

AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



04/16/10 | 1-3pm | SLC

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:02

2) Roll Call

President	x
Vice President	x
Finance	x
Programming	
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	
NTID	x
OUTspoken	x
ACA	x (late)
Global Union	x
WITR	x
CAB	
Greek Council	x

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

3) Speak to the Senate

a. Ben Isseris

- WITR: Matt e-mailed me about how WITR did not nominate Carol Reed for adviser of the year. I did not nominate her because I did not believe she supported WITR as a radio station. If I did not do a good job as a general manager then Matt did not do a good job as a president.
- Pres: We do nominations for MSO adviser of the year. When I saw that Carol wasn't nominated I contacted WITR who was supported through their changes by her. For me to see all of Carol's good work and not receive a nomination and I contacted Ben and asked about it. He said it was none of my business. I contacted another e-board member and asked about it and he wasn't aware that there wasn't even a process. So that's why I contacted his e-board.
- VP: Lets move on.

4) Approval of Minutes 4/9

- a. SAAC motion to approve, CAST seconded
- b. Minutes pass

5) Presenters

a. Student Auxiliary Services by Howard Ward

- Howard: I'm trying to decide the best way to do this. From my understanding you've also had Patty Spanellie and others here and their part of my staff. Instead of getting up here and talking, I'd like to let you know who I am and then open the floor for questions. I'm the assistant vice president of student services. I've been in student affairs for 32 years. I've had the opportunity to work in many venues. I worked in Res Life in the 80's. Right now I'm in Student Auxiliary Services. We're responsible for about 10% of

RIT's budget. We are scheduled to open the Global Village in July and the retail piece won't open until September. We're pushing the contractors to get that space up and running however. We will have a large convenience store as well as restaurants. When research goes out, we need to have folks who don't like meat tell us what they like. We'll have an art store, a fitness center, and a sports outfitter. We'll have a bike path open along the southern part of campus. There will be a fireplace and a frozen area where you can ice skate. The big thing for us is to make sure from my staff's perception, that our students see transparency. None of you should be inconvenienced when that conversion happens. Let me open up to questions.

- SAAC: I have a question about the field house. We're always curious about our problem about reserving courts. We have no preference over anyone. We're a team and we can't get courts.
- Howard: We try to minimize any additional non-student things that block student use. I think it might be a student affairs issue.
- RHA: There's been talk about changing the meal plans. Do you have updates?
- Howard: We have decided to not make it mandatory for students in Global Village to have meal plans. That's one big change. If you live in the residence halls, you have to have a meal plan. But we will work on the options available.
- Stu Rela: Gary wants to work on the Student Speak Up Day being about the meal plans. He wants to get a large pool of people to give information.
- Howard: Keep in mind, there is always a cause and effect. When you all wanted us to change lounges, we lost a lot of money and that limited the services we could provide.
- Stu Rela: With the switch to Auxiliary Services, did all dining services go under that?
- Howard: Yes. It is just a title to bring three different areas together under me.
- OCASA: Will anything in Cross Roads change?
- Howard: Yes. We're looking at express dining. We'll be taking food to you all. We're going to look at carts to take different food. You'll see little eating facilities that will specialize. We got rid of one franchise and we will most likely get rid of Quiznos as well. So yes it will change.
- Pres: I had a meeting yesterday with Patty and Nicole and it was a great meeting. They are concerned about getting food to us and getting it to us when we want it, such as 3AM.
- Howard: We're also looking at how to bring food to the residence halls. We have to look at new revenue. If we can get the money that is being spent on Domino's off campus, that is a good thing for us. Not just pizza, but all sorts of things. We're going to be on the

cutting edge but to do that there will be some upset. We have been tasked to serve students. So if you have a good idea, you come see me and we'll talk. If it benefits the student body, we'll make it work.

- Stu Rela: Will there be a 24 hour eatery?
- Howard: If we do, we would have to find a spot in the middle of campus. Right now we're looking at one or two in the morning.
- RHA: Do you have any updates on the roll over debit?
- Howard: We took a little hit. What little money we lost wasn't enough to make it not worth it.
- Karey: I just wanted to applaud Food Service. We used them for the hockey game in the field house. It was great.
- Howard: There are two things I'd like you to help me with. We need to create the best pizza. We also need to talk about the opening of our new BBQ. We need to make the best sweet potato fries.
- Dir of Serv: I know there have been times in the past where we wanted to use RIT for pizza and we'll get a service charge that is much more than tipping. You should look at that.
- GU: I know a lot of international students appreciate the different international flavor every day and we like it a lot. I appreciate all you do. So I wanted to thank you.
- Howard: Thank you. We have a whole new leadership change. So let me know what you like or don't like. hxwbsr@rit.edu

6) New Business

a. Person of the Month

- VP: The Person of the Month is Marissa. Ever since she was elected she has been busy. We appreciate it.

b. Finance

- Fin: I'm Adi. We went from having 109 clubs to having over 200. SG Finance still runs on the same amount of money. Part of that will be designated to sports clubs. I'd like to mention some problems we've had. Procedures to come to Finance Committee are a little flawed. On Campus events; you have to file an AFAP. The other one is a travel request and that doesn't get an AFAP. I have to go looking for them. Also, if clubs aren't ready to present and I call them in they can't present. Dave has been working with me on a website. Next, we have the urgency of funding. Sometimes we have clubs coming in a week or so before their event and they expect to be in the meeting. But we already have clubs who have their forms in. So we have to mention when they should request. Sometimes we have new clubs who don't understand what to ask, so there is an unfair advantage. So we want to build a beginning of the year training. There are special cases like Greeks and Sports. Sports have been taken care of, but Greeks have their own rules. This year I have also introduced a loan system. So that is another

thing to add to by-laws. Currently my biggest problem, is that we have a lot of events in the spring quarter and not much in the fall. Fortunately, the finance director can award less than \$500. We also now have MSO's coming in to get money for events. If you have any suggestions or want some changes, please let me know. You can e-mail me at sgfin@rit.edu.

