

# AGENDA • SG SENATE

## 09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



DATE | 1-3pm | ROOM

1) Call to Order

Called to order at

2) Roll Call

President	X
Vice President	X
Finance	
Programming	X
Public Relations	X
Director of Services	X (late)
Student Relations	X
Organization Recognition	X
KGCOE	X
SCOB	X (late)
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
CAB	X

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

### 3) Speak to the Senate

**Paul Solt:**

- I believe that we should get rid of free laundry in the apartments.
- Since the implementation of free laundry, it's gotten increasingly more busy and harder to do laundry
- People drive from off campus to do their laundry
- Those that live on campus also abuse it because they use more machines than necessary

- Thinks that we should move to a monetary system, because people would be more conscience of how much they would be washing
- Doesn't like the idea of Global Village moving to suites
- Rooming isn't fair, it's not equal
- Would like SG to look into it

*Motion to discuss:*

**PRESIDENT**

*Moved:*

**OUTspoken**

*Seconded:*

**SAAC**

**PRESIDENT:** The idea was to create a credit system, initially, but was abandoned

**SOLT:**

- I believe that it would just be easier to move to a monetary system.
- As far as Global Village, it's unfair that people have to pair up with another roommate and others don't

**DR. HEATH:**

-The idea was to accommodate a lower price point room. Students may be taking a hit, but they are also paying less.

Many students wanted singles, but some also want a lower price point, so it was intended to accommodate everyone.

**OUTspoken:**

- I think card swipes would be a good idea

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

-They do have card swipes, but have not been used since the implementation of free laundry.

**OUTspoken:**

-I think we should use them

**P.SOLT:**

-People will just let their friends in

**STUDENT RELATIONS:**

-I think if we take it away people are going to be really angry

**P.SOLT:**

-It's not sustainable, you should just explain that and the other reasons why you've taken it away.

**PRESIDENT:**

- I'll follow up with OCASA, and Housing. I think there is some technology that we could be utilizing to better the situation.

**4) Approval of Minutes**

*Motioned:*

**OUTspoken**

*Seconded:*

**CAST**

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

*-Person of the month:* Kaity Werner:

-She's been working on a lot of stuff with MSO's and clubs

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

We have had a great week.

-250 clubs now

-We will no longer be having the categorized meetings from here on out

-We have All Clubs Meeting

- The Categorized club meetings are pointless now, because there is a lot of irrelevant information at those, because it doesn't always apply to each club there
- We're trying to get rid of the red tape for clubs
- I wanted to discuss a proposal to get feedback
- We have three tiers for clubs for financial reasons
- A club cannot be a club if they have restricted membership, ie: if they are female society, or a ROTC group, or an academic club
- I've been trying to get information about academic clubs that are not recognized
- Ryan Giglia and I came up with the idea of Tier Zero clubs, they are recognized but do not receive money.
- That way we can publicize for them, they will be in one accessible place, they want information from the info desk, or EVR an event.
- They would only have to do one annual recognition packet every year instead of having to do budget paperwork every year as well, since they are receiving funding from their departments

**PRESIDENT:**

- What are the requirements of becoming a TIER ZERO club?

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

- They would have to be on a list that shows that they would not be able to request for additional funds from SG Finance Committee

**PRESIDENT:**

- We've had a lot of complaints from GCCIS clubs especially
- With this new idea, they would have to do yearly membership lists, end of the year review, and annual recognition packets
- I don't think there is any excuse now that they don't want to be SG recognized.

**GCCIS:**

- They don't see a benefit
- All clubs in our college work through departments
- they can reserve rooms
- they can do campus wide events
- I don't know what it is that can be created that would be beneficial to these clubs
- It's just they don't see a point, not just that they don't want to do the paperwork.

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

- If someone wants to join then we will put the information out there for the club so that it becomes easier for people to join and find out about the club

**FRESHMEN:**

- Can they get budget money if they are not on the list? If not, that might be a good reason to do this.

**STUDENT RELATIONS:**

-Challenge them to do it and see if their enrollment increases. I think a big benefit is publicity.

**OUTspoken:**

-Do academic clubs have restriction for just people from their college?

