AGENDA • SG SENATE

09 - 10 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

05/14/10 | 1-3pm | SAU 1829
1) Call to Order

          Called to order at 1:05

2) Roll Call

President	x
Vice President	
Finance	x
Programming	x
Public Relations	x
Director of Services	x
Student Relations	x
Organization Recognition	x
KGCOE	x
SCOB	x
CIAS	x
GCCIS	
COLA	x
COS	
Women's Senator	
CAST	x
RHA	x
NSC	x
NTID	x
OUTspoken	
ACA	
Global Union	x
WITR	x
CAB	
Greek Council	x

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

3) Speak to the Senate

4) Approval of Minutes (both)
    a. Freshman motion to approve, SAAC seconded
    b. Motion passed

5) Presenters
    a. Kevin McDonald – Chief Diversity Officer
        - Pres: Today we have Kevin McDonald. I had the privilege of being on the CDO search committee. Welcome.
        - Kevin: It's a pleasure to be here. Traditionally, diversity has been on the periphery. I wanted to more meaningfully incorporate it. I want to go over some of that briefly. I want your input and the information you see here continues to evolve. The framework is attempting to pursue excellence in diversity. There are four areas we are focusing on. One is access and success to increase and retain the compositional diversity of RIT's faculty, staff and students. The target areas include emphasizing new approaches for evaluation the merit of diversity scholarship and research as well as to establish mentoring programs, promote work-life benefits, and monitoring tenure promotion.
        - Kevin: Next is education and scholarship. The goal is to provide faculty, staff, and students with a wide range of opportunities to learn and develop in the areas of equal opportunity. Campus climate and inter-group relations' goal is to take individual and collective responsibility for creating a campus climate that is welcoming for all faculty, staff, and students. The target areas are to develop and promote Institutional Principles of Community as well as to develop and maintain systematic assessment processes.
        - Kevin: Last is institutional infrastructure. The goal is to incorporate diversity into organizational structures, day-to-day operations, and overarching organizational processes. The target areas include to

have active and visible support from executive leadership as well as promote diverse composition of leadership teams at all levels of the institution. Are there any questions?

- Pres: I want to provide a little bit of context. I spoke at the freshman convocation at the beginning of the year. I think that Kevin is trying to set the context from where we want to go with the campus. You see some of the background for why we're looking at background as well as some specific goals. So I think what Kevin is asking us to do is read through and give feedback. Are the goals on target? Do you feel there needs to be more involvement on some of these goals? I know earlier in the year there were some issues with things being too narrow. I see changes have been included under campus climate. It will probably take some time for you to digest it and consider your own experiences. From my time here I have been able to embrace that there are barriers within diversity here for communication or culture due to the amount of cultures there are on campus.

- Kevin: I have appreciated working with Matt. I was operating really from a standpoint from a previous university. I appreciated Matt's comments and attempted to incorporate them. I would like to solicit your input. I appreciate your time.

- NSC: I wanted to say that I think this is a really impressive framework. Do you already have established some measurable steps you plan to achieve?

- Kevin: Yes. As it relates to the composition, the president established those previous to my arrival. We had a first draft put together a week ago. We do have goals, they are accessible and I can get those to you. We have goals identified by the president. This framework will attempt to expand that. For those we don't have goals, for example wanting to integrate diversity into programs. We will know that when we get to it. We want to be transparent in our efforts. I don't have it now but we do have one.

- Pres: Thank you Kevin.

b. Jeanne Casares – Chief Information Officer

- Jeanne: Good afternoon. I have been here for a year and a half. I was invited here today to give you an update. Last year we had a strategic plan in six areas. We wanted to make ITS a place that could grow and succeed. We wanted to decide what to do with the data center. We also wanted to implement a PMO as well as identify processes we could put in place. That was our strategic focus for last year. We are currently working on our focus for next year.

- Jeanne: The first is to continue to make ITS a great place to grow, work, and succeed. We also want to continue to implement enterprise system for us. We want to replace core legacy systems. The third is to continue to develop ITIL processes. We want to

keep strengthening our services. It's the middle bucket that is a lot of interest. What is the green data center? We have a facility that is out of space and power. It isn't built for the type of reliability we would like. We could invest money in the current environment to make it what we want or use the money to purchase new a new one. It made sense to simply purchase a new one. We will be putting the new center near GIS and keeping it green. We are working with a key IT vendor that will possibly be partnering with us on this. I believe we are a couple of months away. We should have it all decided on by Fall.

