as a Rutgers-Newark student to the conversation, as she looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the University Senate.

Board of Trustees Undergraduate Student Representative

Fauzan Amjad, School of Arts and Sciences-NB (S)

When I was in sixth grade, my science class took a field trip to the Rutgers Engineering Department where engineering students led a workshop on building non-electrical water pumps. Having no previous engineering experience, I was inspired by their passion and intrigued by their problem-solving mindset - little did 6th grade me know that I would dedicate the next seven years to the STEM field. As a freshman, Rutgers was pivotal in helping me launch BabySafeHealth.com - a machine learning application to analyze past infant mortality data to provide mothers with insight into their pregnancy's potential health consequences. Rutgers has helped me conduct primary research into the emotional fears and social issues regarding the pregnancy process at New Jersey Medical School, helped me seal \$25,000 in grant funding, and combined my interest in artificial intelligence with the sciences by giving me the opportunity to develop deep learning models to track zebra finch behavior in Professor Vicario's laboratory. Because of the influence Rutgers has had on my life, Rutgers will always share a special place in my heart. I want others to feel the same way I do about the greatest university in the country. As the Board of Trustees Undergraduate Student Representative, I believe my diverse background and determination will bring a unique perspective to the table, and I'll work to address infrastructure concerns, increased mental health emergencies, transparency concerns between the University Senate and both Rutgers Governing Boards, and work to provide more equitable entrepreneurship, research, and academic programs.

Emanuel Meshoyrer, School of Engineering (S)

Hi. My name is Emanuel Meshoyrer and I am currently a Co-Chair on the Senate Student Affairs committee. I am a Rutgers-New Brunswick undergraduate honors student representing the School of Engineering. At Rutgers, I feel that my current and past involvements would make me a great candidate for this position. As Keynote Speaker Chair for Rutgers Engineering Honors Council, I help host speaking engagements for honors students which foster student curiosity and discourse. In the Engineering Governing Council, I am an officer on the Society Affairs committee, assisting engineering societies with developing events and specialized programming. On Rutgers Machine, I am an active member of the Club ultimate frisbee team. Collaboration and dedication are truly part of my nature.

At Rutgers, I am passionate about many student issues, including protecting academic freedom, supporting mental health initiatives, and expanding voter accessibility. I want to ensure that every student and student organization on campus is given the resources they need to succeed. I understand the importance of academic excellence and would work to help every student meet academic requirements and plan for their career after Rutgers.

Collectively, I would work to help strengthen the diversity which makes this university shine. Every member of the Rutgers community deserves a voice, and I would be honored to represent the voice of all undergraduates as a Student Representative on the Board of Trustees.

Thank you.

Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative

Timothy Pistell, New Jersey Medical School (S)

Before returning to school to study medicine I practiced law for nine years, and before that I worked overseas as a government advisor. These experiences have given me the patience and communication skills necessary to work effectively within large organizations, and I would bring those abilities to this role. In my view, all members of the board of trustees are obligated to understand the university's mission and take steps to ensure that its resources are being used in the furtherance of that mission. Critically, university resources are not

limited to financial assets—they include students, faculty, staff, alumni, institutional know-how, reputation, and community good will. As the graduate member, I would balance my focus between (i) the current student experience and (ii) ensuring Rutgers' reputation as an academic light is preserved and enhanced in the years to come. Thanks for your time.