

AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



03/19/2010 | 1-3pm | Kate Gleason Res Hall A055

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:08

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
NSC	x
NTID	
OUTspoken	x
ACA	x(late)
Global Union	x
WITR	
CAB	x
Greek Council	x

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

3) Speak to the Senate

4) Approval of Minutes 3/12

- a. Freshman motion to approve seconded by GCCIS
- b. Minutes pass

5) Presenters

a. Innovation Center by Jon Schull

- Jon: I'm faculty lead in the Innovation Center. How many of you have been in the center for student innovation? Only half. How many of you who were in it did something cool? About half of them. How many of you can think of something cool you could do? More people can think of cool things than have actually done them. The Center for Innovation is that round glass building by Cross Roads. Among the differences of the brick buildings, the Center for Innovation is not connected to any college. It's a place where people from all backgrounds can work together. I have a theory about RIT education. We are famous for turning theory into education. We need to be famous for creating people like you who can sit in rooms of people from all over who can do many things. RIT is threatening the world with the prospect of becoming an innovation university. I have a slide show, the first slide is a great big round space and in the distance there are guys sitting at a three wheeled electric tri-cycle. That was the first thing we had before furniture in the center. They have the potential to be all over. We built, for the Make Club and people like them, a tool center in the innovation center.
- Jon: We have, in the first year, done a number of things I would like to speak with you about. We informed the world about us and filled the space with furniture on wheels. We have all the ingredients except for people like you. It's a cool place, we've become aware that the space is so cool people don't feel

comfortable coming in. The solving of the problem of cutting across disciplines is RIT's coming problems. We have a dancing tiger and heads on display with an augmented reality headset. I suggested we make a bike path that goes directly from here to U of R, it could do a lot, address obesity, bring new business, etc. These are examples of the kinds of things we've been doing over the fall. We are announcing today the winners of our summer innovative opportunity who found a faculty adviser and came up with an idea, the winners are about to learn they are getting a summer stipend and free housing in the dorms.

- Jon: We have mini tent events every few weeks and they see a 10 minute inspirational video. So now you're in a room of interesting people looking at some of the worlds most interesting people and thinking what are we going to do?
- Pres: So going back to how you were mentioning the center and SG, did you want us to help get people there?
- Jon: Yes, so lets open it up.
- Dir of Serv: I volunteer at the center, and I think a lot of students feel unwelcome. The center needs a complete marketing campaign to show that its a space where anyone is welcome.
- SAAC: I can't speak for everyone, but I don't know half of whats in the innovation center. I think you guys really do need to do a better job promoting whats there and what can be done. I think if you promote more it would help.
- Jon: I'm sure your right. We have a website, we have a Facebook page, we send out e-mails, we occasionally put up posters. I would welcome suggestions.
- Stu Rela: Other then the glass room, what else in that building is for students?
- Jon: The big round glass space is the Center of Innovation. The lobby is open to all.
- Stu Rela: If I was working on a project, whats the benefit of going to that building other then the tools and other students, that I couldn't do in my dorm?
- Jon: You are likely to encounter students who are different from the people in your dorm. We are welcoming and here to support what you do.
- Stu Rela: So is there people in the area who can mentor us and help?
- Jon: There are a few staff people, the director, the faculty lead, so we do have a sort of get it going thing. There are more and more people hanging out and working on things. So if you see a bunch of people working on things they are there to be worked with.
- VP: We have time for one more question, but I definitely think we could have a focus group.

- NSC: I think its a very interesting point that when the student walks in all they really see is finance stuff. Maybe they don't realize what is over there. I think that could be shared. When they walk in and see the finance and administration center they won't get the idea of what the center is about.
- Jon: These are all good comments, we need them and more. We need student innovators. Please send me e-mails. If you could, come up with requests on how we can support SG and how the center could work like you would like it to work.

