

**Date of Meeting: 04/17/2017**

**Number Attending: 13**

**Location/time: RPI Union/7pm**

**Meeting minutes:**

The meeting was kicked off with a popular African comedic video just for laughs and to get everyone relaxed in preparation for the elections.

Each person was present then introduced themselves, talked a little bit about their semester as well as their plans for the upcoming summer.

Next up was the main agenda for the day which was the first election for the club. Yao and Machirouf went over the constitution as it pertains to elections to remind everyone especially since it was our very first election. Two of the general body members were selected as election officials. They were people who would not be running for elections.

The floor was then opened to allow people to nominate themselves for different positions and allow people to be nominated by other people. After about 20 minutes, we had 12 candidates for the six although two positions, secretary and webmaster were running unopposed. Each nominee was given time to convince the members on why they should be given the chance to lead the club. Nominees for the president and vice president positions were given more time than other positions.

The election was carried out by having everyone write their preferred choice for each position on a piece of paper and submit those to the two members selected as election officials. At the end of the ballot count, Yao Aleke was selected as the president, Alseny Sylla was selected as the vice president, Olanrewaju Oludipe as the secretary, Obeng Buo Kwaku as the public relations chair, Mouctar Bah as the treasurer and Joseph Osei Kusi as the webmaster.

Yao gave the closing remarks and wish everyone a wonderful summer as it would be the last meeting of the semester.

Meeting adjourned: 10:12 PM

**How did you advertise:**

word of mouth

**Personal evaluation of the meeting's successfulness:**

The main goal of the meeting was to elect the clubs first ever officials including president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, public relations chair and the webmaster. By the time we left the room that day, we had filled all this positions.

## Meeting Assessments

**Date of Meeting:** 04/07/2017

**Number Attending:** 11

**Location/time:** RPI Union/ 9:10PM

### **Meeting minutes:**

- Group leader YAO ALEKE introduced himself
- Yao explain how the ASA idea started and how he reached out to his fellow africans and classmates.
- Everyone introduced himself
- Yao explained some important reasons why ASA created in 90's only lasted 2 semesters.

### Suggestions made towards the successful formation of the club

- Have a vision for the club a year from now.
- Have a clear understanding of kind of club we would want to be.
- Building trust and honesty, transparency ( clear out questioning )
- Be open and tolerant. Minimize judgement. Trust each other
- Have defined goals and ground rules. ( reiterate on the idea of the club)
- Show more support and commitment from now on
- Clear communication between leaders and members

### The floor was opened in order to decide on the name of the club:

Do we want to keep the formal name as ASA or do we want to rename the club? Majority agreed to keep the name as African Students Association (ASA).

### Further suggestions:

- Create an ASA eboard
- Appoint people with limited function to review the constitution.
- Meeting and making sure of our presence in the next semester club fair.

Next meeting: Scheduled in 3 weeks. Day and time will be discussed through the groupme communication line.

Meeting adjourned: 10:05 PM

**How did you advertise:** Word of mouth

**Personal evaluation of the meeting's successfulness:** The purpose of the meeting was to lay a groundwork for the formation of the club including discussing motivations, goals etc and I believed, at the very least, those were achieved.

Rensselaer Union  
*Executive Board*

Motion # 6

Date: 11/9/17

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board allocate \$981.50  
to RPI Ambulance from contingencies  
for van rentals and gas.

So moved by:

Caitlin Kennedy  
Signature

Caitlin Kennedy  
Printed Name

Seconded by:

[Signature]  
Signature

CT Markson  
Printed Name

For    Against    Abstaining

Motion: Passes/Fails

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Rensselaer Union  
*Executive Board*

Motion # 7

Date: November 09, 2017

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve Unanimity of Culinary Alliance as a Rensselaer Union Recognized club.

So moved by:

Erica A Lane  
Signature

Erica A Lane  
Printed Name

Seconded by:

[Signature]  
Signature

Erica Williams  
Ryan Delaney  
Printed Name

For    Against    Abstaining

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Motion: Passes/Fails

Rensselaer Union  
*Executive Board*

Motion # 9

Date: November 09, 2017

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve Society for Animals and Wildlife as a Rensselaer Union Recognized Club.

So moved by:

Erica A Lone

Signature

Erica A Lone

Printed Name

Seconded by:

[Signature]

Signature

Brian Mansaku

Printed Name

For Against Abstaining

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Motion: **Passes/Fails**

Rensselaer Union  
*Executive Board*

Motion # 10

Date: November 09, 2017

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve African Students Association  
as a Rensselaer Union Recognized club. provided they update their  
constitution in accordance with the Club Starter  
Constitution.

So moved by:

Erica A Lane

Signature

Erica A Lane

Printed Name

Seconded by:

[Signature]

Signature

Andrew Waltzer

Printed Name

For Against Abstaining

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Motion: **Passes/Fails**