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

-Yes, some are not restricted. They target people in their college, but they cannot say no if you're not in their college. There are some though that don't want to allow other people in the club that are outside their restrictions.

**STAFF COUNCIL:**

- It's better advertising so that might be a added benefit

**REPORTER:**

-Where do we draw the line about where you restrict? Like what if you were to restrict about race or religion?

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

-We haven't discussed that rule exactly. However, if African American clubs refuse white students, we would have to discuss that on a situational basis. If something is questionable, then Ryan would probably give input on the issue.

**REPORTER:**

-Why is it acceptable that there are gender restrictions?

**GREEK COUNCIL:**

-There are benefits that come with it. For example, Women Engineers they might find comradery and support among other women. There are different feelings and different sides. There have been single sex organizations for hundreds and hundreds of years.

**RHA:**

-In my major, engineering, there are probably like 8 girls in my class. It's nice to associate only with girls once in a while

**KAREY PINE:**

-I think the idea, TIER ZERO clubs, has merit, but I think we need to figure out where we draw the line about what is appropriate for restriction. What are those limits?

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

-We have guidelines, there is just nothing set in stone. There are situational guidelines. Some organizations have set a precedence. If a club came in and has no precedence, we would have to look at guidelines and figure out if it was appropriate.

**OUTspoken:**

- Sometimes it's nice to see that there are others similar to you, if you are the minority, sometimes you want to meet with others like you with similar interests.

**CAB:**

-In your plan, are there any clubs that are not eligible for TIER ZERO?

**ORGANIZATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

-This conversation came up before winter break because a national honor society wanted to be recognized and as per their national organization, there are restrictions based on GPA. That's where the question was first brought up

**STUDENT RELATIONS:**

- I'm in charge of the scholarships that SG gives out.
- We give out three scholarships, upperclassman, graduate, and freshman.
- I need to develop a committee that would like to be a part of the selection for the winners
- Anyone that does not have their time card signed by Kathy Hall, are eligible for the scholarships
- Please let me know if you are interested in participating
- April 1<sup>st</sup> is the ceremony.
- It's not a dinner this year, it's a reception.
- We will have a meeting after the event to give suggestions for next year's committee.
- Only five meetings.

**OUTspoken:**

-You can only be on the committee if you get your time card signed by Kathy?

**STUDENT REL:**

-Anyone can be on the committee. But the people that are paid by Kathy cannot apply, and if you are on the committee you cannot apply.

Interested people:

Cory

Nick

Michelle

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**SG UPDATES:**

**FRESHMAN:**

-Meal swipe (guest swipe) - Met with Dining Services, Craig Neil, this Spring Quarter the guest swipe will be going into a trial period so we can get statistics on costs, how it will affect student eating patterns. It's going to be unlimited guest

passes just for Spring Quarter. I'm going to talk to him about limiting it during Spring Quarter, because I don't think that would be realistic.

**STUDENT RELATIONS:**

-What happens if someone steals my card?

**FRESHMAN:**

-I'm going to speak to Craig about that. I think as it is right now, there would only be one guest pass at a time.

**WITR:**

-Shouldn't Dining Services be checking the picture?

**FRESHMAN:**

-Yes, true.

**OUTspoken:**

-We're hosting a PB&J jam second week of Spring Quarter

-All sandwiches will be donated to a homeless shelter

-We're looking to find a co-sponsor

**SAAC:**

-We are setting up a White Out during February – we're going to try and make the whole rink white

-We have the Orange Hair Challenge next week

-Tell all your constituents

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

-You guys should have updates, since we didn't do them last week and we're coming back from break

**ACADEMIC SENATE:**

-We voted yesterday

-The final vote for semesters was 24, 7 for stay the same, 4 abstentions.

**PRESIDENT:**

-I wanted to debrief about the last senate meeting and the Calendar Discussion.

- It was correct parliamentary procedure

-In reality, we probably should have done a secret ballot not a closed meeting

-You shouldn't be ashamed that your feelings differed from your constituents

-You should own the fact that you came to your own conclusions

-You would get criticism either way; it's not a win-win situation

-That was my proudest moment in Senate

-I don't think we told them anything different than they already knew.

