

# AGENDA • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



04/24/2009 | 1-3pm | Field House Reception Room

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:07

2) Roll Call

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

- 3) Speak to the Senate
- 4) Approval of Minutes 4/17
  - a. GCCIS motion to approve SAAC seconded
  - b. motion passed
- 5) Presenters
  - a. Policy Review and Development – Kathleen Martin
    - Kathleen: About a year and a half ago a conversation began with Dr. McKenzie that our policy was becoming dated in many ways. Change wasn't going to happen by adding something to someone's work. Someone was going to have to give up their day job. That was my role. I stepped out of my position and took a two year leave to do a complete review of the policies and procedure manual. One of the reasons I'm here is to provide awareness for what I'm doing and get you involved.
    - (running a power point)
    - Kathleen: So, why now? This university has had dramatic and significant growth and development. This organization is made up of many organizations. We are catching up with ourselves as a university from our growth. There are a total of 86 policies. Of 86, 53 have been revised at some point after they were issued. Of those, 33 were revised since 1998, 20 revised prior to 1998 and 28 not been revised since they were issues. There are 5 without any information on issue or revision. 48 have not been revised in 10+ years.
    - Kathleen: This is the structure of the committee. (layout on power point) The task forces start later but end sooner then the project itself. This is a representation of the core committee, as per design, diversity is important to our operating. Charge A is an editorial review of the entire manual. Most importantly is Charge B for the core committee, future policy structure and processes.
    - Kathleen: This is Charge B and the core things the committee will be focusing on. (on power point) Policy on policies, consistent format for policy statements, regular review cycle, website, electronic archives, protocols for communicating policy changes.
    - Kathleen: Essentially our hope is Dec. 2010 with tasks forces starting later and finishing earlier. We've made significant process on establishing electronic policy archives and established core group comparison universities. We've established common definitions of key words that were important to laying the groundwork before going forward. We're looking to establish multiple channels for community feedback.
  - b. IP Policy, Final Version – Bill Bond

- Grad: I want to introduce Bill Bond, the chair of this committee. It's gone through all the other governance groups so he's here for a final review.
- Bill: Thank you for allowing me to come forward again, I'm passing out some papers. I was here in February and we've had a lot of meetings and dialog. We pretty much buttoned up this policy at the end of February but for some minor changes, word changes and such. Staff council approved the policy with the word changes. Let me tell you where these changes are so you can look them up. Page 1, third line down "it often takes the form..." (reading from document). We added locally to nationally and globally. In that same section, we changed a part to benefits and commercialization instead of benefits via commercialization. Lets go to page 7, section 5E. The sixth line down I'll read from the fifth, (reading) it was suggested the thesis advisor was added to this. That's the only changes since you've last seen it, we've excepted them so far.
- Grad motion to vote to pass policy with changes, OCASA seconded
- motion passed

c. Enrollment Update – Dr. Miller

- Dr. Miller: We have a handout to distribute to you. While the conversation on the campus is usually about freshmen, is the impact the freshman have on the totality of the campus in the Fall. There are probably 4 key variables that we have to weigh carefully as we plan. One is the quality of the students coming in, the second is the appropriate quantity of students from various groups on campus. The third thing is the composition of the students across the colleges across the programs, and the last thing is make sure we have the appropriate net tuition revenue to balance the budget and ensure quality.
- Dr. Miller: Harvard has, for example gotten rid of 1,600 positions. Most of RIT's operating revenue is from net tuition after financial aid. If you go to the second page of your hand out you'll see a pie chart. It's designed to give you an idea of where we will be in Fall 2009. The green and blue are students who will return in the Fall and not graduate. There is about 1,000 who enter other than Fall. Then you have new fall entry which is a little over 5,000. If we look at these numbers, this is not what is used for budget. For budgeting purposes we have to subtract certain foreign locations. We also adjust the budget for NTID students because there is a heavy government involvement which is enrolled into the budget differently. If an NTID student is cross registered they are counted. Go to the pie chart at the bottom. This is where the perspective on campus may not match reality. You'll notice that the freshmen are only 37% of the new students. 16% are transfers, 23% are grad students. You'll notice NTID which refers to all NTID students is

5%. If you break the total down, freshman is about 18% of population on campus in the Fall.

- Dr. Miller: Freshman applications have increased. If we misjudge a percentage we can get 75 extra students or 75 less. A one percentage point change for students coming back, is 90 people effected. Freshmen applications are up a few points. So thus far, a little over 20,000 people have applied for admission for 6,000 places. If one looks at the economy, it is profound. Family income will decline in many families for enrolled and incoming students. This is more difficult to predict with certainty. We don't know the degree to which this will effect outcomes. We have a special financial aid program going on and we will help where we can. We think we're ok, we think we'll be pretty close to target. About 30% will make a decision in the next 8 days. Overall we look ok, but there is this unknown with the economic situation.

