

AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



09/25/2009 | 1-3pm | SAU 1829 Room

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:02

2) Roll Call

President	x
Vice President	x
Finance	x
Programming	x
Public Relations	x
Director of Services	x
Student Relations	x
Organization Recognition	x
KGCOE	x
SCOB	X (L)
CIAS	x
GCCIS	x
COLA	x
COS	x
Women's Senator	-
CAST	x
RHA	x
NSC	x
NTID	x
OUTspoken	x
ACA	x
Global Union	x
WITR	x
CAB	x

Greek Council	
OCASA	x
Reporter	x
SAAC	
Academic Senate	x
Staff Council	x
Freshman	
Grad	
Dr. Heath	x
Karey Pine	

3) Speak to the Senate

4) Approval of Minutes 9/18/09

- a. RHA motion to approve, seconded by Org Rec
 - 12 approved, 0 opposed
 - motion passed

5) Cabinet Report

- a. VP
 - We now have a new way of doing reports. We will have one person per week reporting for Cabinet, one for Senators, and one for MSO's. I will e-mail you and let you know when it's your turn. You can request a day. David gets to start.
- b. Director of Services
 - I am currently working on three projects, one is the TV station. I want to get content from every MSO. We have recorded Global Union's movie discussion.
 - My team is also working on the SG website. We're starting from scratch. Hopefully the new website will last a long time. The new system allows anyone to update with the correct credentials. You do not need to be a web developer to do so. My staff and I are developing a blue print of what the site is to look like. ETC will work on it in the winter.
 - The third thing being worked on is the Ride Board. I wanted to show you the new online Ride Board but we don't have a projector. The paper version will be moving online. I will e-mail the website address to you. Please log on and play around. See what you like, don't like, and mention any additional features you want. This is a very rough version. We want to make sure it is easy to use.
 - VP: Any questions?

- CAST: What will replace the board once it is torn off the wall?
- VP: I'm not sure, we will look into.
- RHA: How will you gather material from MSOs for the TV station? Do we come to you or will you come to us? Do we have to tape it or will you?
- I have no problem taking content you already have. I would prefer having staff film an event of yours though. The biggest problem we have is captioning. It will be a case by case thing. If you have video content you want to add though let me know.
- WITR: What about rides to far off places? Can we include trains or planes s people can have someone to buddy up with?
- Thats an interesting idea. I will look into it.

6) Senate & MSO Report

a. GCCIS

- I am integrating the existing GCCIS events calendar into the new RIT g-mail system. I am working on connecting students who need things done with students who can complete that work in the form of a website. I would like to eventually expand it out of GCCIS.

b. RHA

- As everyone knows I am involved with dining services. We have the rollover debit assignment accomplished, only 4% will rollover however. We are currently working on rotating dinner schedules.
- My goals is to redo socials. I want more ice cream socials in order to get student feed back. Also, I am working on lighting in the dorms. I am proposing housing and FMS do something such as install fluorescents to deal with the poor lighting.
- I am still trying to accomplish the murals. OCASA is the only one to have one completed. If you want to get together with your reps, we would love your murals. Having them done by winter would be best. It's a good way to advertise.
- As you may or may not know, laundry rooms are quite often broken. I am trying to form a committee with FMS to test machines.
- OUTspoken: I'm interested in a tunnel mural. Do you have projectors we could use to project our logo onto the wall so we can paint it?
- You have to submit your mural for approval first. But I'm not sure about the projector. Dave Yates does that.
- NTID: A lot of people have been complaining that nothing has changed from the Dorm Challenge. Is anything changing?
- I just had a meeting about that. Here has been an increase in budget for furniture because of the Dorm Challenge. By winter there will be new furniture in rooms and new couches. Maybe even new TVs.
- NSC: I have seen pictures of people in driers on FaceBook. Students seem to be mistreating the driers and washers. Can you

talk to this committee about the ways students interact with machines?

- I had no idea people could fit in them. That is definitely something to look into.
- Dir of Serv: Some other dorm changes, Res Life has a new policy on how to deal with fire alarms.
- And wireless is in the dorms as well as no more quint room assignments.
- Pres: I am concerned with lighting on campus. I live in UC and lots of lights are out.
- I will look into that.
- Org Rec: For the Res Life stuff, is there a better way to publicize? If someone in SG didn't realize the changes, others may not.

7) Committee Reports

8) Governance Reports

9) Advisor Reports

10) Old Business

a. Student Leader Summit

- Prog: I hope all over you are attending the Student Leader Summit. Tonights meeting is in CIMS, I want to start right at 4. We will be doing "speed networking" with administrators. There will be a keynote speech from Dr. Destler. He will be addressing us about things going on on campus. After that is the etiquette dinner. Dr. Heath volunteered to give bad examples.
- Prog: Tomorrow we will be in the SAU cafeteria at 9. We will have breakfast available. After breakfast is another keynote speaker. Then we will have break out sessions with presentations on different topics.
- VP: Today, there will be time for a Q&A with Dr. Destler. Please determine your top three goals for tomorrow.
- We will be having lunch from De Bella's tomorrow.
- VP: Dress business casual tonight for the dinner.
- RHA: What about tomorrow?
- Pres: Wear your organization colors.
- No jeans tonight please.

