

AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



12/11/09 | 1-3pm | SAU 1829

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:02

2) Roll Call

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

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

3) Speak to the Senate

a. Trae Rogers

- Trae: Right now managers at my job at clubs downtown have approached me. Other colleges have their nights downtown and I've started that with RIT. I would like to get us involved, its 18+. Tomorrow is a Christmas bash downtown. I started a Facebook page. I'm just trying to get RIT involved in this social night downtown. I'd like to get a senior night for seniors. I would like to your help to promote this.
- VP: Is there a motion to discuss? He approached me earlier about this about getting people downtown.
- Motion by SAAC seconded by Freshman.
- SAAC: What is the event this weekend?
- Trae: It's the Red and White Bash at Pearl on Saturday at 10. My e-mail is twr1213@rit.edu.
- Stu Rela: You should look into a bus.
- Trae: They won't let me.
- Dr. Heath: I'm the guy who won't let you. A couple of years ago there were clubs downtown who would allow underage drinking who provided a bus. That may sound great, but who is accountable for you to come back? There are a lot of logistical issues at that time. We can't let outside organizations come on to campus to bus people downtown. That does not mean we can't look at what alternatives that do exist, working with our transportation or RTS. We need to be really thoughtful about how we do that.
- Prog: If we didn't use buses, what would we use?
- Dr. Heath: I don't know thats why we have to talk to transportation.
- Trae: You can pay for a taxi. I believe that 18 and over you guys are in college you are adults so you should learn to take care of yourself. I don't know if thats something you want to push.
- Fin: St. John Fissure and Nazareth, how do they do it?
- Trae: I know a lot of them take taxi's.

- Fin: Besides the bars, our freshman and second years, Rochester was just Henrietta. Besides the whole bar scene, is there something we can look into to get students connected with Rochester.
- Karey: I don't know where our CAB person is, but I am happy to bring up the senior night. I took down your name.
- Trae: These are big dance scenes and your ID is checked at the door.

4) Approval of Minutes 12/4

- a. Motion by GCCIS, seconded by CIAS
- b. motion passes

5) New Business

a. SG Weekly Newsletter

- Stu Rela: Matt and I have been working on a weekly questionnaire. We have been talking about how to get the information out there. We wanted to see what you guys think. We were also thinking about expanding it into information for the students. So first, how should we get the information out there?
- SAAC: I still feel like going through professors and colleges is the best way. If you can work a way to talk to professors and have them put a link on MyCourses or talk in class you might catch students attention.
- GCCIS: Maybe try setting it as a homepage on computer labs.
- CAB: We should try to stop spamming everyone so that when they do get an e-mail they would pay attention to it.
- Stu Rela: Is there a way we can send out e-mails not through Message Center?
- Dir of Serv: From a technical standpoint or college?
- Stu Rela: Both. I feel like if students see Message Center they delete it. Also, would you guys want to have a weekly update about what you are doing?
- OUT: I think using SG TV would be a good resource.
- Global: It would be a great idea to add updates to the newsletter.
- Dir of Serv: I would encourage us to start looking at other mediums we haven't used before. We have a great video team now we can explore the option of using some videos to promote. Students seem to be more interested in watching a clip than reading.
- SAAC: The bathroom signs might be good. It catches your attention.

b. Guest Swipe Meal Policy

- Freshman: I know it has been a while since a lot of you have lived in the dorms and eaten at Gracies. At Gracies you can only use your card to pay for a meal for yourself. I have met a lot of students who have friends visit or friends lose their card and they can't swipe their friend into Gracies. The biggest thing is that students pay for these

meals so they feel they should be allowed to use it however they like. I looked into it and other schools have a guest policy where they have 5 guest swipes per quarter so they can eat at Gracies with you. It would give students the feeling that have more concern. I wanted some input from you.

- RHA: If SG is interested in it I can help you out.
 - Women: Is there a way you can pay for someone using debit?
 - Freshman: Yes but it's like \$9.
 - Women: How would it affect the cost of meal plans?
 - Freshman: It wouldn't. It would be replacing one of your own meals. So if you have 12 and you eat you have 11. Then you swipe for a friend and now you have 10.
 - NSC: How would it work out if students have an unlimited meal plan?
 - Freshman: I would have to work that out because that is unique to only the unlimited meal option.
 - GCCIS: I like it, I think it would be great.
 - Fin: What if students use all five of the guest passes and use up all their own plans?
 - Freshman: Its up to the student. If they use all of their debit in the first two weeks thats their own fault.
 - NSC: I think its a great idea.
 - CAB: I think its a good idea.
 - Stu Rela: Last year Phil and I worked on roll over debit. The statistics show that students struggle to use up all their options. I would have a written proposal for when you go to talk to dining services.
 - Org Rec: Have you explored the option of when people choose their meal option that theres a place where they can choose to add guest meals?
 - Dr. Heath: I believe historically making sure students eat has come from a student relations perspective. It would not concern me to allocate 5 meals for guests.
 - SAAC: I understand your concern for people using up all their meal options, but when you have friends come over you don't go out to eat at Gracies while they're here. I think its a good idea.
 - Freshman: I think one of the biggest things is that even if dining services is concerned with students not eating enough, they get to pick what they eat. They just want more control over their options.
- c. Person of the Month
- VP: We have two people of the month for November. The first person is Dave Mullaney. The second person is Lee.
 - Org Rec: Because Dave helped set up computers with a smile. Lee is just awesome and helped out a ton, like with the mural.
 - VP: Those are Katie's reasons. Cabinet voted.
- d. SG Updates