6) New Business

a. Wallace Center

- Laura: Thank you for having us. We want to get feedback on two things, we want to hear your thoughts about our merger and we're hoping to highlight our building with the vision of 2025. We want our building centered around the students.
- Shirley: We have been hearing some feedback that students are afraid of the library and the merger. We need your feedback on what services you need. We aren't really here to talk to you, we need your feedback. We need to know if students are still getting what they need.
- Dir of Serv: I work at the Wallace Center, one concern we've had is that the employees have to do everything now. With students who work only 10 hours a week part-time, its a lot to ask them to know everything about the library and all the ETC stuff. I think we should look into specialization. It's two very different things that are now supported by one department.
- VP: Did they consider free printing?
- Shirley: We are thinking about it.
- Laura: It came up a lot in our surveys.
- Stu Rela: I don't know if you have this, but is there a map of the library that has what is where? Whenever I go I never know where to look for things. I also think you should list what is available.
- Laura: Our hope is to address everything you brought up if we get funding. One comment we had is that people feel like a rat in a maze.
- Fin: One of my past classes was we had to go to ETC to watch a video in one of your video rooms. I think people need to see it and know about it. No one can use things they don't know about.
- Shirley: With the merger, we need to figure out what it is you need.
- Pres: I was curious about book utilization. How many of them are actually used? If we could get rid of some books that are never used maybe we could get more workspace.
- Shirley: We are working on getting space where we can move some less used collections. We are also purchasing more electronic books.

- VP: When creating space for study rooms, I think its important to keep the size in mind. They're currently too small.
 - SAAC: If you could have more open areas where you can have space to talk in would be good. Whenever I go I go to work in groups and collaborate.
 - GCCIS: One of the complaints I've heard is that the web page is hard to navigate.
 - Org Rec: A lot of what I do is work with clubs, since the merger I've heard that some clubs have had concerns with paying for projectors.
 - Shirley: I can't address that because someone else was responsible. If you get me your e-mail I can have them contact you.
 - Dir of Serv: I think the idea factory could be reorganized.
 - Stu Rela: We have a Student Speak Up Day on April 27th where you can get an idea of what students want.
 - CAST: I was wondering if you were considering using more new furniture and make it feel more inviting. It feels stuffy and drowsy.
 - Shirley: What we're trying to do is get a proposal for 2025.
 - Pres: You have a lot of power outlets that don't work so you might want to look at that.
 - Shirley: Are there services you want that you aren't getting?
 - Dir of Serv: It's really difficult to find the services offered by Online Learning.
- b. Dining Services at Global Village
- VP: I will send you the survey about dining. Especially RHA.
- c. Committee & SG Updates
- Reporter
 1. Reporter: This is my last meeting. I will be stepping down as editor in chief and replaced.
 - Student Relations
 1. Stu Rela: Who will be at the meet and greet at three?
 2. SAAC: I think it would be good to reschedule it for the hockey game.
 3. VP: You can do another one if it doesn't have good attendance.
 - OUTspoken
 1. OUT: We made 525 PBJ sandwiches for the PB Jam. I was told they were gone by that night.

7) Old Business

- a. Cross Registered Student Senator
- VP: We have a former cross registered student to explain to us more.
 - Randall: This is Erin, she has been here for five years, she was a cross registered student in the past. She did a lot here.

- Erin: Hello everyone! Today I'm going to keep it short and sweet. I wanted to talk about what your considerations were. Every ten years they have a Census. There are a lot of different reasons they do it. One is for proper representation and redesign the district lines. It's also interesting in 10 years the government asks every 10 years what they're needs are. It's good you're considering this.
- Erin: Things have changed. NTID was established in 1968 with 60 students. Over time things have evolved. RIT has evolved. Now you even have the new campus center. Things are continuing to change. That's what we're asking you to do now.
- Randall: I would like to clarify what it means to be a cross registered student. There are students who attend NTID, but cross registered students are deaf or hard of hearing students who attend other colleges besides NTID. NSC represents all deaf or hard of hearing students on campus. Now, over time, there have been an increase of cross registered students. It shows a dramatic increase. There is expectation that the numbers will continue to increase. NSC represented both cross registered and NTID students, but now things have changed as more have come. Some of the representation within the academic aspect for cross registered students is different for NTID students.
- Randall: Now we are at the point of how we are going to address they're overlapping roles. We want a separate role. We would like to have a senator for cross registered students and NTID students, which are different. We want NSC to represent the deaf and hard of hearing community, not academics.
- Erin: I know this is complicated. When NTID was established, we never dreamed it would get so big and have so many cross registered students. When I was here only 10% of deaf students went to other colleges. Now we have over 600 deaf students attending the other colleges.
- Randall: With that the boundaries need to be clarified.
- SCOB: Last week when we had this discussion, it was clear that there was a group that doesn't feel represented. Why do they feel they are not represented by their college senators? What would the cross registered senator be able to provide that their college senator would not?
- Erin: There are several reasons why we feel the new position is important. The cross registered students don't feel an affinity with NTID or the college. You have athletics and global union. What kind of issues come up with the GCCIS stunners.
- GCCIS: People don't like the food in Sandella's.
- Erin: Ok, what about SCOB?
- SCOB: Student involvement in clubs.
- Erin: What about graduate students.
- Grad: Feeling apart of RIT even as a graduate student.

