1) Call to Order
   Called to order at 1:02

2) Roll Call
   *President          x
   *Vice President     x
   *Finance
   *Programming       x
   *Public Relations   x
   *Director of Services x
   *Student Relations  x
   *Organization Recognition x
   *KGCOE             x
   *SCOB             x (late 1:06)
   *CIAS             x
   *GCCIS            x
   *COLA
   *COS              x
   *Women's Senator   x
   *Freshman         x
   *Grad             x
   *CAST             x (late 1:07)
   *RHA              x
   *NSC              x
   *NTID             x
   *OUTspoken        x
   *ACA              x
   *Global Union     x
   *WITR             x
   *CAB              x
   *Greek Council
   *OCASA           x
   *Reporter        x (late 1:07)
   *SAAC            x
   *Academic Senate   x
   *Staff Council    x
   *Dr. Heath       x
   *Colette Shaw    x
3) Speak to the Senate

4) Approval of Minutes 3/13
   a. RHA approval of minutes, OUTspoken seconded
   b. Minutes pass

5) Presenters
   a. Involuntary Leave of Absence Policy – Dawn Soufleris
      - This will be a revision to the Medical Leave of Absence
      - Worksheet provided, power point presentation on screen
      - SBCT is a team that meets regularly about students they are
        concerned about and want to help, this has been around for over 10
        years
      - There are different case outcomes possible, you can even file
        reports online
      - Sometimes there is an involuntary leave of absence to send
        someone home for help, this has only been put into practice twice
      - The wording in our policy is not in “best practices” and after an
        incident in the fall it has come to their attention that a change is
        needed
      - Last year 122 cases were referred to SBCT, this year, currently
        there are 124 cases
      - Pres: What do you attribute the increase in cases to?
        - We have gotten the word out to faculty and staff of how to handle
          situations, that has helped refer people. Also, more students are
          coming to RIT with problems. This is the age where mental
          illnesses come up as well.
        - 20 years ago the problems were with roommates or broken heart,
          now its more medical cases and behavioral concerns. SBCT takes a
          look at the bigger picture.
      - Org Rep: Do you mean only mental cases?
      - Most cases are mental issues, some are physical like eating
        disorders. Most problems are we can't help them the way they need
        or they are not listening to their doctor.
      - People can refuse treatment but if it is effecting other students that
        is when we step in.
      - VP: Lets hold all questions to the end.
      - What we have in place now we can ask students to leave still, but
        we would like this to be better for students and faculty.
      - The first problem is the title is wrong, we need to distinguish this
        from a leave of absence, this is an involuntary leave. Also, this is a
        long process and the student currently remains in the community
        during that time which is dangerous. There is also an issue with the
        Institute Appeals Board which results in much of the students
        personal information being put out there and that is a problem.
We would like to change the name, clear the process, leave the decision to the SBCT who are trained professionals, the appeal process to go directly to the Vice President of Student Affairs for confidentiality, training etc.
- This policy is published and clear, explains the circumstances, trained professionals are involved, its clear for students how to get back into the university. They don't have to reapply to RIT to get back in as long as they have taken care of everything.
- RHA: Do you believe the increase in cases is an increase in cases or awareness?
  - Both. More people are aware of the team and know where to go. But also nationally there is more medication and students who can come but sometimes there are behavioral problems.

- There is a lot of research being done that your generation have more stress, parents have raised children to be unable to coop, there is more medication to get people to have a chance for college but they have behavioral issues
- COS: You want to change the name from Medical Leave of Absence to Involuntary Leave of Absence?
  - Yes

- COS: If someone has to leave and their transcript says involuntary leave of absence they shouldn't have to explain themselves.
  - It will only say leave of absence.
- VP: Can we have student representation there? I'm a justice on the appeals board, we don't have training for this. Would there be some?
  - Dr. Heath: Its important to know, I fully support this policy. I think that you all know that I think student representation is paramount to everything. I'm not sure student representation is appropriate if a student is going under this policy for medical issues. What a student affairs professional like me or others can do is take medical advice and make a determination as to how RIT can help. If they say we can't, then I'm going to go along for their safety and others. I don't think its appropriate for student representation. I think this new process is much better.
- SAAC: Would only emergency appeals go to Dr. Cooper?
  - Just for Involuntary Leave of Absence.