- GU: Why are MSO's not allowed to co-sponsor events? I feel having that budget with us would help.
- Pres: You don't have clubs to administrate. The only one who can do that is SG. MSO's should not be recognizing clubs, they should not be administrating clubs. Clubs used to go around shopping for money. Then MSO's would say they don't have enough money and that was because you were giving it away.
- Karey: We just had this conversation at NSA. I think it would be good to see what MSO's purpose is. We can look at the issue of Finance Committee not understanding the clubs, but it would be working on Finance committee understanding. Not moving the money.
- GU: I see Global Union's role as representing international students and helping the international clubs. Having a pot of money to help our clubs would be helpful.
- Fin: GU has a closer relationship with their clubs and Greeks have a closer relationship with their clubs. There is no problem with you talking with your clubs before and then bringing it to the meeting. If it wasn't for Stephen and Chris, I wouldn't understand why some clubs need money. These changes would be for you to use on your own events.
- GU: I talked to the president 5 years ago. We don't have the manpower to help our clubs, but one way we can help is to have money to give out. Having that small budget is going to help. This year, we made sure that we were involved 100% in anything we gave money too. They aren't comfortable coming to you.
- Fin: That would help numb the problem, not solve it.
- Pres: Having your budget would not solve the big picture. I think we should meet and talk.
- Karey: I will set something up for those who want to meet. We see one short term solution but that doesn't solve it long term. I know students don't feel comfortable, so let's make that better.
- Fin: One of the ideas I had is that before the finance committee meeting they could book the MSO rep and have them present with them at the meeting. I want to remove that uncomfortable feeling.
- GU: We are addressing that. Next year we are putting in place workshops. We would like someone from SG finance and CCL would help.
- Pres: We'll talk about it later. We've removed a lot of red tape for club recognition and we need to work on our finance red tape.

c. Committee & SG Updates

- COS
 1. COS: Last quarter I posed the idea of having a mid quarter course evaluation and yesterday a professor agreed to trial it.
- CAST
 1. CAST: I had a parking meeting yesterday. They're working on making big changes on campus. Parking is going to be tight for Global Village. There are over 20,000 people that come to campus, so they're trying to resolve that issue. Parking permits won't go up next year. They're also working on making stickers that can move from car to car for people with multiple vehicles. I asked about underground parking and we can't do that because of how close we are to water. They want Global Village to be more dense. They're changing the bus stop by the library. They're getting rid of the small parking lot behind the SAU. I think we should have a discussion about the handicap parking spots when Randy comes. They're going to adjust the bus schedule and they're adding a new traffic light where the Province is. They're putting in a bike path along the quarter mile. Campus should be quite different.
- Dir of Serv
 1. Dir of Serv: Matt and I met with Shawna Lusk about the different platforms we have on campus. We wanted to bring in a student aspect of how students can recognize student employees. Matt and I had talked about this in the Fall and now that people in HR are looking at some third party options. Feel free to pass on your thoughts.
- VP
 1. VP: When Ken Kindler came in to talk about MyCourses we talked about the self update option. He did put that in to plans to meet about it over the summer.
- Greek
 1. Greek: Greek Week is over now. That was exciting. Phi Kappa Si was our top chapter this year. Next week Greek Council and OUTspoken are sponsoring an event. After, we'll have a workshop. On April 30th we're doing the Greek Throw-down. Karey Pine and Dr. Heath will be on one team.
- ACA
 1. ACA: This past Wednesday we held an event about problems in the AALANA community. Next week is Union Week. This Saturday we have a party in Gracie's. Wednesday is the election speeches for ACA.

7) Old Business

a. Elections

- Stu Rela: So elections are next week. We are doing a voting booth outside the digital den all next week. I need people to sign up and man the tables. They're half an hour shifts so don't be afraid to sign up for more. On Wednesday we'll have a BBQ, students can get food if they vote. The other days we'll have pizza. If you are running you can't sign up.
- Dr. Heath: I would say candidates can't flip burgers but they can go get a burger.
- Stu Rela: If you need to leave to go to class don't worry. Kathy will be on call to cover for a few minutes if you have to leave. We'll announce the winners at the end of senate next week.
- VP: Make sure you read your e-mail to find out where the meeting will be.

b. Student Speak Up Day

- Pres: We had two meetings with all the department captains. We have 54 departments RSVP-ed. All but one did not accept. I wanted to extend the offer to any MSO's or clubs to join in. We will have the 54 plus tables set up at 11:30 until 2:30. We should have a lot of feedback. There will be a BBQ for those who give feedback. There will be snow-cones, cotton candy, balloons, and it will look like ImagineRIT.
- Stu Rela: During our meeting we had them fill out a survey worksheet. I'll be helping them with their surveys. They're nervous but excited about it.
- Pres: Students complain that RIT doesn't listen and this is the one time they'll be going to the students. Talk to me if you want to be involved.
- SAAC: Can MSO's help out with BBQ's?
- Pres: Definitely. If you feel it's appropriate to have a table then go ahead.

c. Earlier Events

- Pres: If you ever think I'm out of line or not being transparent, let me know. I like to think I'm approachable. There is no need to put on a show like that. Just come talk to me and we'll work it out.

d. Ellie Rosenfield

- Karey: Monday is our memorial for Ellie. Three o'clock in the Panara theater. Hope to see you there.

8) Adjournment

- a. RHA motion to adjourn, seconded COS
- b. Adjourned at 2:20

Announcements

Next Meeting