

AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



03/12/10 | 1-3pm | SAU 1829

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:06

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
CIAS	x
GCCIS	x
COLA	x
COS	x
Women's Senator	x
CAST	x
RHA	x (late)
NSC	x
NTID	x
OUTspoken	x
ACA	x
Global Union	x
WITR	x
CAB	x
Greek Council	x

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

3) Speak to the Senate

a. Alvin Roberts

- Alvin: I want to talk about the Academic Dishonesty policy. During our scholarship application review we found a lot of issues, I think there should be some sort of inquiry into the level of consistency for this. I think Freshman need to be taught more about it. One of the applications who did this had a cumulative GPA of 3.8.
- Director of Services motion to discuss, Greek Council seconded
- Dir of Serv: I don't know where we can start.
- Alvin: I know at other universities they have a training policy where students need to complete it with a 100% and from there they have no excuses for it.
- Dr. Heath: One way to start is I would suggest a joint e-mail to Dr. Cooper and Dr. Hafner, they would both appreciate that. I would state what you just did and ask how we can move this forward.
- Greek Council: We're already starting something. If you could forward me that e-mail that would be great. The Student Affairs Committee is working on it.

4) Approval of Minutes 2/19

- a. CAST motion to approve seconded by Freshman
- b. Motion passed

5) Presenters

a. Spring Career Fair by Kristine Stehler

- Kristine: Thank you for having me. I just wanted to make you all aware of our upcoming career fair. You probably know that the economy is bad lately, but we still have over 145 companies coming. There are companies who have actual jobs. Students actually do get jobs from the career fair. In the fall there were over 450 interviews the next day. You are probably also aware that from

this career fair are more focused on the technology and engineering students. We do have career fairs for the other departments as well. We are also having a creative fair for the design folks. We are also having the upstate career fair for business. There is a Bio Careers fair in Ithaca. We really are trying to get different events and get all students covered. We also have a number of preparatory workshops. It's a good opportunity to get different information. We have the mock interviews coming up where you can get feedback right there. Call our office if you have any questions or concerns. Any questions?

- Freshman: I was on your website the other day, I noticed that this list isn't on there.
- COLA: If you go on Job Zone this list is there.
- Fin: I have a question regarding international students. A majority of companies that come are US citizens only. Do you know how many companies are taking international students?
- Kristine: You can sort that on Job Zone.

6) New Business

a. Senator Appointee

- VP: Pavan was the graduate senator but he will be on CO-OP this quarter. We have Ryan here to take over.
- Grad: My name is Ryan, I'm from New York. I've been around the office a lot so I know about the current events.
- VP: Is there a motion to approve?
- Freshman motion to approve seconded by COLA
- Motion passed (Graduate Senator Appointed)

b. NTID Modifications on SG

- Pres: I spent a lot of time going through our bylaws. There has been a couple problems, some are historical, I think we have been talking about it for a while. We have been talking about NTID's involvement on SG. For all of you who don't know, the NTID Senator is of a two year college. Because of that, students finish early. Our bylaws say that an NTID student must be a second year to be the NTID senator. There are many students who are cross-registered. There is an idea of piloting a Cross-Registered Senator. We also talked about having NTID elections with Graduate and Freshman senator in the Fall and accept freshman. I don't have many concerns about adding freshman seats. With that, you'll see a series of changes. If we added this seat, NTID Student Congress has a seat Director of Academic Affairs and it would be modified to Support and all academic questions would go to the Cross-Registered Senator. I think the Cross-Registered students have an array of problems that most senators wouldn't know anything about.