- Dr. Heath: She would look at documentation and recommendations and listen to the student. Then she would make a decision.
- SAAC: So its just to avoid the confrontation with the whole board?
  - Yes, and time issues.

- Org Rec: If someones care providers are not within the RIT community and theres a concern would it be an invasion of privacy to get information?
  - We would need their permission to get their records.
- Freshman: Since the majority seem to freshman, is there something
to do early on before it gets to this area?
- There is something in FYE to tell them about services available.
There is also discussion in parent orientation. Numbers are usually
higher because they have to live on campus. When third year
students live off campus we don't see them so we don't know.
- OUTspoken: Can you tell us what you consider to be the best
interest of the student? If the student has a reason to stay and they
have a backing for it what would you do?
- If a student is actively psychotic, I think it is in that persons best
interest and the communities to go home. Suicidal students also get
looked at to be sent home.
- OUTspoken: What if it is medical?
- If they need services beyond what they can get here we would say
you need to get help then come back.
- VP: I'd like a motion to table this for now and motion an action next
week.
- Motion to table ---, OCASA seconded.
- Tabled

6) Old Business

7) New Business
   a. WITR’s Constitutional Changes
      - Copy passed out to senate
      - WITR: I'm the general manager, I recently worked with members of
the station to update the constitution. Most of the stuff was
formating directions. Some things were cleared up and definitions
added. Definitions for the executive board and the work they do.
The only major addition is the Member at Large, their position
wasn't outlined so we added that. We also added what out librarian
and web director do.
      - WITR: With regards to elections we explained what they had to do
and how they are eligible. We added definitions to the termination
of office. Aside from that most things were definitions. One article
was added about rights and due process. Other then that it was just
station stuff.
      - VP: According to their bylaws, amendments must be approved by
SG. Do you feel comfortable voting on this?
      - Pres: I don't want to get into the business of telling an organization
how to run their organization. I don't think SG should have to
approve.
      - VP: If you change your constitution I think we should know, but if
you're just changing bylaws I don't think its a big deal.
      - GCCIS: So are they going to remove that SG thing?
      - WITR: Yes
b. Discuss ways to get more students interested in running for SG
   - VP: We don't have tickets in for all the senators. Try and get people out there. I don't want to see anyone run opposed.
   - ACA: I think we should get people out there and talk to people. Stand on the quarter mile.
   - OUTspoken: I think we should just be getting out information. Maybe people haven't seen it. If someone isn't taking the initiative to come get it, I don't think they'll be very good at their job.
   - VP: I think you just talking to people would help. If you think they're a good candidate just talk to them.
   - Stu Rela: You mentioned how hard it was getting someone to run for NTID. Do we have a banner in NTID or places they can see it?
   - PR: Yea.
   - OCASA: I don't see as much publicity dorm side for it.
   - KGCOE: From a first year perspective, I've seen the e-mails and stuff. I kind of disagree with Cory, if you have someone you think would do good I think you should approach them. I thought SG was more for upperclassman. If you know a student leader, I think you should address them.
   - PR: We have a list of people who wanted to run for freshman senator, maybe we should contact them about it.
   - COS: Around election time, people start asking what SG has done. I think letting them know what we did might help give people goals to accomplish.
   - VP: Instead of students complaining this gives them an opportunity to do something.
   - CIAS: I think there should be advertising as to what senators actually do so people can see what you get done and how you address your goal. I think we should get rid of the vagueness.
   - Stu Rela: I liked Kari's idea. I think we should try to get those freshman.
   - SCOB: As senators I think you should be going up to people and talking about SG regularly. I encouraged someone to run up against me by talking to them. It improves the position.
   - OCASA: I kind of disagree with putting it on Kari to get it out there. I think we should go out and get the information out there. We can better explain what we do. Hearing it form someone is different from reading it and trying to understand.
   - VP: This is not a discussion for action items for Kari, this is an action for the group as a whole. One action is to talk to five people between now and Monday. MSO's included. Talk to student leaders.
   - Freshman: Maybe the college senators could e-mail their colleges.
   - VP: I think Deans could help a lot. Draft a letter to your dean and have them send it would. Nothing too long.
   - PR: Do you want to make a specific action what we should do? I think people need specific directions.
- VP: Could you make little info cards to pass out to people? Go face to face to people. I'm not really in favor of a BBQ.
- SAAC: Now its definitely too late. But maybe something like an action plan for next year.
- VP: I don't think this year is lost. For college senators pass your sheet around in your classes.
- Freshman: Maybe move your office hours to earlier in the week and go to your college to pass out information.
- VP: So talking to five people and e-mail your dean.

