

AGENDA • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



05/01/2009 | 1-3pm | SAU 1829 Room

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:01

2) Roll Call

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| *President | x |
| *Vice President | x |
| *Finance | |
| *Programming | (late) |
| *Public Relations | x |
| *Director of Services | x |
| *Student Relations | x |
| *Organization Recognition | x |
| *KGCoe | |
| *SCOB | x |
| *CIAS | x |
| *GCCIS | x |
| *COLA | |
| *COS | x |
| *Women's Senator | x |
| *Freshman | x |
| *Grad | (late) |
| *CAST | |
| *RHA | x |
| *NSC | x |
| *NTID | x |
| *OUTspoken | x |
| *ACA | x |
| *Global Union | |
| *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 |

- 3) Speak to the Senate
- 4) Approval of Minutes
 - a. 4/17 minutes Fabi would like to have her name added as late, not absent
 - Outspoken motion to approve, SAAC seconded
 - b. 4/24 Outspoken motion to approve minutes, SAAC seconded
- 5) Presenters
 - a. Meal Plans – Jim Bingham
 - Jim: This is an update on our meal plan and dining services from the last time I was here about a year and a half ago. I have a presentation to pass out to you.
 - Jim: We are entrusted with your funds to provide food on campus for you. I'm amazed at sometimes how individuals around campus don't know what we manage out of the Dining Services office. This allows off campus merchants to participate in our services. We have about 100 vending machines around campus that take Tiger Bucks.
 - Jim: With residential facilities like Gracie's and other places over there, we are also responsible for them. This year our sales was about \$21,344,959. Our sales at Grace Watson continues to decline as you want more services around campus. I always find it interesting how students pick meal plans. We see the 10 meal plan as the plan of choice through freshman. As the quarters go on, students shift to this plan or to All Debit.
 - Jim: We don't exist alone on residential meal plan services, we also have plans for commuters. The all debit is still the preferred plan. Expenses come from food and beverage, labor and benefits, supplies, other direct expenses, and indirect expenses. We have 111 full time employees and 960 student employees with 127 having FTE. Every year I participate in a bench marking survey with two other universities. Compared to other universities we are employing a lot of students on campus.
 - Jim: Some projects we have completed include NetNutrition which we purchased a year ago. They are actively working to compute all our recipes so you can see what we're serving for all our meals. There will be filters to erase any foods that contain things you are allergic too. Another project is the Healthy menu choices, we completed the Brick City Served, Grace Watson Served, replaced our registers, elimination of meal periods test completed, increased hours at the Corner Store, cost containment and conservation by going trayless at Grace Watson, increase recycling efforts.
 - Jim: This summer is going to be a busy summer, we're going to open two new facilities in building 15. A bakery cafe and a convenience store. We're going to take over Ben & Jerry's, change Sandella's operations, consideration of the RHA proposal for partial Debit Roll over, increase sustainability efforts in all purchasing of

food supplies, Global Village and its impact on the Crossroads – increased seating, and enhancing NetNutrition information and Healthy menu development – this will never stop.

- Jim: Do you know what this is? (image on projector) This is the cafeteria and a foyer going out to the quarter mile, there will be 45 – 60 seats. There will be a convenience store with coolers. You will see almost like a mini-mall, bakery, seating, store. This will replace the candy counter. Questions?
- OUTspoken: What's going in the place of the old candy counter?
- Jim: I think its available through student affairs.
- OUTspoken: How will the bake shop be different then Java's?
- Jim: It will have coffee, espresso, but we'll use a different brand. It will be organically responsible Peek's coffee. A little more social responsible. They will accept debit.
- OUTspoken: Is there any way to get Java's to except debit?
- Jim: There could be. I won't commit myself, but they are a contracting company. There are contracts and terms that involve the library.
- Pres: Will they sell cigarettes in the convenience store?
- Jim: At this point, no. We've heard positions that we should and shouldn't. That's a decision the institute has made at I high level.
- Staff Council: Are you baking your own or contracting out?
- Jim: We're going to bake our own. It will be self operated. We're going to be baking off items, we're looking at a company that has organic and artisan breads. Breads and sweets and cupcakes and cookies that will help you with your freshman fifteen.
- GCCIS: Did you see Peek's is fair trade?
- Jim: Yes. The RITZ is now only doing fair trade coffee. The reason fair trade is not always used, is it is not always preferred.
- VP: Because there has been a decrease in cost in Gracie's will students see that?
- Jim: There will be an increase of 2.5%, we have been asked to hold that due to an increase in food costs. The decrease has helped us not need a 4.5% increase. Going green is not inexpensive, its expensive but its where we should be going.

b. Global Village Update (kitchens) – Jim Yarrington

- Jim: Lets start out with a couple of boards. (holding up boards with layouts) This is an update from our last meeting. This is the concept master plan. The plan is really a long term look on the replacement of Riverknoll. It has some of the most interesting topography and views so we wanted to take a good look at the site.
- Jim: Now we'll go to a closer view. This is the phase one components of the master plan. It's a courtyard that wraps around. It's a series of three or four buildings. The second level is Academic Support, the upper floors are residential. Going west up a full story

in stairs there are residential buildings which are the same as in the courtyard but without commercial locations inside.