- Pres: The first page adds them to senate. The second page says they don't need to be a second year. The third page says how NSC has an election committee and it is going to be changed to NTID election committee. This is to get NTID students interested in other seats besides the NTID or NSC seats. The chair would sit on our elections committee. The fourth page has more specifics. The fifth page outlines the time frame for the NTID elections. So that's everything NTID related. Number two is a few changes I noticed while doing this. We moved elections to Fall for freshman and grad. Also, University Studies has no representation so for the time period when there is no Freshman senator, I added the Director of Student Relations can represent them until the Freshman senator does.
- OUTspoken: Why are there some requirements for the freshman senator and NTID senator and not the cross-registered senator?
- Pres: Because they can be freshman. Any other seats need to have a quarter under their belt.
- Dir of Serv: We should add graduate senator to that because graduate senators can be first year RIT students. The second one needs to lose chair person because of grammar.
- Prog: Will this happen this year?
- Pres: I would like to have the bylaws suspended for the first one and vote next week on the other two.
- Prog: So you want to cross-registered to be this year?
- Pres: Yes, I want them to run this year so they can be on SG next year.
- RHA: I understand where you're coming from. I would like to hear from Greg and Zoh however.
- NSC: Our community is very unique in the idea that we have NSC. We need to make sure students have representation. I agree, because students need to have someone there for them. The only one they have right now is NSC. Because of that we really need to downsize what we are doing and develop a cross-registered senator. We feel the NTID senator has a much larger roll within the college of NTID. NSC is not the representation for the college. We would like to step away from that and create a stronger roll for the NTID senator.
- RHA: My general feeling is we're replacing one generalizations with another. I feel like we're just branching out and creating more senators.
- Karey: I think as a hiring student, you have an experience. There are unique needs and access service issues to educate the senator. Those kind of things are hard and its a nine month job. By the time you get someone ready they're gone. Those students have a common need. I think it might help give a better connection. Greg was saying we have a continuing issue to clarify that NSC is to

- represent a community and no longer represent academics. The cross-registered senator would take over that for them.
- Stu Rela: I kind of disagree that cross-registered students aren't represented. I understand their issues may not be clear but they have two colleges.
 - Pres: No, they have NTID support but they are not NTID students.
 - Stu Rela: Ok, but it still seems like it should be a focus group, not a senator. Senate can only be so big. I don't think a new senator position isn't the best way to address this. I also remember we talked about the date for elections being moved up. I thought we left it at the beginning of winter so it was up to the VP to decide.
 - PR: To piggy back on what Phil said, if you have a Cross-Registered student senator then you have pockets of other underrepresented students. I've taken on the role of a transfer representative. So if we have a cross-registered senator, then why not a transfer senator? They have no voice.
 - NSC: I want to respond. While I agree on the issues of double representation, I want to clear up why. How many senators have been approached by cross-registered students saying they are not getting their services. I myself came as a freshman, I believe you are all great senators, but you can't answer the needs we have. I came and tried to apply for classes, I didn't realize I had to apply for services too. It's not about giving them a voice, it's about helping them with the problems they have and giving them someone to go to. They just want help from SG.
 - Greek: I don't disagree, but my concern is that we'll have one constituency getting three votes. Where up until now it's been pretty balanced. I'm still having a problem understanding why we have NSC, are they representing all deaf students?
 - Karey: Yes.
 - Greek: It seems like we're double dipping.
 - Pres: I think you're grouping them all together. I was asking the same questions.
 - Greek: I still don't understand the difference between NSC and this new position. Are we looking to take that from NSC?
 - Karey: It's like saying that Greeks shouldn't have representation from their colleges because you're here. NSC should be a community wide, organizational representation, not academic. When Greg says he needs help getting access services, how many here know what that means? NSC is doing a great service by pulling back from that and letting it go to the right place. If we think other groups need representation, then lets talk about it.
 - OUTspoken: I think as a college senator its your responsibility to help. If you are a student and you need help its your responsibility to reach out to your college senator. As a college senator I think you need to look into what you have to do.

- Fin: I'm in support of the other senator. Two years ago we had no graduate senator. It's really difficult for you as a senator to represent a certain section. A cross-registered student has a whole unique section. It's a separate constituency.
- NSC: I just want to say that, I as an organization is trying to clear up the roles between the senators and NSC. One of the main things we've been working on is clarifying the roles. I think the one thing we want to do now is to have NSC give up some of their responsibilities. NSC wants to be more community support and community life rather than advocating for academics. I personally am willing to negotiate the voting rights. Maybe NSC should only be here listening and give up their vote.
- OUTspoken: Karey made a good point, if a gay student went to their college senator they may be uncomfortable. So other community senators, just think about that.
- Greek: I think that something similar should be happening. We could take away the academic parts that we do and create a Greek academic senator.
- Women's: I think we should go more in-depth at a later time. I think if we just focus on this one group we should re-evaluate who else needs representation.
- Stu Rela: I have one last question. From what I know, elections committee oversees elections and doesn't promote, what will their roll be? I don't understand why it needs to be in the bylaws.
- Pres: Consistency of information. We want all our time frames and data to be consistent.
- Stu Rela: What do you mean? Having our elections calendar the same?
- Pres: Yes.
- VP: It really helps having the freshman and grad seats filled by the end of fall. Otherwise, you're taking a longer time learning everything. If they get voted in fall they can start training and begin working in winter.
- KGCOE: We did discuss leaving it opens earlier in the year because of wanting to set it to their discretion.
- Pres: I think we moved it up because we saw it worked really well this year. If we have it forced, then we don't have to worry about new representation not knowing it works better.
- SCOB: I have a question; the issue being raised is that the cross-registered students are not being represented. In what way are they not being represented? There are support services in every college for those problems. I would imagine that the issue of getting these specialty deaf services does fall on the NTID senator.
- Karey: No, the NTID senator is focused on NTID students. Those classrooms are expected for professors to sign.