c. SG @ Imagine RIT
- VP: We'll have a booth in the lobby of the SAU to talk to parents and get information out there. I would like people to sign up for 2 hour shifts. So e-mail me with your t-shirt size.

d. New MSO Requirements
- Org Rec: So per fall quarter we put a hold on the creation of MSO's. We have been talking to groups who want to become MSO's. So far we have a few guidelines and I'll pass out some copies. (Paper passed out, reading off paper)
- SAAC: For us, its 3% of the population. My main concern for that is the number.
- Org Rec: Can you think of another way to define?
- SAAC: We have only 550 people. We can't really go above that.
- Grad: I don't think there should be one person from each area of the constituency, because like Global Union you can't have one person on the board from each country.
- OUTspoken: For the amount of representation, I think it should be an under represented group. I think it should be determined by the group of people deciding if they could be one. I also don't know if they should have to have been an organization before hand.
- Org rec: We don't want groups to just pop up and try to be an MSO. We want the organization to have done something before.
- OUTspoken: Should a group be SG recognized before becoming an MSO?
- VP: It's something to consider.
- GCCIS: I'm concerned about a few things in the first point. Specifically needing bylaws in place that have been approved. I don't think a group shouldn't be able to come to senate to plea their case.
- Org Rec: The reason thats in there and the wording should be clear is that we don't want groups showing up with a constitution that they just through together or hasn't been reviewed in five years. We imagine by the time they get to senate they'll have done everything senators would ask about.
- RHA: Just throwing this out there, I'm sure there is a gay population in the dorms and they're covered by RHA and OUTspoken.
- Org Rec: To be a club you don't need to be a constitution or an e-board.
- SAAC: I don't think Ed should be doing the constitution review.
- Org Rec: Then who should?
- SAAC: Maybe CCL.
- Org Rec: Its an SG recognized club though.
- CIAS: If you go from being a club to an MSO, do you have a conflict of budgets? Should you have to wait until next year to get the MSO budget?
- Pres: Thats why we have a relationship with CCL.
- Org Rec: That brings up the issue of timing, maybe we should have a deadline.
- GCCIS: I think we should put something in here that we would require a group to work with cabinet on issues. I just don't like the word approved.
- Pres: Maybe something that says is introduced by the president or to senate so that they can have gone through everything they need.
- VP: Maybe an MSO trial period. If senate deems them a good MSO, they could be approved for a one year trial period then they could be reviewed after a year and determine if they are or are not.
- Colette: I think there should be a mission statement and a budget that matches that. Like SAAC, I don't think you need a programming budget?
- Org Rec: Feel free to e-mail me anything else.