d. Student Involvement in Global Village – Amanda Kelley

- VP: Amanda Kelley is here who works with Dr. Ward.
- Amanda: I'm here today to quickly talk to you about how we're getting students involved. I have renderings for what we're looking to have. We haven't had much feedback so far but that will change because I want feedback from you as to the restaurant. What I'm here to ask is your help in finding out what kind of cuisine you would like to see. If you guys could get me feedback and get your top three areas I'll make sure we only look at places that fall in those areas. May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date I would like this.
- OUTspoken: That sounds like you have an awesome job. Will Crossroads be staying up?
- Amanda: Yes, it will be staying there but the Hub will be moving into a new place in Global Village.
- OUTspoken: So we should look at places that we don't have.
- Amanda: That's why we were looking at Mexican. Since we don't have that on campus. Chains are good; types of food are good too.
- OCASA: Have you thought about a food court?
- Amanda: We don't really have space for other restaurants. We only have room for one. In addition to the feedback about the restaurant, come Fall I'm going to submit a proposal to Dr. Ward about a campaign and having students get involved in the naming of the place. I want to get feedback of what you would like to see in the location. There will be surveys, open forums. There are some predetermined things, but we do want student help.
- VP: Is the restaurant full service?
- Amanda: Right now, it's looking like it'll be full service, but it's not determined yet. General, detailed, very specific suggestions would be great.
- Freshman: Will people be able to use debit and meal plans?

- Amanda: Mr. Bingham is coming next week to talk about that, but things are still being worked on. Right now Mary Neidermeyer is contacting students being effected by construction. Right now I'm working on getting the website up with the information of what's been approved. A lot is still being determined over the summer. That website will be up before the end of the year with information, phases of construction and a timeline.

## 6) Old Business

- a. Greek Housing/West Campus Construction
  - Greek: We have officially declared ourselves a gated community. One thing we discussed was the website. Another was e-mail notification sent out to us. Another, was student affairs being involved with everything. We talked about the actual facilities going up and how that will effect everything. I'm working with Matt to set up an open forum for the construction company to answer student questions. I'm looking for a Greek one first so Greeks don't take over the all student one. Apparently there will be a 12 by 12 foot fire pit, they're adding a field.
  - Stu Rela: Are you having these open forums before the end of the year?
  - Greek: That's my goal. One house has been completely surrounded by fences and they're putting in gaslines and electrical lines.
- b. AS Academic Affairs Committee Update
  - GCCIS: Phil asked me to present on his behalf. They voted on the plus minus that they presented. The proposal passed 15 to 11 with 4 abstentions. This now goes directly to the Provost who can sign off on it if they chose. Since we were against, this Phil asked if we wanted to draft a letter as a group that we strongly feel it should not be implemented. Also, the add/drop change passed so it's moving to Sunday.
  - OCASA: If the Provost did sign it, would it go into effect 2010-2011?
  - VP: At least.
  - OUTspoken: I think there are positive and negatives about both and I think we're pretty happy with keeping it the way it was.
  - Freshman: When I was talking to friends I heard a lot who felt we were changing what makes RIT unique.
  - VP: I feel you guys should be informed members of your constituency. I think you should all go out and talk to them and see how they feel. If you want to take a week to talk to your constituency I think you should. Discussion or table it for a week?
  - SAAC motion to table, Women's seconded
  - motion passed

## 7) New Business

- a. Horton Speaker Suggestions
  - VP: I need Horton suggestions for next year.
  - OCASA: Ophra.
  - GCCIS: Did we change our agency?
  - VP: No, it's who we used for Bill Nye.
  - Dr. Heath: We're not limited to an agency. We just use this one the most and we have a better relationship with them.
  - VP: Give me some names.
  - Greek: There's a woman who was a survivor of the Rowanda genocide and how she was able to forgive the people who killed her family.
  - VP: I was thinking Michelle Obama.
  - OUTspoken: Anderson Cooper or someone like that.
  - VP: Let's try to get Hilary.
  - Finance: Michael Phelps.
  - GCCIS: The Wikipedia founder.
  - Dr. Heath: I think what has worked best is it doesn't have to be Opera but it does help to recognize the name.
  - OUTspoken: How about the Pope?
  - Dr. Heath: I think he's busy.
  - VP: Stop by the office and write down some names.
  - Dr. Heath: How about Katie Couric? Write that down.
- b. End of the Year Report / Transitions
  - VP: Our last senate meeting is going to be a transitional meeting. You and your successor will be here at the meeting and talk about your positions. Have your binder ready by then. Also, while you're making your binder it's a good time to write your end of the year report.
  - VP: After that meeting we're going to the president's house. All MSO E-boards and advisors are welcome. I think I have the most recent and up to date lists.
- c. MSO Election Procedure
  - VP: A lot of conversations came up about how MSO's elect their e-board. Everyone does it differently. Maybe it would help to know how each MSO elects their e-board and if it should be standardized.
  - OCASA: The president and vice-president has to get signatures, the president and vice-president picks applicants and people who don't live in the dorms vote on them. We liked how it was last year when everyone could vote because people in the dorms could move out.
  - ACA: Anyone who wanted the position takes applicants and selects and the membership list votes. Members can be added after events. For elections we thoroughly go through who can vote.
  - Grad: So who can vote?
  - ACA: AALANA students. We opened it up to all students this year.