- SCOB: So if it's us having services that we have available and we aren't getting that out there then that's a different issue.
- Karey: Services is the easiest way to explain that. But its different Greek Council is generally students having full understanding of their classroom. For deaf students, they have a different cultural, linguistics, and understanding that is unique and not represented.
- VP: I just want to say for the approving of the time frame we'll talk more about that this week. Let's stay on topic with the cross-registered students.
- SCOB: I don't disagree that there is a need there that I don't understand. Needing a seat at the table is a big leap for us. I think we need the finer details, but to just say that the size is there and have us trust you is a big deal. I think we need more information, I know I would not vote for this.
- Dir of Serv: These are big changes and packets have already gone out. I would feel uncomfortable with telling a student running for NTID senator that they can't. This is a big deal.
- VP: I would ask for a motion.
- SCOB: I want to motion to table this. I would be happy to discover details and make a presentation for next week.
- KGCOE: I second that.
- Pres: I presented this as a pilot. I would be happy to add that in.
- SCOB: I just want to table it per bylaws.
- Pres: Then you're crushing it for this year.
- Karey: I agree that there needs to be more information. Could we have an election for this year pushed out a little bit so that we can have them for next year? Rushing it is no good.
- Motion to table passes.

c. Global Village

- Dawn: Jackie gave me a call the other day to talk about Global Village. The question came out about the decision to make Global Village is dry. I would like talk about that real quick. Global Village has been designated as sophomore housing. 87% of sophomores are under the drinking age. With that being the targeted office, 5/6 of the students will be under the drinking age. When you look at the statistics, 40% of our case load for students in trouble are sophomores with alcohol. We felt it was our responsibility was to make that dry for the next two years. In two years, we have agreed to look at it again and maybe make changes.
- RHA: So right off the bat, Global Village seems to be having an identity crisis. Is it an apartment or a dorm?
- Dr. Heath: It's a suite.
- RHA: I have a hard time seeing that there is a bar but its dry. People are going to drink whether you like it or not.
- Dawn: First of all, Global Village is being built like a residence hall. It is unique, it's a hybrid. Patty and I were in a meeting today.

The facility is going to be a dining facility for those folks who live there. It's just like the RITZ. The way the bar and restaurant is set up, you cannot access it through the residence part. You have to go outside and then enter. It's very monitored. It is in essence a separate entity.

- GCCIS: Is there a multiple year lease?
- Mary: No.
- GCCIS: I had heard that there was something about single gender housing. If people have their own rooms, why is that a problem?
- Mary: We have found that some people are not comfortable being assigned into co-ed apartments.
- VP: Can you keep questions strictly to the dry Global Village?
- Dir of Serv: I'm struggling to understand in terms of the alcohol policy, it's not like being supportive. It confuses me how we want a dry environment yet we're bringing in a vendor to serve alcohol. If we're trusting this restaurant to serve students responsibly, why not trust other places to?
- Dr. Heath: I have to say, maybe because I was involved in planning, it doesn't seem weird to me. We have a need at RIT to offer different types of housing for sophomores. We want to create a facility for students who are preparing to go abroad to experience it. Sometimes in any organization you will get things like that. In terms of sophomore living, we did some extensive focus groups. Students wanted something new. I recognize the suite concept is odd for RIT, but not anyone else. The bar is a totally separate issue. Not everyone is Park Point is 21 but there are bars there. It may in some ways encourage more co-mingling. I think we have to in some ways acknowledge its a mix.
- Greek: For those people who can drink, will they get in trouble for going back to their room after drinking?
- Dawn: We're looking for responsible behavior. Our policy says you have to be responsible.
- VP: If I lived in UC and go home drunk its fine. If I go home to Global Village it's not?
- Dawn: If you're coming home and being carried and wasted, that's not ok anywhere.
- Greek: I think students understand it as residence hall dry, which is different, because as an RA we were told if we even smell alcohol we are to report it.
- Dawn: As long as you're responsible, you'll be fine.
- Patty: As a restaurant, we will only serve you responsibly.
- Dawn: They are trained professionals, they understand the law. I know it will be run well.
- WITR: I'm going in as the entrepreneurship program. It looks to me as if many will be 21.
- Dawn: That's why this is a two year pilot.