e. School Colors
- Pres: There was an article in the reporter about orange and black and orange and brown. There have been discussions in the past about this. Dr. Destler has assigned Dr. Mayberry to look at this. I think its important that we see what you think.
- Reporter: There are some students who feel strongly about this. The writer has gotten threats. It might be a good way to get people involved.
- GCCIS: Lets not get into the argument of which is bigger today. I definitely think its something we should explore. Its a student issue and I think we should get the opinions of our constituents.
- SAAC: The black and brown thing, athletes like it better. Its a lot cheaper to get black other then brown so its more expensive for us.
- RHA: I support black. I would like to open this up. I think we should get a lot of people involved. Can we do a survey?
- Pres: We could do a referendum vote. How much information have you gotten back Laura?
- Reporter: Mostly angry athletic people.
- OUTspoken: I think a lot of our school spirit comes from athletics. I don't think they should have their own colors. I think we should choose one or the other. I think polling would be good. Maybe add it to the elections ballot.
- OCASA: Remember the old RIT Ids and how they did it? They got different designs. I think something like that is good.
- ACA: I think it should be separate from the elections because of people not really voting.
- Pres: It would be a referendum.
- SCOB: I can't stress how much I support a referendum vote.
- CIAS: I had a discussion about this with a group of friends. What if our color is just orange and the smaller groups can decide what other colors to use.
- VP: I think this will carry on for a while. If you want to motion for a referendum we can do that now.
- Pres: A survey gets opinions of different people. A referendum vote would put options to the community and they would pick between the two.
- VP: A referendum is whatever is decided on the ballot.
- Dr. Heath: Many places have on voting day referendum. A survey would not go on the ballot.
- GCCIS: Since Laura is going to explore the issue, why don't we let her explore this and come back to us with a suggestion.
- Grad: What will happen with the vote?
- VP: We'll let Laura figure it out.

f. Academic Bill of Rights
- Pres: We had talked earlier about expectations in the classroom. I just said an academic bill of rights to put it in context. I would like to form a committee to write something about this. I would like to bring all the minds together and figure out what the rights of students are in the classroom.
- VP: I would like to see if Kristen could take this to Academic Senate so we could have co-chairs. Anyone want to take this as a goal?
- Women's: I would be interested in participating.
- VP: We'll await to see what Academic Senate has to say.

g. Student Advertisement
- Pres: There is a pamphlet going around campus that claims to be from the students. I want to make it clear it is not something from us, we do not condone what is in the pamphlet. If you have questions let me know. If faculty asks us we are not behind this.

h. Post Tenure Review
- VP: I would like to go back to discussing this. I talked to Dave and he is interested in doing so. This is just a discussion, not advocating any change. Is everyone ok with Dave chairing this initiative?

8) Committee Reports

9) Cabinet Accomplishments
   a. President
We met about the posting policy. A revision will be coming to senate. We're going to start putting together our annual report for the end of the year. We'll be contacting you for accomplishments.

b. Vice President
- Written reports are on the back. If you want to submit reports send them by Thursday. If you're a senator, schedule a 1-on-1 with me.

c. Student Relations
- Scholarships are due today at five. I need people to rank them next week during office hours. I need five people.

d. Public Relations
- I'm just doing publicity for Marlee Matlin

10) Senate & MSO Accomplishments
   a. CAB
      - Karaoke in the RITS Friday. The Greatest Game Ever Played is on Thursday with the Golf Club.
   b. SAAC
      - Hockey tonight at Blue Cross Arena.
   c. SCOB
      - I have fliers for senators to pass out in colleges about the Entrepreneurship minor. There's an open house March 30th. Have people come if the interested.
   d. RHA
      - We have a new office. From 8:30 to 9:30 at night March 28th turn off all your electronics. We'll probably hand out glow sticks and play hide and seek or something.

11) Governance Reports

12) Advisor Reports
   a. Dr. Heath
      - As you walked here I hope you noticed the happenings on the quarter mile. I've been meeting about colors within and furniture and such. We decided a small group of people would get a group furniture and colors then bring it to the larger group.

13) Adjournment
   a. OUTspoken motion to adjourn, seconded GCCIS
   b. Adjourned at 2:51

Announcements
- Election Packets Due – March 29, 2009
- SG Annual Banquet – Monday, May 4th, 2009, 5:30pm SAU Cafeteria

Next Meeting
- Honor Code