- Jeanne: It's exciting but it causes a lot of work within ITS and how we work today. We are very excited for the green data center. We are hoping to look for new co-ops for GIS students. We are excited for the student component. The other initiative is the new student information system. We received permission to look to replace our current system. We have tried to mitigate performance as much as possible but we are anxiously awaiting the new system. I believe it will be very appealing to students. It will also have the ability for faculty and staff to do their jobs more effectively. There are two key student information system products that fit our institution. We are looking at both of those products. We are very excited about it. We will kick it off in the middle of the summer. It will be a three year journey. It helps knowing we will be moving from quarters to semesters so we can begin adding some information about the change. We were hoping to have four and a half years to do this however we were allotted three.
- Jeanne: Let me stop and ask if there are questions so far?
- Dir of Serv: Where do you see student involvement in the SIS project?
- Jeanne: We have an operation steering committee who will make implementation and product decision. We hope to have two students involved. There will be a lot of campus communication about functionality. We are pushing our business units through re-engineering a change. It will mostly be right out of the box. There are also 14 smaller project teams that have different functions.
- Fin: SIS sometimes sometimes has problems with traffic. Will there be any changes?
- Jeanne: The functionality is not very effective. We won't be investing anymore money in the current system so that we can focus on the new one. We have been able to eliminate many complaints. I don't anticipate it getting any worse. When you go for registration we have people on call and babysitting the system during peek times.
- Pres: Thank you Jeanne.

c. Dr. Destler

- Dr. Destler: I wanted to drop by and thank you all for a great year. I think Student Speak Up Day was unbelievable. We have had fantastic leadership. You should all be very proud. It was clearly your efforts. It was a great year for RIT. I think what we need to do is continue to move student involvement into the area it has been. We want you to help students have a better experience here. I just wanted to thank all of you for all of your efforts. Everyone have a great summer and congratulations to the graduates. It has been a fantastic year. Keep trying to work with us to build RIT into a great institution.

6) New Business
   a. Finance Committee Procedure Modifications
      - Fin: I talked to you guys a few weeks ago about changes to the finance committee by-laws. We just need to change the standing orders. We don't need to table anything to the next meeting for this. The changes are very small. We have additions for some new MSO's. We are going on a first come first serve basis, and I have highlighted that there is a deadline. I have been giving clubs a lot of leeway this year and I ask the next director to hold to those rules. The highlighted parts are where the changes are. The point I want to make is that there are aspects on the standing orders that need to be told to clubs. One of the summer projects I am proposing is to have display boards or some sort of system to inform clubs before they come to finance committee. Questions?
      - RHA: I motion to approve the changes to the standing orders.
      - Seconded by SAAC
      - Motion passes
   b. Cross-Registered Student Senator Results
      - Pres: Next we have the results for the cross-registered student senator.
      - Stu Rela: We had four candidates. The winner was Alecia. If you want you can say a few things for your self.
      - Cross: My name is Alecia. I am a third year biomed student. What else should I say?
      - Pres: Where are you from?
      - Cross: I'm from San Antonio, Texas.
   c. 2010-2011 Cabinet Appointees
      - RHA: Next up is the Cabinet appointees. One at a time, if you can go around. For Student Relations, Teraiso Chloros will return.
      - Stu Rela: I'm Teraisa. I'm looking forward to coming back next year and continuing the work.
      - RHA: Dave will return for Director of Services.
      - Dir of Serv: There a lot of work to still do so I'll be back to continue.
      - RHA: Marissa will return as PR.

- PR: It will be nice to continue.
- RHA: For finance director we have chosen Sarah. Kaitlin will return for Programming.
- Prog: I was director of programming last year and it'll be great to return.
- RHA: Jeff will take the director of organization recognition position.
- Jeff: I'm looking forward to being around next year. Thank you.
- Cabinet Vote
- closed meeting
- Motioned by CAST, seconded by Greek
- All approved

   d. Committee & SG Updates
   - Pres: Any updates?
   - SAAC
       1. SAAC: We had a banquet and that went well. We also had our student athlete appreciation day. We had a baseball game. It was a miserable day but we made the best of it.
   - Dining Services
       1. RHA: Breakfast in the SAU will be open until 10:30.
   - CIAS
       1. CIAS: The Art Show is tomorrow in the bamboo room.
   - Room Reservation
       1. Pres: There will be an official recommendation for changing room reservations.
   - Org Recognition
       1. Org Rec: There will be a task committee for trying to get intramural sports for wellness credit.
   - Programming
       1. Prog: The picnic is in the field house now.
       2. Pres: We ordered water bottles, the order was delayed so you can pick them up next week.

   e. Transition
   - Stu Rela: If people can come up in groups of two.
   - Pres: Let's adjourn.

7) Old Business

8) Adjournment
   a. SAAC motion to adjourn, seconded Grad
   b. Adjourned at 2:07

Announcements

Next Meeting