-What is more important is that we show what we envisioned for RIT ten years down the road

-It was not secret. I tried to be transparent.

-I apologize if you thought that we were going to keep it secret, I think it would look more like we were trying to undermine the student body.

-If you have any concerns please see me.

**SAAC:**

-I convinced my entire E-board that semesters was a better idea. In the end quarters doesn't make any sense for athletics.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

- The first vote was the public one

-The secret one was not supposed to be specific to who voted. Since it was unanimous it was clear who voted for what. If it had been split, there wouldn't have been a person to attack.

**REPORTER:**

-One thing that bothered me is that you serve a dual role, that you are supposed to educate and represent. I think the quarter vote showed the ignorance of the student body and shows that people could have been better educated. I was disappointed by that. Since you all voted for semesters it shows that you are the educated ones and that there could have been more education for the student body.

**SAAC:**

- When I was at my meetings I sent out Pro's and Con's to my constituents. I wasn't not trying to educate people. I brought up everything at SAAC meetings. My job is to listen, not persuade. People are capable of forming their own opinions and my job is to represent their opinions when I come to Senate.

**PRESIDENT:**

-It's nearly impossible to reach all students, that was my concern for surveying the students. However, I realized that the student body didn't have the confidence in us to give a conclusive opinion without asking them. I think we asked good questions on the survey, that were not only quantitative information, but qualitative

**ACADEMIC SENATE:**

-It's an incredibly difficult task for all governance groups. There was information on the internet, but it wasn't just the students that had this issue.

**KAREY PINE:**

-Part of the reason I'm in this profession is because there are some marked moments where I can see students growing and learning. I hope you leave here and own and are proud of what you did. For me it wasn't how you voted, but what you learned and the process you used.



-I think maybe the discussion may have just started, because whatever way the President votes, people are going to come to you and want to be educated on why you think that was best or why it was not.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

*-COMMITTEE UPDATES:*

- I sent the Student Leadership Summit e-mail
- We are planning for next year
- We want people to feel like it's a valuable experience, we want you feedback
- We're going to work just with the committee first then we are going to come to Senate
- Let me know if you are interested in being involved.

**PRESIDENT:**

- Institute Council is next Wednesday. We need all 11 people to be there. If you have a seat Teraisa will send out an e-mail to you. If you can't attend, let us know and we will find you a replacement.
- It's the most important Institute Council meeting thus far
- 3pm – 5pm next week

**OUTspoken:**

- I'm on the Course Evaluation Task Force Committee.
- We are trying to work on the surveys that you do at the end of each quarter
- We are looking at the questions
- If you have any feedback contact me or Teraisa
- We're going to change the questions
- How do they fit the courses that you are taking?
- If the questions don't fit your college, please let me know.

**GREEK COUNCIL:**

- I sit on the Student Affairs Committee
- One of the things we are working on is that we need to determine what changes need to be made for the Academic Misconduct Policies
- We're not talking about cheating and plagiarism, we're talking about in the classroom.
- IE: When can a professor kick you out of a class?, can we wear hats in classrooms?, laptops?, Do you need to wear a shirt in the classroom?

**SAAC:**

- Another huge issue was how things were not being addressed in the syllabus.
- We felt a lot of stuff was not addressed prior to the incident.
- If you have any incidents that you can think of, please let us know.
- We think that there should be a dialogue where students and professors talk about the syllabus before we all agree to those regulations and points.

**GREEK COUNCIL:**

- What do you expect in the classroom?
- Do you want an overall Academic Policy that is the same for all colleges or do we like it decentralized?

*Motion to discuss:*

**FRESHMEN**

*Seconded:*

**GCCIS**

**FRESHMEN:**

- I think everyone should follow the same regulations within all the colleges.
- I think the rules should be created by the teacher. Because not all the same rules apply for different courses.
- It should definitely be posted in the syllabus.

**GCCIS:**

- Centralized system for what happens and it needs to be written down somewhere.
- The consequences need to be listed
- There needs to be a system and made public.

