

# AGENDA • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



3/13/09 | 1-3pm | SDC

## 1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:02

## 2) Roll Call

*President		
*Vice President		x
*Finance		x
*Programming		x
*Public Relations		x (late)
*Director of Services		x
*Student Relations		x (late)
*Organization Recognition		x
*KGCoe		
*SCOB		x
*CIAS		x
*GCCIS		x
*COLA		
*COS		x
*Women's Senator		x
*Freshman		x
*Grad		x (late)
*CAST		x (late)
*RHA	x	
*NSC		x
*NTID		x
*GLBT		x
*ACA	x	
*Global Union		x
*WITR		x
*CAB		x
*Greek Council		x
*OCASA		x
*Reporter		x
*SAAC		x
*Academic Senate		x
*Staff Council	x	
*Dr. Heath		x
*Colette Shaw		x (late)

- 3) Speak to the Senate
- 4) Approval of Minutes 2/20/09
  - a. RHA motion to approve, CIAS seconded
- 5) Presenters
  - a. United Way – Carol Reed
    - Slide show provided
    - Began with the history of United Way, beginning in 1888 and coming here in 1918. History provided in slide show.
    - Slide about United Way of Greater Rochester and how it is one of the United Way leaders, typically raises more than Buffalo and Syracuse combined.
    - Slide about United Way of America and what it does.
    - Goal is to get students aware and participating.
    - Slide about the RIT United Way Campaign and what is possible by participating.
    - RIT United Way Campaign Events: Carnival on Campus March 19<sup>th</sup>, United Way Change Drive march 23<sup>rd</sup>, Silent Auction April 7<sup>th</sup>, Taste of RIT 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Event April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - b. Entrepreneurship Hall – Richard DiMartino
    - Simone Center runs Student Incubator
    - New building is going to be a core place for students to commercialize their ideas or make them sustainable
    - Business Lab allows for getting course credit for advancing ideas
    - Go to SimoneCenter.rit.edu or eship.rit.edu to check it out
    - Entrepreneurs Hall in Global Village
    - Will begin virtually at half size in the September
    - RIT is different and takes advantage of diversity of the campus by using the technology, art and design, and business parts of campus
    - For 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> year students, need help finding students who are interested, will be virtual so students will not live in the apartments of Global Village
    - Willing to come out and talk to groups and students who are interested
    - Questions or Suggestions?
    - CIAS: After living in the res halls and trying to start a specialty house the numbers of interest are dropping, Res Life is not necessarily taking on new projects because they aren't doing well. Is it a good idea to lock off student housing for another specialty housing?
    - Typically there is a lot of demand for it, it will be able to evolve. It is a presidential initiative and the spot has been save for about two years.
    - Dir of Org: Will students participating virtually have first pick on the apartments?

- Yes.
  - RHA: The biggest problem with special interest houses are suffering due to colleges clustering. We have recently lost BLT.
  - Freshman: Will freshman now be able to do this next year?
  - Yes.
  - Freshman: Will you be willing to have a discussion about it?
  - Let me know when.
  - Grad: Will grad students be able to participate at all either masters or PHD level?
  - Entrepreneurship Hall is for undergrads there is a parallel program for them. For mentors we have a group of faculty that will work with students to mature the idea enough and then help them get an alumni mentor who will help.
  - NSC: If a deaf individual wanted to participate how would that work?
  - We're going to be working with them to figure out what they need. We have had deaf students come and work on ideas.
  - SAAC: How does RIT benefit?
  - You become a millionaire quick and come back and give us a building.
  - I would love to come talk to your groups so let me know. We want this to be successful and inclusive. We want diversity of products and diversity of business.
- c. Summer Undergraduate Collaboration Program – Dr. Haefner, Dr. Cooper
- What I'm talking to you about is the notion that we have a really wonderful opportunity to look at what we offer for our undergraduate experience here and look at what others are doing and see if we want to change.
  - It's an idea of sending faculty, staff, and students to an institution for a week where they see and get to work as a team to develop an action plan. They then come back in the fall to work on that plan here.
  - We have Learning Communities, General Education program, FYE and all kinds of activities that are wonderful opportunities. What we see as a broader opportunity is to sew this together so that the whole has a broader impact then the individuals.
  - Other institutions have done this and its time RIT steps up and does something unique and innovative.
  - We're going to the governance groups to get nominations for people either yourself or others. Comitities have been working on things on campus like FYE or orientation in order to work on ideas. This process is about pulling together individuals of staff and student representatives who will do homework on all the programs we have in place and will take it to the conference and come back in the fall with recommendations.