11) Presenters

a. History of Horton by Matt Danna

- VP: Our Horton speaker is Jimmy Wales this year. Thank you all for putting up fliers. You put up a lot. This is our event so please promote it. Be sure to advertise the Horton speaker. Dr. Heath will give us a history of the Horton speaker.

- Dr. Heath: Horton has happened for many years now. The idea is for students and SG to select a speaker that would engage with students. It is often a political activist or sports hero. The idea is to spark a campus wide dialog. It is not simply to entertain. Remember, it is a Student Government event.
 - Dr. Heath: Why Jimmy Wales you may ask? Students selected him. On the day of the event we will ask for your help. Many of you will get to meet him. Any questions?
 - GCCIS: Why is it called Horton Speaker?
 - Dr. Heath: It was named after Mr. Horton.
 - Prog: I could have answered that.
 - Dr. Heath: I have no idea. I had no idea I was doing this speech until two second ago. I will look it up for you.
 - Stu Rela: Where are we meeting for this?
 - VP: In the field house.
- b. Brick City: Homecoming by Michelle Seger
- Michelle: I am here to get everyone on board with Brickcity. Who is familiar with homecoming?
 - VP: It's fun.
 - RHA: Its awesome.
 - OUTspoken: For Brickcity, I know about the Horton speaker and my family comes up.
 - Michelle: Students think it is just a couple of big events. It has been a collaborative event like this for about 12 years. CAB helps get a comedian or band, SG gets big name speaker.
 - Michelle: My role is to know everything that is going on and advertise. It is for students, parents, and alumni. The goal is for students to be happy about where they go to school and parents to feel their students made the right decision. It's not always easy. We are trying to make lots of people happy.
 - Michelle: We have a committee of people. We collaborate with as many groups as possible to make everyone happy. We brought about 10,000 people back to campus over the last few years. We try to get as many people to come through the Brickcity website as possible, it helps to get numbers for our target audience.
 - Michelle: 5,500 people came through our system and 4,800 bought tickets from field house. Those are pretty good numbers. We have had a huge growth with Field House being built. What do you want to know?
 - RHA: Are you counting people who go to the most awesome hockey game ever?
 - Michelle: Yes. I' m glad people know about it. It takes a while to get to this point. Having it on campus would have been difficult. There was collaborating with athletics and Blue Cross Arena. We had to move the comedian to Friday night to sell the hockey game for the weekend. We don't want people to need to make a decision

between the two. Once we see where the hockey game goes, we can add events on top like a tailgate or party.

- RHA: How are we getting people there?
- Michelle: We have shuttle buses. We knew we needed to get people there. We got enough buses to get 600 people there, but they filled up. We had conversations with athletics who has shuttled people before. The majority of people who signed up are families this year. We will have directions and recommended parking for everyone else. It's good they filled up early, we'll just ask for money next year if everything goes over well.
- Pres: What should they know about the President's Ball?
- Michelle: It starts at 6:00 pm, dinner is at 7:00pm. It is a Vegas theme. They will have an Elvis impersonator.
- Pres: What about in terms of dress?
- Michelle: It is black tie optional. We had about 500 people last year. There are about 400 this year so far. Departments and colleges can buy tables. It can be done online or over the phone.
- VP: Sign up on this sheet if you are definitely going. We will send you an e-mail with details and directions.
- Dir of Serv: I have a question about the committee. Are there any students?
- Michelle: Matt has come to meetings or given advice before. There is not a set person. We always try to get advice. CCL is always on the committee, so that person is supposed to represent the interest of students. We're always open to students coming. One issue is we start meeting in January and the programming is set by May.
- Stu Rela: So for January you would be ok with having students around?
- Michelle: Yes, just contact me.

12) New Business

a. Senate Brainstorm

- VP: What do you want to see happen at RIT?
- Stu Rela: I would like to do a better job at letting students know what we do. We do sit on committees and do have a vote. Students who go here don't realize how much of a say we have. We should get posters or a banner in place of the ride board. The annual report is not really effective during the school year.
- VP: So over the year we should put up SG accomplishments?
- Stu Rela: Yes.
- GCCIS: We should make a list of everything that has happened. Maybe add it to the website, like things SG has done as a group.
- NTID: This is an opportunity for us to know whats going on with each other and work together. We should get more communication between the different groups.