- Jim: We'll zoom in a little closer now (using a power point). The thinking is we would have an entrepreneurial shop here and an art store selling faculty and student art work. A west side mail center, the hub space in Crossroads would be turned to additional seating. A wellness center would be in this. There will be secure entry to the residential portion of the buildings. There will probably be a bank function, convenience shop. There will be a fire pit with seating and a fountain. This mixed used building will be different and better, we want to move away from individual plopped buildings to more synergy. At the top is a flexible meeting room.
- Jim: The top wing is meeting rooms, here are the suits and residence units. This is looking north at the elevation of the building. This is the courtyard building looking south. The wellness center and here is the step up. Here is the courtyard and the innovation center, restaurant area. This is looking east, this is the top of the stairs. These are the residence buildings. The buildings will have a little bit of RIT brick, but also some bright colors. This is the residence street. Here is an overview of the courtyard. This is the floodable courtyard. Here we are coming into the plaza from Reynold's drive. This is the courtyard in the center. Here is the south going into the parking lot. Questions?
- OCASA: I haven't heard anything about parking.
- Jim: We're taking down buildings. We're basically trying to keep the balance of how many beds we have available.
- CIAS: If we're keeping the number of beds the same, how does that help the residence situation?
- Jim: This is mostly for sophomore's. Plus we have more beds coming up in another private contractor.
- VP: Why is there another gym over here when we have one? Is it for people who don't want to walk to it?
- SAAC: You answered your own question.
- Heath: When we did the survey on what students wanted, fitness center was rated pretty high.
- Jim: The suits in the apartments are similar but without a kitchen. The apartments have a full kitchen. The whole input we got was a desire for amenities but another desire for cheap costs. So we decided to make a balance of units that could be more economic.
- Org Rec: Will there be a kitchen available for people?
- Jim: There will be a few, but not one on each floor.
- Heath: The accountability piece really comes to to responsibility. We're going to have to work with residence on how to keep those common kitchens clean. Some things we talked about was a suit that cooked regularly to have a locked cupboard for materials.

We're going to look for students to decide how we run these things and go from there.

- SAAC: Why did you to make just one restaurant, if you have all that seating, why not have more?
- Jim: It's not cast in stone yet, but that was the direction that was decided to go. We have an input meeting scheduled in a couple of weeks to get input on how to create a sense of globalism. The picture is getting into better focus over the next few weeks.
- Stu Rela: How many residence per kitchen?
- Jim: These are rough numbers. The courtyard would have 100 beds without a full kitchen for the facility kitchen, the freestanding apartments have 50 beds to a kitchen.
- Stu Rela: Price wise.
- Jim: I can't tell you that, thats housing.
- NSC: Will Global Village be deaf friendly and accessible?
- Jim: Yes.
- NSC: A lot of the deaf students are NTID students, many of them don't want to have to make that trek to Global Village, so what is your plan for making that commute easier?
- Jim: The new complex will fit into the bus route and we're talking with someone about putting in a bike way to get around campus.
- Greek: Is there going to be ways to have discussion about housing? Like the Greeks are looking for more housing.
- Jim: I don't know what phase that will happen in. If housing could snap their fingers and change to Global Village now they would so the time to talk about that is soon.

6) Old Business

- a. +/- Grading System (motion tabled from last meeting)
 - VP: We had a tabled motion from last week to discuss + or – grading system with your constituents. Is there a motion for further discussion or a motion for an action item.
 - RHA motion to discuss, GCCIS seconded.
 - RHA: Assuming you are all against it, we do have an opportunity to write the provost. Since I am on the Academic Senate I will write a draft if you want. Also, we could show up in a large group and have a small scale riot to get our point across. It is an open meeting.
 - SAAC: I know we all voted no two weeks ago. But I was wondering if we had anyone with strong reasons for it, not just because you don't want to deal with it.
 - VP: My suggestion is if you want to come up with a resolution you can write it, so we can come up with a list.
 - Greek: I think there has been some concerned about grades, I think there might have been some issues with inflation of grades.