- What we would like is for you to either nominate yourself or someone else who will do this and think of what would be best for students in the future.
  - CIAS: Can you give us an idea of when?
  - It's June 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, there is a lot of work before, work there, and work after that needs to be done.
  - SAAC: When we come back in the fall or in the summer?
  - In the fall. It would be something like pre-reading, orientation meetings in order to get everyone on the same page, then go away to this, then come back in the fall to bring recommendations and going to governance groups to share the ideas
  - Grad: What is the size and scope? How many students are you looking to get?
  - It's going to be quite limited of about 10 to 12 but it will depend on program administrators. We don't really have an idea of seats right now, but its going to be mostly faculty led. Graduate and Undergraduate available.
  - PR: Will you send out e-mails in the fall of what forms from this? I'm going away in the summer but I would really like to be involved in the fall.
  - Yes, one thing we want to know is what ways you want us to get you the information to you. Talk about that and let us know.
- d. Bus Route Revision- Randy and Gill
- When we spoke in October or November we talked about revising the bus route. We really wanted to gather data over the winter. We were seeing as many as 240 students move at once to get to class. We were adding buses to help. One thing we heard was students talking about how long they were spending on the bus.
  - Instead of every 10 minutes they would arrive every 15 minutes and around class times. They would only go to one apartment complex (Perkins, Colony, or Park Point) then back. No more than a quarter mile walk. It would be 7 – 8 minutes tops of getting to and from.
  - We've listened and listened and what we hear is that you want these express routes.
  - SAAC: In UC would you have a stop halfway through?
  - We could add one, yes.
  - GLBT: If approved when would this be in effect?
  - Fall 2009
  - All buses should be there at the same time so you can get off one and on to another.
  - OCASA: How quickly will you let students know?
  - We can market it. We would probably go through residence life.
  - SCOB: How many buses would be on each route?
  - One bus

- Staff: I think it would be good to market it because of complaints from getting to and from NTID.
- CIAS: I very much like this idea, one thing I do want see is that the buses are clearly marked separately to avoid confusion
- Yes we'll come up with something
- OCASA motion to support, SAAC seconded
- Motion passes

6) Old Business

7) New Business

- a. Introductions due to new faces
- b. President Pro Tempore
  - Nominations: Adam, Dave
  - Adam: I have been involved on what's going on on campus for awhile. This is my first year on SG.
  - Dave: This is my second year on the senate. I was freshman senator last year.
  - OCASA motion to vote, SAAC seconded
  - Dave voted in

8) Committee Reports

9) Cabinet Announcements

- a. VP
  - Post-Senate session with senators and 1-on-1's begin next week. Talk it up among constituents so we can have a good election.
- b. Director of Services
  - We just lit up another eight buildings
  - Grad: Has anything gone out to RIT?
  - Only if they're on the ITS e-mail list.
  - SCOB: What is the percentage done?
  - I think we're done with maybe 12 or 13 buildings
- c. Finance
  - MSO packets will go out in a little while. An e-mail will go out
- d. Organization Recognition
  - We will be working on the process for becoming an MSO
- e. Student Relations
  - The United Way committee asked if we could provide volunteers to be Ritchie
  - Scholarships are due next week
  - Global: For international students, I think you should let students be more aware of it so that they can get nominated
  - Only people who win will be invited to the dinner
- f. Programming
  - Marlee Matlin is coming, everything has been finalized

- g. President
  - Everybody's grades last quarter were good so we didn't lose anyone.
- h. PR
  - I have more fliers for everybody. Please come by and pick them up.
  - I have been working with my designers on the posters for Marlee Matlin coming

#### 10) Senate & MSO Accomplishments

- a. CIAS
  - I have been asked to sit on the --- committee
- b. Greek
  - Greek Week was pretty successful - about 500 members came
- c. SAAC
  - Tonight is the first game for hockey, tomorrow is the next one
- d. COS
  - Before break it was brought to my attention that the technology was from 1996 so it has been approved to update that
- e. GCCIS
  - The accepted students open house is coming up and we're trying to get GCCIS clubs more involved
- f. Freshman
  - The one year down party is May 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30 to 7:30
  - I have two new committees
- g. RHA
  - We have a BBQ Tuesday outside Gracies
- h. Reporter
  - Next week is my last week, the new editor in chief will be coming
- i. Global Union
  - We have many events coming up in April including Stereotypes the Good the Bad and the Ugly
  - Caribbean Week is in April and I believe we have Indian Week
- j. WITR
  - We are cosponsoring Wayne's World with CAB
  - We have 600 new songs in the automation round
- k. Outspoken
  - There is a GLBT 101 presentation for people who don't know anything about that
  - There is a handwritten letter campaign to write a letter to give support to Governor Patterson

#### 11) Governance Reports

#### 12) Advisor Reports

- a. Dr. Heath
  - Have you seen the window? The top floor of the campus center is way out over the quarter mile more than I thought

13) Adjournment

- a. OCASA motion to adjourn, seconded RHA
- b. Adjourned at 2:39

Announcements

- Election Packets Due – March 27, 2009
- SG Annual Banquet – Monday, May 4th, 2009, 5:30pm SAU Cafeteria

Next Meeting

- Involuntary Leave of Absence Policy
- Student Activity Fee Presentation