

## **Report of the Rutgers Senate's University Structure & Governance Committee on Charge S-2202-1.**

**Charge S-2201-1.** Honors College Senators. Investigate and recommend how Honors College Students from each campus can best be represented in the Senate. The creation of the Honors Colleges on each campus has created a new unit and community that students live, learn and participate in within the University. Student entitlements to the Senate are based on their academic association and Honors College Students can participate based on those associations if elected via their student governing associations. However, since student Senators are not specifically elected from the Honors College they may not be able to properly represent the needs of the Honors College community.

### **Considerations**

The University Structure and Governance Committee (USGC) considered this charge during multiple meetings at length. USGC investigated the original impetus driving the Charge. USGC learned that the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA), the official governing body for undergraduate students at the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses, may have had an interest in this Charge. USGC made multiple efforts to seek additional information from RUSA and other sources regarding this Charge. Ultimately, however, no persuasive evidence animating this Charge came to light.

The composition of the Senate was calculated carefully to provide representation to various segments of the Rutgers community, including students. The student body is represented by a number of Senators from various campuses, and USGC found no persuasive evidence suggesting that the current student Senate representation fails to adequately represent interests of Honors College students.

### **Recommendations:**

In light of these considerations, USGC recommends taking no action in response to Charge S-2202-1.

### **Resolution:**

For the reasons explained above, USGC resolves that S-2202-1 should be closed without taking action regarding Senate representation of Honors College students.