- VP: There is no meeting next week. This Sunday is the Holiday Party at Dr. Heath's. If you don't have a ride you can carpool with us.
- RHA: Real quick, I wanted to thank everyone for coming out to do the murals. There are still four spots open on the MSO side of the wall.
- SAAC: I have been getting a lot of calendar feedback. I went to my first student affairs meeting and they talked about a few concerns with Wellness courses and students missing class for sickness.
- Global: I want to introduce the new programming director for Global Union. She will be representing Global Union at the meeting.
- CAB: We are still working on Kathy Griffin.
- NSC: I wanted to remind you all we still have Pulse Happy Hour every other Friday. Less and less MSO's have been attending. We would love to see you there.
- VP: Make sure you bring your committee meetings to senate. Crystal is our new COLA senator for winter quarter.
- COLA: I'll be here while Alaina is on co-op. At the COLA committee meeting there was a lot of concern with the calendar system. They all like quarters so far.
- VP: I want to introduce you all to Adi.
- Fin: I am the Finance Director, on Friday's I go to my Senior Design but there is a snow storm today so we couldn't go.
- Org Rec: We had three clubs come to Club Review Board. We accepted the Lowenthal Community Service group and Deaf-Y-I. We rejected one group who was like an Honors Group, they had a GPA requirement so they were not open to the whole community.

6) Old Business

a. Emergency Alert System

- VP: From the meeting I had about this, they said orientation week they created cards where freshman could write their name, UID, phone number and e-mail, and that was an effective way to get students. They recommended doing that around campus in locked boxes. They also suggested a table as an awareness with a staff member sitting there for security. Do you have feedback?
- Stu Rela: If they put down their UID would they put down their cell number?
- VP: They would put their information down and the department would put them in.
- SAAC: Why do you need your UID?
- VP: Your UID links directly to you.
- SAAC: Why can't they just send it to a number?
- VP: Someone put a number on a card and it didn't connect to a student.

- Stu Rela: If you graduate they don't want to send things to you.
- GCCIS: Can you link it to their DCE, its unique to everyone?
- VP: UID's used to be social security numbers but now their not so I don't know what the security is for with the UID.
- Freshman: Why not start advertising on Monday at the forum? Just pass out some fliers and some signs to get people to know about it.
- Karey: Teraisa, with the Did You Know, maybe start with Did You Know over break there was a threat to RIT? Tell students to sign up so they can hear about it on their own.

b. Open Forum

- VP: Make sure students know with the fortune cookies that they are options, not definitely happening.
- Stu Rela: By a raise of hands, can I see who is coming to the open forum? I will not be there because I have class. I will send out an e-mail by the end of today with specific tasks for you. I have iClickers that need to be collected, there will be pizza, and please help clean up. If anyone wants to set up something at the end, let me know. Everyone on the panel has RSVPed. Dr. Watters will be presenting.
- VP: Can you explain the purpose of the iClickers?
- Stu Rela: We will ask questions and student can answer with the iClickers.
- Org Rec: Is there a Facebook group I can send people to about the Open Forum?
- Stu Rela: Matt may have.
- VP: Just check the Ritchie one. The main thing is to speak to your constituents about it. A lot of people are learning this has been discussed before so a lot of people don't care. Make sure you gather feedback. We'll make that vote and present it to the other governance groups. We have to change the date of our vote so we can present it. We're voting January 15th.

7) Presenters

a. President Destler

- VP: We have Dr. Destler here.
- Dr. Destler: I was asked to come here and talk about roles for RIT. I thought I would give you a sneak preview to a speech I'm giving to alumni. It's pretty important to get feedback from students. The first thing I do is tell people that RIT remains committed to its core values. We want to remain a student first, student centered community. We embrace the unique community. We are the 12th largest private university in the US. We are the third largest producer of undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the US.
- Dr. Destler: We draw nearly 1,500 international students from more than 100 countries. 175 to 200 of our students each year do

international co-ops. We have 11,000 students at our overseas locations. I have been claiming our unique right-brain/left-brain programs offerings. RIT offers more than 90 different bachelors degrees, 70 masters degrees and 6 Ph.D degrees. We have 8 colleges, but we have launched a University Studies department for students to enter RIT without declaring a major. We have 2,500 students enrolled in degrees in the fine, applied and performing arts. RIT is well managed financially, but still heavily tuition dependent. To reach its potential, RIT needs increased external support. RIT has more undergraduate students than many private universities. But we have a low endowment per student.