- RHA: This was discussed at length, with as many pluses there will be minuses. The thing is if professors will really be able to determine an A versus an A-.
- Women: When it comes to more art majors, you really can't tell the difference. It's more of an opinion between you and your professor.
- Freshman: My thing is if it isn't benefiting us, why are they doing it?
- GCCIS: I talked to my constituents, I talked to about 15 and only got 1 in favor. That's what I found over the past week. I think as SG, if no one's opinion has changed, I think we should take action.
- SAAC: I don't know if you guys are discomforted by the change. In my classes it's all graded numerically, but if it's an art you can't really distinguish it. What if we make it not all across RIT?
- Freshman: If we do it I think all professors should. I got the same response as Dave, some students came because of the grading system. People were getting very angry.
- CIAS: The response from my professors were that even if they changed it they would still do the A, B, C, or D.
- OUTspoken: With RIT it prepares us for the real world, in the real world you either do a good job or a bad job.
- GCCIS: I know our time is limited, but can we do a clipboard survey so we have grounds to stand on.
- SCOB: With the conversation about leaving it up to the professor, there are many classes that have different professors teaching the different sections if they make different choices I think you would have a problem. I also agree with Dave, we should go and talk to constituents and get information with it.
- Colette: I'm a little concerned after hearing grades drop. We want students to do well, not do worse.
- Stu Rela: I'm a little concerned with we tabled it before to get information and now we want to do it again. I feel like we're sitting on this, we were really strongly against it. I don't really know where the confusion is.
- COS: Of the science students, they are strongly against it. I think it would be too much stress. My constituents want to know what they can do to make this not happen.
- ACA: I definitely agree we have tabled this enough. I make a motion to take action.
- VP: Most of academic senate was not for this.
- RHA: It was 15 for to 11 against, with 4 abstentions.
- ACA: I motion to create a resolution against +/- grading.
- Seconded by Student Relations.
- 14 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.
- Motion passes
- Pres: I'll work with Phil on this.

7) New Business

a. Transition Update

- VP: In two weeks Jackie will be running the transition meeting.
- OCASA: I'm going to pass around a checklist for everyone to work on. It's pretty much a list of what everyone needs to supply. (reads from the list) A lot of people don't know what their getting in to, they have an idea but not the full details. Questions?
- NSC: This is for the new senators?
- OCASA: No this is for you to work on to give your new senators.
- VP: When I became Rep @ Large I got a folder of all the minutes, contacts, and all that sort of stuff.
- Greek: What do you want for MSO's?
- OCASA: Its the same for like OCASA, on May 15th I'm going to run through what happens at Senate.
- Greek: Well I'm in and going to be here next year.
- OCASA: Oh then you can help others.
- VP: When we have a better agenda for the meeting we'll let you know. This is the yearly report I think we're going to look into having it printed and passed out with the Reporter. It depends on costs. A lot of the information you guys have, we just don't.

b. Greater Expectations

- VP: Jackie and I picked two people to represent students to this program to work on stuff they have been talking about. We're sending Dave and Teraisa.
- Freshman: We just wanted to get your opinions on where we should take the discussion. We're discussing FYE, summer reading, residence life in general. Any critical views? A general focus.
- GCCIS: A few of the other topics was how we should frame learning committees, do we need a summer reading requirement. Just any general thoughts.
- Pres: I think it would be beneficial to learn about special interest housing on other campuses, what other models are at other schools.
- Women's: I think summer reading should be done away with since if your accepted late.
- Freshman: Should it be something you can listen to?
- Women's: Even then, I know I was really busy trying to change plans.
- Stu Rela: I know when I was a peer mentor it was kind of a joke because we didn't do anything with it.
- Heath: One thing I would suggest is maybe looking online at other colleges and what they do. Its widely known that we thought it was a good idea but nothing really happened. At many schools there would be a summer reading and the author would come and it would be used in classes. There are some best practices out there.

- SAAC: For me, if you gave me a book to read over the summer I wouldn't read it. It would be more interesting to listen to a podcast. Maybe just implement it, make it a big deal like a pre-FYE class.
- Heath: Maybe a movie.
- SAAC: Yea like a movie, something different from the book.
- OUTspoken: I think most students preparing for college have more things to do then read a book. I think orientation and FYE should run smoothly together.
- VP: Freshman Seminar, FYE, that needs to be looked at.
- c. Room Usage (i.e., Ingle Auditorium)
 - VP: We need to make a decision about these organizations that mass reserve rooms, especially Ingle.
 - Org Rec: Some groups have done it for a long time. They have gotten used to it. We want a discussion about equitable use of space.
 - SAAC: Doesn't that have to do a lot with when they came in and talked about the room reservation thing? They're giving priorities now.
 - NSC: NTID, I don't know if they have the same policy, but NTID has a priority system of groups recognized by NTID but they have a list.
 - VP: We have that. I would like to make a motion to keep two weeks maximum per quarter.
 - SAAC: Can we motion to reserve it a limited amount, but if its open two weeks in advance someone can take it.
 - CIAS: I know that a theater production can't get done in two weeks so they would need something else.
 - Org Rec: I know some organizations have departments reserve things for them a year ahead. Another issue is a room is reserved because their stuff is on stage. I think they should need to put it some where.
 - VP: How about you draft up a list of recommendations and we can vote on it next week.
- d. SSO Creation Guidelines? (if any)

