

# AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



10/16/2009 | 1-3pm | SAU 1829 Room

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:05

2) Roll Call

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

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

3) Speak to the Senate

a. Jim Bingham

- Pres: Thank you Jim for your 39 years of service. We want to recognize you for your hard work. Thank you very much.
- Jim: I want you all to know you really do impact RIT. Issues you bring forward today impact students in the future. I've enjoyed working with you and I will miss you. Thank you very much. Leaving is harder than staying. I just spent time with Patty who will be the interim replacement for me. I will still be visiting and living in the area. Thank you very much.

4) Approval of Minutes 10/2 & 10/9

- a. RHA motion to approve, seconded by NSC
- b. Motion passed

5) Cabinet Report

a. Public Relations

- Number one, you will all notice the t-shirt design. This is the potential design for staff senate shirts to get our names out there when we are not wearing polos. I want to get feedback, do you like the design or not? The SG logo will be placed on the left over your heart.
- RHA: I like it.
- SCOB: Seconded.
- Stu Rela: What will be on the back?
- I'm not sure.
- Prog: What is the ability of getting them printed? The design is intense and the prices could be expensive because of all the colors. I think it should be simplified.
- SCOB: Is this consistent with the re-branding?

- I'll get to that in a second. Maybe more thought needs to be put into these shirts.
- SCOB: I'm just concerned over consistency.
- One thing my people is focused on is the re-branding effort. We're simplifying the number of fonts use for SG posters and making them consistent. Color themes are also being addressed. There will be a big push through display boards. New murals for tunnels by Gracies are being looked at as well. With any luck, t-shirts will follow that pattern.
- Stu Rela: With the t-shirts, I think the past ones have had a similar layout. Maybe whats on the back of them should be the same. It kind of connects over the years.
- Prog: I feel this can be an opportunity to debut the re-branding ideas you have. These get distributed all over campus.
- I'm not thinking of changing the logo, I like where it is. It's more reinforcing that. I'll take a closer look after we finish the re-branding ideas.
- CIAS: Do you have a rendering for the back?
- I do not.
- CIAS: Will it be the same as the front?
- Probably not. It will just be text. On another note, you will see another form. It is an Advertising and Marketing Request form. This will be available online as well. We can help you all with advertising. I will schedule meetings as I get requests.
- Org Rec: Can I publicize this to clubs?
- Yes.

6) Senator Report

a. COLA

- For past two weeks I have been planning the COLA Meet and Greet and we had it last night. Thank you for those who came. It was not a great turn out but those who did come gave me a lot of input. Next week is the COLA Student Committee, they will give me more input on things to accomplish. Last night we discussed COLA's identity compared to the rest of the school. COLA is the heart of RIT, we have many things like music, criminal justice, etc. We want COLA to get more out there. I put in the COLA lounge a suggestion box. What would be a topic to discuss during the student committee?
- RHA: What concerns COLA?
- Our lounge compared to others isn't nice.
- SCOB: You should tap into student leaders and clubs.
- Also, the Associate Dean came towards end of Meet and Greet.

7) MSO Report

a. OUTspoken

- The Image Out Film Festival is this week. It is still going on. The portion at RIT went really well. We plan on working with Image Out again next year. I have really cool magnets so I will pass them out. I want to work on our mural. I talked to Kari and Kyle about having a Saturday morning get together for MSO's who want to do a mural. We would all go do it together with food. We would make it an event. We would have information about each MSO's on a table as well. People can learn about us as they walk by. Come talk to me and we can get this planned.
- RHA: If you are planning on doing a mural, I need a picture to know what you need for paint.
- Prog: I will organize the logistics so don't worry.

## 8) New Business

### a. By-laws revision

- VP: According to the by-laws the freshman and graduate senators can't be selected until winter. We made some adjustments to make it not so specific. We changed it so the Vice President brings the process they want to Senate during week 2 of fall quarter to be approved. This gives freshman and graduate senators time to learn about their positions before they start in winter. (reading new by-laws) Freshman and Graduate senators will come in and you can ask them questions. We can make a motion to discuss or motion to table for a week and vote next week.
- RHA: It's mostly just formating so I motion to approve.  
OUTspoken motion to discuss, seconded by KGCOE
- OUTspoken: The part that says it should take placed during a regularly scheduled senate meeting should be more specific. It should have a date.
- VP: Thats the point, we want the Vice President to decide the process. We're doing it in the fall but the by-laws say we have to wait until winter. Once we have applicants, with these changes we can have them come in to speak.
- OUTspoken: I feel like it doesn't give us enough information.
- VP: It says the Vice President will bring it to senate and senate has to approve it. The Vice President proposes something first.
- OUTspoken: Point 2 should say something about voting then.
- NSC: Point 2 needs to be clarified. It's a little bit confusing, what are they announcing?
- VP: The point of the by-laws is to give you the gist of everything you should do, but currently it limits what you can do. I do understand what you are saying.
- NSC: The question is that you should address what you are announcing.
- VP: It would be the schedule. I'll add that.
- GCCIS: There should be a deadline, such as no later than week 5.