- Dr. Destler: We are currently operating with a balanced budget with \$10 million contingency. We responded to 1,000 financial aid appeals. Employers like us. They appreciate our applied nature. Our overall placement rate for RIT is 95.1% in 2009. Nearly 2,000 employing organizations hire our co-op and graduated students. Toyota hires more engineers from RIT than any other university. Fidelity hires more computer science majors from RIT than any other university. We are multicultural and multidimensional. Of every 100 RIT students, 31 are women. 51 are from outside New York. Our faculty are teachers at heart, but they are also changing the way the world sees things through new discovery.
- Dr. Destler: There are nearly 1,000 full-time faculty members at RIT. No classes are taught by graduate students. RIT faculty are nationally and internationally recognized experts in their field. RIT's research reputation is growing. RIT received more than \$58 million in sponsored research awards. RIT has an international reputation in applied research for imaging, printing, engineering, sustainability and Microsystems. RIT alumni have the potential to make a greater impact on the university. We have 104,000 alumni. 8,183 alumni participated in 492 alumni events around the country. Last year I made 26 trips around the country. 1,400 RIT alumni volunteered for RIT last year, and 6,800 made a gift to the university. RIT's 1,400 acre campus has witnessed unparalleled growth over the last 10 years.
- Dr. Destler: We have added more than 1.3 million square feet in facilities to the campus. New to the campus is Park Point, the addition to the engineering building, the Center for Student Innovation, the new CAST building, and coming soon is Global Village, a Sustainability Institute, and the new Campus Center of course. RIT will be a model for incorporating sustainability. We are a self contained community of a significant size that must advance sustainability in all areas. Through 2015, RIT will measure its success in total enrollment, graduation and retention, diversity, global expansion, etc. Our vision for RIT is to become a creative and innovative university. We want to continue to be a place where

students come first. I want us to have a great student experience. We want to try to create a more holistic experience for students. We also want to be a sustainable university.

- Dr. Destler: What do you think? Do you like it?
- RHA: You're talking a lot about moving toward research which ties a lot into semesters. Do you see us more becoming a graduate university?
- Dr. Destler: I believe we will remain a university that focuses on undergraduates. I don't believe if we were to move to semesters we would have to give up any of those ambitions. Calendars have some advantages and you can overestimate the advantages. We do produce students who are hard working, but on the other hand we don't keep a lot of students. We'll have a healthy discussion.
- VP: With getting alumni to be more involved it starts with undergrads. The main thing is the experience at RIT. Focus on them now so when they leave they're more willing to be involved.
- Dr. Destler: That is exactly right. We have a higher percentage of current students donating to the school at a greater percentage than our alums. I want to make it a fun place to be.
- OCASA: I worked at RIT Telefund so I spoke to the alumni. They did not have a good experience, I think it would be beneficial to them to see what they are missing.
- SAAC: Have you thought about putting the Powerpoint online or sending it to alumni? If you can get that out to people it would be great.
- Dr. Destler: Also, if I give it to you guys and show it to your friends it might be good too.
- Prog: One thing that was brought up to us at the beginning of the meeting was a student came in and suggested we make more connections with downtown. He wanted more of a programming thing, but I think there should be more reach to downtown.
- Dr. Destler: I agree. For the first time this year we took anyone who wanted from the freshman class downtown. RIT was forced to leave downtown in the past because of our location. They built the inner loop right through our campus. You have to thank them for buying so much land for us to build on.
- Stu Rela: You were talking about all the buildings going up. Are there any living buildings?
- Dr. Destler: Global Village will have more beds and the Province is going up.
- Freshman: Is it true they are going to put emphasis on getting sophomores into the Global Village?
- Dr. Destler: I believe so. We have had various pressures to increase capacity.
- RHA: You mentioned you are planning to increase class size. Where will you put them?

- Dr. Destler: Not necessarily. You could argue we are growing by retaining students. We are introducing a few new programs which will attract new students, especially women. We have some strategic areas we will grow. We will be doing a study to determine what our approach should be and when we should stop growing. We do have to look at those kinds of issues.
- VP: With the lounges, are you stating you'll participate in the dorm challenge again this year?
- Dr. Destler: I enjoyed it a lot. I would like to see more Deans involved. I may very well do it again.

8) Adjournment

- a. OUTspoken motion to adjourn, seconded RHA
- b. Adjourned at 2:41

Announcements

Next Meeting

- January 8, 2009 1-3pm 1829 Room