

AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



10/30/2009 | 1-3pm | SAU 1829 Room

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:01

2) Roll Call

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

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

- 3) Speak to the Senate
- 4) Approval of Minutes 10/23
 - a. Motion by SAAC, second OUTspoken
- 5) Cabinet Report
 - a. Director of Services
 - Dir of Serv: Last year Gerry launched a program called Tiger Watch. That program is starting tonight.
 - b. President
 - Cabinet is meeting with Dr. Destler on Monday, if you have any additional topics let us know.
- 6) Senator Report
- 7) MSO Report
- 8) New Business
 - a. Freshmen Senator Election
 - Applicants presented themselves and were questioned
 - Motion to close meeting for discussion by Dir of Serv
 - OUTspoken moves, RHA seconds
 - Christopher Scott voted Freshman Senator
 - b. Graduate Senator Election
 - Applicants presented themselves and were questioned
 - Pavan Puttaswamy Geetha voted Graduate Senator
- 9) Old Business
- 10) Presenters
 - a. Student Survey by Mary Beth Cooper & Nicole Boulais

- Mary Beth: Together our office and you did a survey last year. It is from a student perspective about how RIT has been so far. The slide information will be available to you on a website. This was done via Clipboard. A little over 4,000 students responded. There were a lot of comments as well as a five point grading scale.
- Mary Beth: It seems students don't feel very connected to sustainability. For housing, students seem to be generally happy with it. The numbers for food are good but could be better. They need to explore food selection and hours. Quality of education is doing very well, but we do have to investigate academic advising.
- Mary Beth: Matt and I are concerned with the number of people feeling connected to people at RIT. Programming needs to be addressed because students appear to not have their activity interests addressed. People love the athletic facilities. Work needs to be done on community between RIT and NTID. Transportation is also an issue that needs to be addressed.
- Mary Beth: Students feel safe on campus. Students generally seem satisfied with their life here at RIT. Athletic facilities, feeling safe, valuable skills, education needs, and technological resources are our top five. The things people are the most unhappy with are parking, sustainability, bus system, food selection, and services for students on campus for breaks.
- SAAC: The numbers here were done when?
- Emily: Winter.
- SAAC: So your bus system numbers might be different. The buses get worse in the winter and there are so many people trying to get on them. Randy says they have improved from last year but he might have to look at winter.
- Emily: I had the best role in this survey. I got to hear what students had to say. I got to read 16,000 comments. This told me students want to make a change. I took key ideas from the nine different subjects. They didn't just say they were upset, they gave ideas how they want to change it. All of this will be available on the website.
- Emily: There are some really useful things. Some have already been addressed like the buses and wireless. The most responses was in the food section with housing as a close second. Where're here today to get your ideas on how to present it to students. I think we need to show students we looked through these surveys because a lot of comments stated they didn't think anyone was going to read it. Lets show students we care what they are saying.
- Emily: We want to send it out through Message Center. Does SG want to take some of these?
- OUTspoken: I think things relevant to departments, like comments about the bus system, should be sent to whoever can take care of it.
- SAAC: My only problem with sending it through the Message Center when students get it its like an instant delete.

- Emily: What would you suggest?
- SAAC: Maybe starting with getting it through in FYE. For upper classes maybe have advisors drop something in their mail folders.
- Stu Rela: I think that for each of your bullets, there is a committee that does that, maybe those can be given to me and I can send them to the committees that deal with it. Open forums might be good too.
- Emily: Yea does SG want to do something with us to get this out?
- VP: Yes
- CAST: Students say they are upset with parking, and parking says they have enough spaces. But spaces aren't the issue, its how far they are. So we should look at what the actual problem is. We should also do something big to get the information out.
- Mary Beth: Maybe host a session in the parking lot, take it to the people. We can tell them what has been addressed and then go from there.
- Stu Rela: We have also started a Did You Know campaign so we can use that to promote what has been changed.
- RHA: Did Academic Senate see that students are generally satisfied with grades?
- Emily: Yes.
- Prog: I liked the parking lot idea with reaching out. Starting where people are to get them pulled in.
- Mary Beth: Yea, like go to Gracies and talk about food. I think students need to be the lead people. Get people involved to hear the information.
- SAAC: Maybe you just have a day where people can get their opinions heard. Have them set up all over campus where people are going to be. You'll get the people affected by each of these things. Be accessible. You will get opinions.
- WITR: We could stick a link on MyCourses as well. We could have your webpage set up as the homepage on lab computers too.
- Mary Beth: Maybe WITR could do a radio show with Emily or something and instruct people to go somewhere live.
- NSC: We're going to have what's called an orange talk and bring couches where people can sit and discuss issues in a comfortable environment.
- Prog: Maybe we could put it in the new student center in the reading room, its a comfortable environment.
- Greek: I think this is a perfect opportunity for MSO's to get involved. We could have the biggest partnership we've ever seen.
- Pres: I like that idea of like a ROAR day but instead of collecting money we collect thoughts. I don't think we can do anything until February because we are going to be having major conversations about the calendar.
- SAAC: I think we should do it even after that because if it is in the spring more people will be outside. Maybe after spring break where

we can be outside in multiple locations. Put it everywhere so every opinion can be heard.

- Mary Beth: This was great, very helpful. If you could be out there with this information I think it would be very powerful for your peers. Thank you.

11) Adjournment

- a. OUTspoken motion to adjourn, seconded CIAS
- b. Adjourned at 2:56

Announcements

- ACA, GU, & NSC: Halloween Party Oct. 31 8pm-12 am (SDC Bldg. 55)
- SAAC 12pm costume contest, Wii for 1st place

Next Meeting

- November 6, 2009 SAU 1829 Room