- Erin: One problem with cross registered students is access services. We need interpreters, note takers, etc. There are policies that cross registered students have. What if a cross registered student came up to you and said they didn't feel the tutor was very good? What if you had an athlete came up to you about the athletics and academics? They have two different places to go to. There is also a culture issue.
- COLA: When you were having these problems, did you talk to your senator about it?
- Erin: I went to NSC. Back at that time only 10% were in the other colleges. But there are so many more now. NSC is supposed to represent all deaf students and clubs and organizations. They don't feel like they can go to their college senators.
- Pres: I think we should bring up the fact that SG has changed too. Before it was programming and now it is governance.
- Fin: For Global Union there are different organizations in Global Union. Why not have a cross registered representative on NSC and have them bring the concerns.
- Karey: NSC does not have a requirement that would have a mandatory cross registered e-board member. It can have hearing students and have deaf students. One issue has always been to figure out an identity for the NTID senator. We suggested a pilot of a cross registered senator. There is no guaranteed academic representative of the cross registered students right now.
- Stu Rela: One of the things I experienced, when your representing a group that goes across all colleges you have to go to all colleges. I feel a collaboration between that college and the NTID senator could be possible and more helpful.
- Erin: I understand where you are coming from. Suppose there is a Hispanic student that has concerns about something in SCOB and an African American student in CIAS, maybe their problems are the same but in different colleges. Maybe they go to Global Union for those concerns and now they share a same experience. For cross registered students, they all have the same policies and understand the same problem.
- Dr. Heath: As I'm sitting here and thinking about this, one thing I think you all need to think about it representation. I know you all think about who you are representing. It seems as though we have a group of students who are coming to you and feeling underrepresented. This is about a group of people who don't feel represented, this isn't about votes.
- Erin: Thank you.
- Prog: I'm hoping that maybe I can bring a different perspective to it. As a transfer student, it's almost impossible for someone who hasn't been a transfer student to understand the culture of that. I don't think they're even privy to that information of credits

transferring and I wouldn't expect a college senator to understand and I didn't feel I had adequate support. I think its a similar situation. I wouldn't expect you to understand what I went through. I think that they have a strength in their life that hearing students wouldn't have to go through. I think we should add representation, overlapping isn't an issue. We have a need and this is a pilot so we can change it.

- Erin: Thank you. Research has shown over and over that when people are successful its from a connection with their college or faculty.
 - VP: We'll do two more questions then try and get a motion.
 - CAB: The point of a senator is to have someone speak for you. What do you wish you had a representative here for that you did not.
 - Erin: Cross registered students tend to have little support of where they can get representation. One issue is access services or relationships with faculty. I know committees don't help solve those.
 - SAAC: With athletics, I had a college senator, but we still felt as a group we needed our ideas and feelings represented. There are more cross registered students then athletes. I feel they're a lot like us when we felt we weren't represented. If they're having problems with cross registered issues they should be supported here.
 - Erin: Truly the heart of the issue is that, there a students here at RIT who have an important role and they need to speak up and feel represented. Hopefully you will consider that.
 - COLA: I'd like to motion to push it back another week.
 - Seconded by OUTspoken
 - Pres: What else do you need?
 - COLA: I feel like a committee would be better. There are so many people in my college I don't feel I could support it.
 - Dr. Heath: Then that's how you vote.
 - Greek: I don't think the motion is valid. You can't table something twice.
 - Motion declared invalid
 - COLA motion to approve the cross registered senator pilot for this year, seconded by SAAC
 - Greek: I would like to see an end date in the by-laws change.
 - VP: Lets just see if it passes.
 - Motion passes
- b. Freshman & Graduate Senator Elections
- Pres: Now we would like to move up the elections 5 weeks.
 - GCCIS motion to approve date change, seconded by SAAC
 - Motion passes
 - SAAC motion to approve adding university studies representation, seconded by COLA

- Motion passed
- c. Club Sports Guidelines
 - Org Rec: So next week I will be presenting the by-law change. I just wanted you to know when Dave, Matt, and I met we addressed the concerns that were brought up here. Some issues brought up were not added to the by-laws because they only need to be address by the committee. If you have questions or concerns you can e-mail me.

8) Adjournment

- a. CAST motion to adjourn, seconded Greek
- b. Adjourned at 2:42

Announcements

Next Meeting

March 26, 2010 1 - 3pm