**ACA:**

- If they start going outside the syllabus, they shouldn't be able to kick people out if it's not stated.
- Rules should be the same across colleges

**GREEK COUNCIL:**

- So we agree that it has to be put in the syllabus in order to enforce it?
- Yes

**SAAC:**

- Do you think that it would be a good idea to have discussions with the professor?

**ACADEMIC SENATE:**

- A professor is not going to want to discuss the syllabus
- It might be a good idea to put some common sense things in it, so there is nothing to question

**KAREY PINE:**

- What if someone is an engineer, but they have an elective in COLA? I think that's a place where we would need a centralized system, because what if the colleges don't talk to each other?

**STUDENT RELATIONS:**

- Is there something that's already in Student's Rights and Responsibilities? I think that should be looked into

-I think that it should be considered that participation is a part of a grade. I don't think you should be punished with taking off points. What if you act up in class, but you do well in the course? I don't see why it should affect your grade.

**ACADEMIC SENATE:**

-I think you need to keep in mind that Professors are able to change their syllabus at any time. You need to be flexible if an issue comes up that they will change something in the syllabus and inform you.

**FRESHMEN:**

-I think if you are taking an elective in one college that your dean should automatically be informed and that there should be communication between the colleges. It should be an automatic process, so that there are no discrepancies between.

- I think the syllabus should be able to be changed mid-way through the quarter, because some issues may come up with new students that need to be addressed.

**GREEK COUNCIL:**

-We are trying to see if the syllabus can be ready by the time for registration. So then we can see that when we are going to register, so we will know what we are getting themselves into. They are looking into it. It might be possible.

**ACADEMIC SENATE:**

-You are going to run into a big problem with how the syllabus is going to be available to you, since not everyone uses mycourses.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

-Well they are going to be a new SIS, so maybe that's a feature they could incorporate into the system.

**WITR:**

-I'm concerned that it will affect if you take one section or the other. What if something changes and you decide you don't want to be in that section?

**SAAC:**

-You can drop it.

**GCCIS:**

- I think that adding that into the new SIS system would be great, because the course descriptions are horrible.

**GLOBAL UNION:**

-What considerations will be taken towards people that have to keep their head covered for religious reasons?

**GREEK COUNCIL:**

- It was determined that the teacher couldn't tell students not to wear hats, so it would be the same thing for religious reasons. They couldn't tell you not to wear your head covering.

**SAAC:**

- I think a discussion might still be a good idea, so you know what the reasoning is behind all of the things stated in the syllabus, so you get student feedback. There's never a discussion when there is a discrepancies.

**ACADEMIC SENATE:**

-As far at the discussion for hats there are some discussions that those with ADD have an easier time focusing, however, it's easier to cheat or listen to music with hats on.

**GREEK COUNCIL:**

-Please let me know if you have any issues that come to mind later, e-mail me. at [Stephen.G.Devay@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.G.Devay@gmail.com)

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

-Now we are going to talk about the Shared Governance Vote.

**ACADEMIC SENATE:**

-We talked about this at Academic Senate and they didn't have an opinion.

**STAFF COUNCIL:**

-It wasn't a source of huge controversy.  
-They assumed it was already in place

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

-Do you want to discuss or vote?

*Motion to vote:*

**GCCIS**

*Seconded*

**KGCOE**

**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES:**

-This would be a change in bi-laws so we would need to table it and vote on it next week.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

-If it's a known change, it wouldn't have to be put in the bi-laws.

**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES:**

-Yeah but it's still a change in the bi-laws, so this isn't official, it's a straw vote.

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

- So if it's approved, we would need to table it to make it official
- All in favor of extending voting seats to the Governance Groups? 11
- Opposed? 1
- So it passes

**DIRECTOR OF SERVICES:**

- Now we have to table this
- Who wants to help me come up with a draft?
- Nick
- Next week we will discuss it then table it for another week and talk about adding it into the bi-laws

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

- I haven't received any announcements lately
- Please come see me and let me know if you have any events coming up that you want me to put on the agenda.

**Adjournment**

- a. motion to adjourn, seconded
- b. Adjourned at 2:30

**Announcements**

**Next Meeting**