- VP: Before, there was a deadline in winter quarter. I want to word it where senate can vote on it whenever they want. It would be discussed at senate after you hear the schedule the Vice President decides. It gives it room to change.
  - GCCIS: I understand, but there should be a deadline that says the senators should be elected no later than. I agree there shouldn't be a specific time to have it done just a time that says no later than.
  - VP: Dave and I will sit and come to a conclusion.
  - Pres: You should come up with some verbiage and motion to table with said verbiage.
  - VP: Do I have a motion to table pending the changes.
  - KGC OE motion to table, NSC seconded
  - Motion passed
  - VP: We'll send it out before senate next week for you to read over.
- b. Did You Know Campaign
- Stu Rela: I am starting a new campaign with information you don't usually figure out to 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year. The banners would be university and college wide. They would have things some students don't know. Kyle and his team are working on sign-age for SG. Do you know anything that would be a useful fact, or have information I should look up?
  - RHA: I found it fascinating how much you pay for certain services in your fees and think that you should use it.
  - COLA: Maybe the bus schedules for getting outside RIT.
  - Stu Rela: The banners are more like that truth campaign. They should have fun facts.
  - COLA: Maybe a fact that we do have a bus that takes you off campus.
  - Reporter: Will anyone be fact checking?
  - Stu Rela: Yes. If you find something you want publicized in your college e-mail it to me. Even something about SG.
  - OCASA: Would OCASA be able to have one?
  - Prog: I think that would be exactly what they want. Its a fun fact that OCASA has printing and what not available.
  - Stu Rela: Even with Reporter and paying for ads.
  - VP: E-mail Teraisa or come in to the SG office for more info.
- c. Senate Updates
- Freshman Senator
    1. VP: Because of Nick, we created a clip board survey and for those who signed up to look at applications, we will post it and it will have all the essays included. We have to look over the applications to pick the top 10. Saunders College of Business had the most applicants.
  - Student Relations
    1. I need to speak to NSC, RHA, Greek, and ACA after this meeting. All of senate will get a survey about the technology

that they use focused academically. Don't delete it, there will be a link to their wiki page. They are trying to get more student input on technology use effecting school work. I am wondering if anyone wants to sit on that committee? There are only three meetings.

9) Old Business

a. Brick City Horton Debrief

- Pres: I heard good responses about the Horton Speaker. The hockey game had record breaking numbers. There was a motion from KDR to impeach Stephen DeVay. SG prides themselves on maintaining happy and healthy MSOs. It is our responsibility to investigate. CCL and us have attempted to contact KDR twic with no reply. They also would not allow us into their meeting. I will keep you posted. Can I get feedback from Horton?
- RHA: Can I just say I saw half this room at the hockey game. It was awesome to see everyone.
- SAAC: Can I get t-shirt feedback?
- VP: Jimmy Wales was joking when he said to add him as a friend but people believed him and he has almost reached his max of 5000.
- Stu Rela: I think the new t-shirts have more RIT spirit.
- NSC: I think we need a better system for speaker questions because only 5 people got to ask this time.
- Stu Rela: For those who worked, if you have feedback please speak up.
- RHA: Can we get coffee next year?
- Stu Rela: Thats a minor detail but sure.
- OUTspoken: I think the entire weekend went well. I think it depends on the choice of speaker for attendance but we did a great job running it.
- GCCIS: It would be interesting to bring in more interested students to the round table.
- Stu Rela: One stipulation for the reception meeting is to be SG recognized. I invited all SG clubs that fell under the basic area and only one replied. Being SG recognized has perks and this is one of them.

10) Presenters

a. Campus Projects – Jim Yarrington

- The Central Heating and cooling plan is up and running. It will save us about \$1.2 million a year. The bike and walkway expansion is being studied. The last big one is the south loop. We're about to move into detailed designs for a route through residence halls that goes south. Once we get a price we'll figure how much we can afford.

