Fall 2008

Academic Senate
Activity Summary AY2007

Actions Taken on Policies:

Double Majors: proposed that the current Double Major Policy be extended until the end of Fall quarter, 20081 – approved, 5/22/08

Early Registration for Student-Athletes - motion defeated, 5/1/08

Exam Scheduling : proposed early posting of exam schedule – approved, 11/15/07

Good Samaritan Policy: approved, 3/27/08

Lecturer Policy Proposal (Policy E6.0 4.a): proposed revision of the definition of lecturer – approved, 5/1/08; revision approved, 5/15/08

Policy B2.0 Modifications:
Each college shall also elect an alternate or alternates who shall serve in place of an absent Senator and shall enjoy all privileges of the Senators during the period of service. ***Alternates are not eligible to serve as an officer of the Senate or considered as a candidate for the Executive Committee;*** Approved 10/18/2007

Proposed Change to the RIT Educational Records Policy [D15.0]:
Business Continuity Office – the Business Continuity Office maintains Directory information for purposes of emergency notification using an Automatic Notification System. The information is not used for any other purpose than for emergency notification. This is a voluntary program and student may opt-out of receiving emergency notifications. – approved, 10/18/07

Simultaneous Granting of Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professors - Recommendation from the Faculty Affairs Committee re: Policy E5.3, E6.3 and new modification to E7.4: proposal returned to Faculty Affairs Committee, 5/15/08

Actions Taken

Protocols for Academic Centers: definition of Centers and placement location in the Institute's Policies and Procedures Manual; definition and placement endorsed

RIT Institute Calendar AY 2009-2010: approved, 10/18/07

Standing Committee Charges for AY2007: approved, 9/6/07

Standing and Institute Committee at Large Nominees: approved, 5/22/08

Statement on Expectations for Tenure and Promotion:
Returned to the Faculty Affairs Committee to work on the wording and determine location in the RIT Institute Policies and Procedures Manual; to return to Senate by October, 2008, 5/15/08

Academic Program Review:

Undergraduate
BFA Degree Program in 3D Digital Graphics from CIAS: Approved 12/06/2007
BS Program in Chemical Engineering: Approved 4/3/2008
BS in New Media Publishing from CIAS – Modifications to program: Approved 4/3/2008
BS Program in Journalism: Approved 4/24/2008
BS Program in Philosophy: Approved 5/22/2008

Graduate
EMBA Program: registration of program - Endorsed
Revisions to the MS in Finance: Approved 1/24/2008)
Ph.D. in Sustainability from the Golisano Institute for Sustainability: Approved 4/3/2008

Reports and Discussions:

Anti-Piracy Task Force Report & Recommendations
Branding
Brick City Update
Capital Projects Update
Contingency Faculty
Curricular Implementation Process
Development & Alumni Relations Update
Discretionary Expenditures Policy
Diversity Initiatives at RIT
Emergency Notification System
Enrollment Update
Exam Scheduling
General Education Task Force
Golisano Institute for Sustainability Update & Tour
Guidelines for Political and Legislative Activities
Imagine RIT: Innovation & Creativity Festival
Institute Audit and Compliance
Institute Council
Lecturer Policy
LEED Certification Update

Middle States
National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
Ombuds Office
Parking Advisory Committee
Parking Initiative
President's Council of the Status of Women at RIT
Protocols for Academic Centers
Provost Search Committee Update
Research Oversight Committee
Removing the Sale of Tobacco at RIT
Retention Efforts in COE
Retirement Plan for New Hires
Retiree Health Care Changes
RIT Benefits 2008
RIT Institute Calendar AY 2009-2010
RITrees
RMA's (Chair's Report)
Rochester Heathcare Initiatives
SAU Plans for AY 2008-09
Sponsored Research
Staff Council Update
Statement on Tenure and Promotion
Standing Committee Reports
Student Government
Treasurer's Report
University News Services Update