8) Committee Reports

9) Cabinet Announcements

a. Vice-President

- VP: President Pro-tempor doesn't get nominated until next year. ImagineRIT we're having our table in the lobby. Cabinet appointments will be next week hopefully. Senate binders are due as well and I want to go over them in our 1-on-1's.

b. President

- Pres: How many people read my e-mail yesterday? So I'm sure there is people who are scared about what I e-mailed about. I have

been disappointed in the last two years about the work that has gone out. I have a hard time putting my name on a document when I have senators giving me a one sentence report, or even no report. I want to talk about, next week, what senator expectations are. I have been disappointed in the last few weeks of senators performance. For MSO's your performance is going to be different. I think its important however for you to be involved in this conversation. I just want this to serve as a warning. I want everyone for the next three weeks to have great performance. Its not equitable for some people to pull their weight and others to not.

- c. Director of Services
 - Dir of Serv: We're running into some hold ups with e-mail but we're working through it. We're about 50% done with wireless.
- d. Programming
 - Prog: I sent out an invitation to everyone. If you could give me the names of this year and next years e-board.
 - Grad: If I have an idea of someone who might be interested in coming can I bring her.
 - VP: No, I don't want to be accused of biased.
 - Prog: This Monday if you could show up at 3:45 that would be great.
- e. Public Relations
 - PR: The center pieces are coming along. I need your help to help roll napkins. It doesn't take long, but the help would be great.
- f. Organization Recognition
 - Org Rec: President's Table will be next Friday in the SG office. Friday the 8th.
- g. Finance
 - Fin: For those MSO's who haven't sent me everything yet, I need it by next week.
 - OCASA: What did you send out?
 - Fin: I sent out an e-mail summarizing discussions. Some I have heard back and others I have not.

10) Senate & MSO Accomplishments

- a. Greek
 - Greek: Drunk Driver Accident is today. I finally got the open forum date for questions about the construction its next Thursday. I will be doing a Greek one prior so the open one isn't all about the Greeks.
- b. OUTspoken
 - OUTspoken: The ImagineRIT BBQ was yesterday, thank you all. And ImagineRIT is tomorrow, so come out.
- c. SAAC
 - SAAC: Since you're going to be walking around tomorrow, Tennis Team is having semi-finals.
- d. ACA

- ACA: Yesterday we had a banquet with the North Star Center, we gave away over 100 awards. We were very excited since only 50 students got awards last year.
- e. GCCIS
 - GCCIS: We're doing our end of the year faculty and staff awards. I have my last President's meeting coming up for a transition for clubs.
- f. COS
 - COS: My Dean wanted me to ask about an Innovation Center representative.
 - VP: Ideally he is represented through all the senators.
- g. Freshman
 - Freshman: One year down party on Wednesday the 6th from 4:30 to 7:30. If people could get there a little before 4:30. I'll e-mail you to remind you.
 - Colette: Will you e-mail FYE professors to help?
 - Freshman: Yea.
- h. NTID
 - NSC: The NTID senator met with COLA but I'm not really sure what about.
 - VP: Probably about ASL classes.
 - NSC: Could be.
- i. NSC
 - NSC: We had our banquet, it went well. We're about done with events. We have pulse happy hour to help study for exams.
- j. WITR
 - WITR: We will have a booth behind the science building during ImagineRIT.

11) Governance Reports

- a. Academic Senate
 - Academic Senate: For the +/- issue I think you should approach the provost rather than confront. I would also suggest opening up the dialog again. I would also suggest sending an e-mail to discuss further with Academic Senate so they start getting ready.
- b. Kathy
 - Kathy: Your last time cards will be in our folders on Monday.

12) Advisor Reports

13) Adjournment

- a. GCCIS motion to adjourn, seconded SCOB
- b. Adjourned at 2:53

Announcements

- Cabinet Applications due at May 1, 11:59pm @ mattandjackie.org

- Imagine RIT – May 2, 2009, 10-5pm
- SG Annual Banquet – Monday, May 4th, 2009, 5:30pm SAU Cafeteria

Next Meeting

- Last meeting of the year!:
- Student Satisfaction Survey – Dr. Cooper