- Org Rec: Is it possible to have more publicity about what we are accomplishing in the Reporter?
- Reporter: If you report to senate about your accomplishments, reporter writes it.
- Pres: Apparently we have an article about Dorm Challenge coming up.
- PR: I plan to have a full page in the magazine weekly to notify students whats going on.
- Dir of Serv: I think SG should tackle academic advising and student services. I feel lucky to be in GCCIS, we have excellent advising. I have heard horror stories from other colleges.
- SCOB: I have been hearing a concern regarding the transparency and communication of SG. We need to be letting students know what we're doing. We need to be more transparent letting students get their opinions out through us. I want to push a voting system that can be replied to by us so we can directly reply to questions online.
- NSC: I want to warn you all about drifting from academic aspects. That is one of the main reasons we are here. We should bring more things that deal with academics.
- VP: As certain things come up, e-mail me so we can talk about it. We can pin point certain things.
- Org Rec: Getting information from students is important to do. Maybe we could get a blog and get posts and feedback.
- Pres: We have a message board but no one knows about it.
- Stu Rela: At the Cabinet Retreat we talked about transfers.
- Prog: I am working with Dr. Heath to get a transfer task force together. I was a transfer and I had the worst year of my life then. I didn't understand the concept of this school. International students have an office. I would like the same for transfers or a person who could help. I am still learning things now. An advisor would help.
- VP: Speak up, if you don't I will assume you and your constituents are happy with everything about RIT. It should not be up to us, get RIT students opinions.
- Prog: We should join forces to get the message board advertised. No one knows its there. If you want to get in touch with me about the transfer thing do so. sgprog@rit.edu
- PR: I don't want us to forget about cleaning up campus. I'd like us to create new methods for advertising. We should develop an easy to access all in one document about what opportunities are involved for advertising. Napkin dispensers are free to advertise on.
- WITR: I have been sitting in classes that have no clocks or pencil sharpeners. That does bother me.
- GCCIS: I would like a new housing connection website. I am hoping to extend it to off campus apartments and co-op apartments.

- ACA: The new notebooks had the club list in it and that was very nice. As for the student justices, I don't know how they get picked or who can volunteer for that.
- Dr. Heath: It used to be students would fill out applications and be interviewed. Now students selected have to be interviewed by SG as well.
- ACA: we should publicize that, students don't know.
- RHA: I think its a shame the SG channel has no shows on it.
- VP: We are working on things to add. We are open to hearing suggestions. We are willing to hear you out. Is there anything upcoming?
- Dir of Serv: Ben is working with Josh to recruit a group to produce content for SG TV. If you know anyone, let us know.
- Stu Rela: Freshman Orientation should be shorter and be more multidisciplinary.
- CAST: Students approached me about getting funding for clubs. What is SG doing?
- Stu Rela: There is money left over for budgeting. Adi is looking to track where money goes. Karey Pine is interested in increasing our budget. We have had an increase in clubs but not funding.

b. SG Updates

- President
 1. The Director of Finance is in senior design for the fall and winter quarters. We developed a zero tolerance for missing senate over the summer but Adi is beyond qualified for his role and there is no flexibility for him in the program. Adi will submit written reports and have someone from the finance committee attend in his place.
 2. CAB: Is there something in the bylaws that says he must attend?
 3. No. Can I have a straw vote for people who are ok with this?
 4. Straw vote agrees this is fine.
- Vice President
 1. You need to submit your time sheets or you do not get paid. They are due Friday's by 3pm. This is the last time you will be reminded.
 2. We are accepting applications for Freshman and Graduate senators. There is a competition for colleges who get the most applicants. Women's senators are being interviewed.
 3. It was Zoh's bithday, I have something for him but not with me.
- WITR
 1. We are having an Ask Destler Show, if you have questions, you can e-mail me. Also, we have WITRDJ on AIM so check it out.
- NSC

1. Last week I talked about annual reports. We had a meeting with the dean and he has corrected all the mistakes. He will be presenting the report at the end of the year.
 2. NSC passed a motion to update our bylaws. We will have an ad hoc committee do the updates. By the end of November we should have new bylaws.
 3. Our new website is going up, our events will be up there.
 4. Pulse Happy Hour has been big lately. We are changing the system and how it is set up. If you want to set up a table, contact our VP on Wednesday before the event. All of you are welcome to.
 5. The NTID Dean may be leaving so we may have to look for a new Dean.
- Students Relations
 1. The cards by your name plates have your assigned committees. Sign up for FYE classes on the paper in the back. Please attend as many as you can. I will email you if you have not signed up by today.
 - Reporter
 1. In the Reporter this week we introduced a new interview program. I will buy you a beer if you are over 21 and interview you about whatever you want to discuss.
 - OCASA
 1. OCASA is going pink for breast cancer. We are raising money for the walk we are having for breast cancer.
 - CAB
 1. We are doing final prep for Girl Talk. It sold out yesterday.

13) Adjournment

- a. OUTspoken motion to adjourn, seconded GCCIS
- b. Adjourned at 2:35

Announcements

- Student Leader Summit Sept. 25, 2009 4-7 (CIMS) & Sept. 26, 2009 9-4
- Horton October 10, 2009 (Gordon Field House) 11 AM

Next Meeting

- October 2, 2009 1829 Room