- SAAC: You have to be a part of a committee at least, then you apply. We put out a ballot out for the top three positions and then pick the rest in the fall.
- Greek: I got elected at a meeting we had. The presidents decide the top 3. The other positions get selected by our counsels. There is one vote for each chapter. Ours can't change. It's mandated nationally.
- RHA: President /vice-president is elected through residence halls.
- VP: NSC works on a nominations basis.
- NSC: We have a chairperson of our elections committee. Only NTID students can nominate. Then they can run and NTID students vote on president and vice-president. They pick their own e-board. The NTID senator is nominated on and NTID students vote on it.
- VP: You can see RSO's have a different way to do things. It's very taxing on the vote system. Should there be a similar system across the board. Is there a desire to streamline things?
- Greek: The only concern is they take place by week 3 every year.
- SAAC: Instead of making it streamlined, maybe have it stated how each group does it so it's written down.
- VP: What I worry about is making it the most democratic way possible. If you represent x amount of students and only a portion get to vote on it, that concerns me. That happens in some RSO elections.
- Dir of Serv: One thing that will help is having every group on the same system. It increases the transparency of the groups and their processes.
- VP: Is there a motion? We can put this on the elections committee?
- OCASA: Should we bring it to the president's meeting since it's really an MSO thing?
- VP: Ok. So what's the action item? Pass it to elections committee or president's meeting?
- SAAC: Both?

## 8) Committee Reports

### a. ImagineRIT committee

- OUTspoken: The BBQ was supposed to be Tuesday, but weather.com lied and said it was going to rain but it didn't. If it rains, we're going to serve pizza in the SAU. We'll hand stuff out too. It's on next Thursday.

## 9) Cabinet Announcements

### a. Vice President

- VP: There's an application online to be on Cabinet for next year. It's a more formal process this year, including a letter of recommendation. The Great Expectations program is something the school is looking at to connect the first year experience. We elected

Teraisa and Dave to go for a week and work on this. We've had a pretty great quarter this spring.

- b. Student Relations
  - Stu Rela: Thank you for all your help. Also, please nominate people for the extra mile award.
- c. Programming
  - Prog: Thank you all for your help for Marlee Matlin. The banquet is Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. I would like you to be there at 3.
  - VP: For ImagineRIT you guys already signed up.
  - GCCIS: The e-mail confused me because, is our exhibit under student affairs? A college?
  - VP: Student affairs I think.

#### 10) Senate & MSO Accomplishments

- a. RHA
  - RHA: This Saturday we have an event for tropics on ice, if you bring a canned item you get your skates for free.
- b. CAST
  - CAST: This Wednesday we had an open forum for suggestions for next year.
- c. NSC
  - NSC: Is having Pulse Happy Hour today and this Sunday is the NSC banquet.
- d. GCCIS
  - GCCIS: One thing we've been working with is Tiger Tracks in GCCIS. It's supposed to be online for Fall quarter and CIAS for Winter quarter. I want that in a letter or something since I have heard a lot of dates.
- e. Freshman
  - Fresh: Phil and I have been working on roll over debit. We're going to try and meet with Jim Bingham.
- f. CAB
  - CAB: Tonight we have Giant Panda. Seniors game for tomorrow, its 2 dollars. Buy 50 tickets!
- g. WITR
  - WITR: We're working on getting a station voice. We're just trying to update things.
- h. ACA
  - ACA: I will be president again next year. Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> is the North Star center and ACA awards. ACA's carnival is tomorrow along the quarter mile.
- i. OCASA
  - OCASA: Tomorrow is OCASA's volleyball tournament.
- j. SAAC
  - SAAC: Yesterday was bring your kid to work day and there were a bunch of kids playing.



- k. Greek
  - Greek: Next week is a drunk driver demo, I'll remind you next week. There's a lot of actors involved. I will be the drunk driver.
- l. Graduate
  - Grad: We're planning a graduate student picnic. I'm working on a report and transition for the next senator. I'm working on identifying resources for graduate students.

#### 11) Governance Reports

- a. Staff Council: I'm going to need help for lounges next year. I'm really appreciative of Phil and RHA for going through and telling me what was going on.
- b. Women: What about the lounges that were converted to rooms?
- c. Staff Council: Not yet.
- d. OUTspoken: You might want to look at making the lounges card swipe if you have nice things in them.

#### 12) Advisor Reports

- a. Dr. Heath
  - Dr. Heath: Global Village is seeming to get off on a bad start with students. I think there will be a lot of advantages despite the challenges. Campus Center is moving along.

#### 13) Adjournment

- a. CIAS motion to adjourn, seconded Women's
- b. Adjourned at 2:51

#### Announcements

- Cabinet Applications available @ [mattandjackie.org](http://mattandjackie.org)
- TigerDen Event: RIT vs. Naz Lacrosse, Saturday April 25, 2009, 1pm, Game Field
- SG Annual Banquet – Monday, May 4th, 2009, 5:30pm SAU Cafeteria

#### Next Meeting

- Jim Yarrington – Global Village Kitchens
- Jim Bingham – Meal Plans