- d. Student Speak Up Day
 - Stu Rela: We have been talking about gathering feedback from students. I've gotten a lot of e-mails from departments who are interested. The day will be campus wide, we've asked colleges and departments to have tables and be visible. We'll have surveys and there will be drop boxes for students to submit forms. If you guys can think of any other way to grab students that would be helpful.
 - SCOB: Is this happening?
 - Stu Rela: Yes.
 - SCOB: is this the final date? I'm supposed to have a town hall meeting with my dean and I could change it to this day.
 - Stu Rela: Yes. We also want to push senators to themselves or have teams be at their tables.
 - NSC: I like the idea. At the very end of the last page, it says reports will be made in Fall of 2010. Isn't that a little soon?
 - Stu Rela: It may be the wrong wording, it's more like giving everyone the feedback on what changes will be made and that there will be a followup on it.
- e. Consensual Relationship Policy
 - Pres: Any questions?
 - Dir of Serv: I would like to clarify what a student employee is? We all get paid by SG.
 - Dr. Heath: No, many of you receive a stipend and are considered a stipend. If you work in the Karey's office then you're an employee. Some of you are both.
 - Fin: What is the source of this?
 - Pres: There is reason for it.
 - Fin: Is this from the provost office?
 - Pres: Yes.
 - Prog: So I have to tell my supervisor if I'm dating someone?
 - Stu Rela: It says supervisor.
 - VP: The main target is romantic and sexual relationships. It's to help your case.
 - CAST motion to approve proposed consensual relationship policy seconded by GCCIS
 - Motion passed
- f. End of the Year Report
 - VP: I already spoke to the senators about this, but you'll get a template to fill out. MSO's have a full page. If you have questions ask now.
 - PR: Later today I will e-mail you out the templates. I'll give you specifics. I need a response by Monday of week 3.
- g. Committee & SG Updates
 - COLA
 1. COLA: My meet and greet is on St. Patrick's Day.
 - Director of Services

1. Dir of Serv: I want to introduce a new staff member, Bobby. He will be working a few hours during the week.
- WITR
 1. WITR: I have promotional stuff to hand out.

7) Old Business

- a. Chair of Elections Committee
 - Stu Rela: I would like to be approved as the chair of the elections committee. It oversees how the elections are run. Currently I've already done the packets, elections committee met informally last night to discuss some issues we see that could be coming up.
 - VP: Any questions? Ok, can I get a motion?
 - SCOB motion to approve seconded by RHA
 - Motion passed
- b. Elections 2010 – 2011
 - Stu Rela: I sent out the calendar. You need to look ahead to the meet and greet next week in the office. They will be mingling and asking questions. There will be two right after senate in case people have class. There will be pizza. Also, election packet pickups have been coming in. Please encourage people to run. Keep your dates open, April 7th and 8th are the debates. We have Fireside Lounge. During voting we'll have tables in the SAU. If you have questions, e-mail me.
 - Pres: We did a procedure change. We will still accept packets up until the week before elections. In an effort to avoid unopposed races we will accept packets.
 - Stu Rela: It will be a different packet so that they can't just hold onto their packets longer. The ones available now have a due date.
 - VP: Also, if you want to be in the source book for quotes, contact Adi.

8) Adjournment

- a. SAAC motion to adjourn, seconded GCCIS
- b. Adjourned at 2:58

Announcements

- OCASA
 - Apartment Fair (March 17, 2010 10am – 3pm in SAU Lobby)
 - “Eat & Greet” (March 17, 2010 4pm - 6pm)

Next Meeting

March 19, 2010 Friday 1 – 3pm SAU 1829 Room