

MOTION

Rensselaer Union 48th Student Senate

Date: December 4, 2017 | **Motion #1**

WHEREAS the Student Senate is aware of the judicial processes underway involving members of the Rensselaer Union in relation to the peaceful demonstration that occurred on October 13th, 2017;

WHEREAS the Student Senate reaffirms the right for the Dean of Students Office, when there is evidence to cause concern of a possible Grounds for Disciplinary Action (GDA), to start a judicial process;

WHEREAS the Student Senate has heard the witness testimony of one of the members standing accused of three (3) counts of GDA violations and understands that both accused students did not organize the peaceful demonstration held on October 13th, 2017;

WHEREAS the Student Senate is fully aware of the failure to fulfill the duty charged to the Dean of Students Office to either alert, or have a designee alert, students in the event of a GDA violation to allow said violators to correct themselves (e.g. "comply"); and

WHEREAS the Student Senate is deeply concerned by the actions the Dean of Students Office, in which they, knowing the duties of their office, then initiated the judicial process against two students in direct contradiction of the *Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities*;

The Rensselaer Union 48th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To urge for the immediate cancellations of judicial processes involving the peaceful demonstration against the students who attended said peaceful demonstration,
2. To encourage the Dean of Students Office to follow the section of the *Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities* that states, "It must be emphasized that judgment as to whether the regulations are being observed shall not be exercised by demonstrators, those demonstrated against, or spectators in contradiction to the expressed judgment of the Dean of Students or designee, except at the risk of such individuals," which outlines that the accused explicitly do not have jurisdiction over the judgment of the actions of their peers, and
3. To recognize the actions taken by the Dean of Students Office as violations of the *Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities*, specifically the *Student Bill of Rights*, Article V, Section D.

SO MOVED BY

Hannah Merrow '18

AND SECONDED BY

Steve Sperazza '18

VOTE

16-5-2

Roll Call for Resolution

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Name	Position	Vote
Risheel Gabbireddy	Class of 2018 Senator	Yes
Ellie Mees	Class of 2018 Senator	Yes
Hannah Merrow	Class of 2018 Senator	Yes
Steve Sperazza	Class of 2018 Senator	Yes
Nancy Bush	Class of 2019 Senator	Yes
Steve Duduch	Class of 2019 Senator	Yes
Kinsley Rowan	Class of 2019 Senator	Yes
Mary Clare Crochiere	Class of 2019 Senator	Absent
Chris Duffy	Class of 2020 Senator	Yes
Meagan Lettko	Class of 2020 Senator	Yes
Joshua Thomas	Class of 2020 Senator	No
Lily Wang	Class of 2020 Senator	Abstain
Jonathan Bao	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Naya Hill	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Michael Mathews	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Advaith Narayan	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Jordan Angel	Graduate Senator	No
Anthony Ashley	Graduate Senator	No
Anthony Bishop	Graduate Senator	No
Michael Gardner	Graduate Senator	Yes
Kinshuk Panda	Graduate Senator	No
Sean Ferracioli	Greek Senator (IFC)	Abstain
Tianyi Qiao	Independent Senator	Yes
Stefanie Warner	Independent Senator	Yes
TOTAL:		16-5-2

Roll Call for Preamble

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Hannah Merrow	Class of 2018 Senator	Yes
Steve Sperazza	Class of 2018 Senator	Yes
Nancy Bush	Class of 2019 Senator	Yes
Steve Duduch	Class of 2019 Senator	Yes
Kinsley Rowan	Class of 2019 Senator	Absent
Mary Clare Crochiere	Class of 2019 Senator	Absent
Chris Duffy	Class of 2020 Senator	Yes
Meagan Lettko	Class of 2020 Senator	Yes
Joshua Thomas	Class of 2020 Senator	Yes
Lily Wang	Class of 2020 Senator	Yes
Jonathan Bao	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Naya Hill	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Michael Mathews	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Advaith Narayan	Class of 2021 Senator	Yes
Jordan Angel	Graduate Senator	No
Anthony Ashley	Graduate Senator	No
Anthony Bishop	Graduate Senator	No
Michael Gardner	Graduate Senator	Yes
Kinshuk Panda	Graduate Senator	No
Sean Ferracioli	Greek Senator (IFC)	Yes
Tianyi Qiao	Independent Senator	Yes
Stefanie Warner	Independent Senator	Yes
TOTAL:		18-4-0