- The Campus Center will be done earlier than planned, hopefully by Thanksgiving we should be moved in. The lower level will have the fountain, Reporter, CAB, and meeting rooms. I think it will be great.
  - The retail court and bookstore area is all done. The baked goods look great. We're working on moving the academic support and English language centers on the second floor. We'll remodel the RITreat. The building is really going to be pretty transformed. It should be done in spring of 2010.
  - The innovation center is done, it is tracking the highest level for a sustainable building. For Global Village, we have had some open meetings on this. Fundamentally the design is still the same. The project is tracking to be about \$55 million in project costs. 410 beds will be provided. Entrepreneurial programs will have space as well.
  - The Golisano Institute for Sustainability is being worked on. We will be starting drawings. Programming and envisioning meetings will be later this month. We're also looking at new locker rooms for the Ritter Arena. We are looking at an Academic and Research building. Because of all the upgrades in the innovation center it becomes a big connection for campus. Dr. Heath has asked us to look at the pedestrian walkways for that. In total its about \$200 million of construction.
  - NSC: Can you send Jackie the powerpoint so she can send it to us?
  - We'll figure something out.
  - OUTspoken: At first I was concerned about having Bytes on the Run here but I'm finding I use it a lot. Its also nice how late its open.
- b. Center for Campus Life – Karey Pine
- Facts: 30 ish Greek chapters at RIT. 465 number of events were registered since orientation started. 154 jobs worked by tech crew. 11,100 students CAB has had attend events. 250 visa transactions. 600 students in Greek organizations. 1,200 e-mails that tech crew has processed. 700 participants in cultural and performing series. 20 years I have been here.
  - I did this quiz because of the departments philosophy. Students should take the front line roles in planning events. There is a lot of work that happens in CCL. I have seen that CCL's job has become to identify and fill program gaps. Its a hard working department, thats something we should all recognize.
  - We are trying to always say yes to students. Sometimes processes haven't caught up with philosophies. Tell us if you are getting no's or blocks. We are a service centered place. There is lifelong learning. I would like you to be honest with us about things you like and things you want to be added. The department is excited for potential changes.

- Part of our role is to provide support to SG and MSO's. If you are looking to partner with another group I want you to feel you can come. I want to develop those networks. Our department provides marketing support. If you have an idea feel free to talk with Beth. Kyle and Beth are both great resources. Event planning, setup, and financing. We help finance events and have access to finance committee. Utilize the money we have. CAB is another programming support entity. We can help with creative problem solving. We want to help.
  - If you want to make an appointment with me contact Ellen Dallimore. For Carol, Ryan, and Jess you can contact our student assistant through [clife09@rit.edu](mailto:clife09@rit.edu).
- c. Freeze Fest – Karey Pine
- Most of you know what Freeze Fest is. When I started here 11 weeks ago I was told about this winter carnival that Dr. Destler wanted to start. We have a Fall Quarter event and a Spring Quarter event. They both serve students as well as others like faculty, outside community, and alumni. In winter we have nothing.
  - This is the Freeze Fest logo. It is the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. We will use the Campus Center, Ice Rink, Field House, and Sleigh Ground for the festival. We will also use the SAU lobby area. We are trying to think big. We want this event to be the level of quality as ImagineRIT and Brick City. SG, CAB, CCL, and Student Life Cluster are involved. Dr. Destler is also on board and very excited. I want you to know its partly your moment.
  - The schedule has been passed out to everyone, it is not final. We are looking into an outdoor skating rink for the weekend. We are trying to get horse drawn carriages around campus. Inside we want coffee house entertainers. We are also looking for a major comedian.
  - We want events to interest you and families to come to campus. We are looking into ice sculpture demos. We will also have an ice disco. Sunday is the superbowl extravaganza. We are looking at the fieldhouse for this. We want novelties, multiple tvs, and we want it to be family friendly.
  - Where can you find information? We will be starting give-a-ways, invitations, electronic updates, and a website. Kari has some information for you on MSO's getting involved. We want your ideas.
  - Prog: I made a signup sheet for events we have going on. Some people want to be involved. If you want, write what event you want to do and if you want to partner with someone. We also have space for you to come up with your own ideas of events. Return them to me or Karey Pine. We want as many people as possible.
  - Contact me if you need anything. Any questions?
  - RHA: Will the campus center not be open before this at all?
  - There is the move in, the use, and then the grand opening.



- RHA: With the superbowl in the fieldhouse, will there be a bar?
- Pres: We're working on it.

11) Adjournment

- a. OUTspoken motion to adjourn, seconded GCCIS
- b. Adjourned at 2:59

**Announcements**

- RHA: Haunted Office October 23 & 24 (located in RHA Office)
- RH: Ice Cream Social October 18 (Sol Activity Room)
- OCASA: Pre-licensing Course Oct. 24 10am-3pm (Gleason A055)

**Next Meeting**

- October 23, 2009 SAU 1829 Room