



Present: VP, Finance Director, Public Relations, Programming, Student Relations, Organization Recognition, CAST, SCB, CIAS, GCCIS, KGC OE, COLA, COS, Women's, Cross Registered, CAB, Global Union, Greek Council, NSC, Reporter, RHA, WITR, OUTspoken, ACA, OCASA, Academic Senate.

Absent: Director of Services, President, SAAC, Staff Council, Dr. Heath, Karey Pine.

Call To Order

Approval of Minutes:

- 1st by KGC OE, 2nd by GLOBAL union, all in favor to pass minutes.

Speak to the Senate:

- No one here.

New Business

SG Person of the Month

- Used to be senator of the month (but having the same amount of senators as months demeans the importance.)
- Anyone involved with SG in any way, staff, cabinet, senator, etc. that we would like to honor.
- This month's SG person of the month immediately started hosting an event, navigated through the financial services, etc.
- Already gone through multiple organizations to get things rolling.
- Deirdresha (Women's Senator) is September SG person of the month!
- Small gift next week, going to come up with a way to display it in the office.

Old Business

Club Resource Center Financial Procedures

- Check cut.

- RHA: Basically handed out the notes on what was talked about. Not just about cutting checks anymore. Read through them yourself, there is a back to the page, continuously looking into this matter along with other clubs, want to make sure their needs are met.
- Look at it, e-mail Jeff and Colleen, make sure it addressed the concerns which were discussed, if you have any other concerns, pass them on to Jeff and Colleen.

Rochester Transportation Update

- Global union: Selecting a committee chair and picking an objective to present to people.
- Trying to establish new connections with other organizations, transportation department, etc. they already have knowledge, didn't want to go to anyone above them without their input.
- If SG funds some of the project, although it obviously cannot fund the entire thing, people would see that SG is backing the project and this is a serious matter.
- Establish a route.
- Trying to pick a new meeting place for next week, will send an e-mail.
- Busses running possibly Friday and Saturday from 12 pm to possibly 2:30 am, trying to stay away from just a night bus.
- Trying to establish a weekend bus.
- Choices for buses are: RTS or golden memories.
- Golden memories does many buses (marketplace mall, clubs).
- RTS would involve the general public, becomes more of a liability, golden memories could be RIT students only, show your ID to get on the bus to eliminate the safety issue.
- Having a poll through OCASA or clipboard (similar to semester program survey) to get student input.
- Would also like to establish a shorter route, currently takes over an hour to get downtown and the bus route ends at 6 pm on Saturdays.
- RIT to downtown and back quicker, infrequent stops, two buses running maybe every hour, small commitment at the beginning of the program, simple numbers to convince faculty to embrace the program.
- Public safety officer on the bus would be costly, possibly have him at the drop off point at RIT, that way public safety stays on campus where they have jurisdiction.
- Want to solidify a proposal before presenting it to anyone.
- Look at other schools' systems to see models and how they function.
- COS: How many people can golden memories buses hold?
- Largest holds 50-55 people. Could accommodate a good number of people.
- OR: Spoken with OCASA about establishing stops?
- OCASA had some ideas about which stops to do (they sit in on the meetings).

- WITR: Would this hurt or aid the development of an RIT college town?
- What college town program?
- WITR: Would giving students access to downtown deter us from making an RIT college town?
- I would say no, but know we desperately need something better than the system we currently have.
- SR: Have you spoken with parking and transportation?
- Not yet, we plan to speak with them before anything else happens.
- Cross Registered: What about a volunteer student at the stop on campus? Some students wouldn't be comfortable with public safety.
- VP: Public safety helped start the "tiger watch" program before, where volunteers helped give rides, etc. Could possibly follow something of that sort.

Presentations:

Institute of Health Science and Technology

Dr. Haefner's Presentation

- Institute of science and technology. (IHST).
- Opportunity for all of us to provide input.
- This came out of 18 months of discussion with ROC General Hospital.
- We have an alliance with general hospital, we have strengthened the alliance quite a bit in recent development.
- Created a strategic plan for this alliance, called for the creation of IHST at RIT, administered at RIT, with strong connections to the hospital and other health institutes.
- RIT is a very applied, career oriented institute. RGH is a clinical hospital, focused on superior healthcare delivery, a different orientation than Strong hospital.
- We have a real need across the country for reforming health care, this will leverage technological advancements and new types of careers in health care.
- Physician's Assistant program, offered by COS, are able to work in clinical hospital in preparation for career.
- Lots of research opportunities, applied + clinical nature, ecosystem for translational research, able to see the impact of that research in the clinical environment.
- All about innovation, opportunities for our students, asking faculty to move certain programs into this new institute.
- Is this institute and its mission a better fit for some of these programs than where they currently are?
- Institute run by RIT, advisory board will have close connections to RGHS.

- Will be run by a VP who will be a head of school or a dean of a college.
- Will consist of: School of health sciences and technology, research center, health science outreach center.
- Want to make sure this alliance gives back to the community and improves the lives of Rochester citizens.
- Might be a college or a school, faculty seem happier with the idea of a college.
- VP will serve dual roles.
- Number of existing programs might be enhanced by switching to this partnership with RGH.
- Faculty of programs will have discussions and make suggestions; student input important because it matters how they feel about moving from where they are now to a new college in a new institute with new opportunities.
- New chances to work with doctors, etc.
- Some new programs with the creation of this institute, i.e exercise science, nursing practitioner program.
- RGH brings a strong expertise in infectious diseases, for example, strong technological background, helps enhance hospitals.
- Outreach – retrain workers (laid off) to go into health care.
- Many policy details will have to be worked out, will respect RIT policy structure, but also needs to develop its own policy structures.
- Investing some real dollars into this; includes a new building (year 4).
- Spring institute hall (biomedical engineering and chemical engineering) and sustainability building will come first; followed then by construction for this building.
- Five year development plan: fairly aggressive, input in the next couple weeks, don't want the opportunity to slip through our fingers, been at the small project level for a while, need something big and bold to move partnership forward.
- What's your reaction? Excitement? Concerns? Questions?
- VP: This VP, what level is he or she on?
- A position which reports to provost like any dean would.
- Such an important discipline, this person will have a strong community presence, will be sitting across from members of hospitals, etc.
- VP: How will other programs, like IT or medical informatics have classes taken from that college?
- CAST, hospital systems degree might move into the college, medical informatics has a relationship with U of R and needs to be developed. Some programs may have dotted lines where they are at least linked to the new college.
- COS: What would be different for the old programs?

- Moving some into masters programs, deciding if this college is a good fit for these older programs, where are students finding jobs from, etc? For Graduate school, is it better to stay in the COS?
- Handful of co-op opportunities, increasing number of co-op opportunities will be developed, already dedicated a staff member to forming co-ops, we really see an increase.
- RGH a network of hospitals throughout the region.
- VP: Send us this presentation please so we can examine it more and maybe return to this at a another time.
- KGCOE: What's the difference between making it a college and an institute?
- Institute because we have an external partner who we want to feel has a part in this, college gives a completely academic feel, an institute will foster the partnership.
- RIT policies mainly talk about colleges, not institutes, so considering it a college inside an institute instead.
- Documents available on website, open to return to speak more on this topic.

Calendar Conversion

- Dr. J Fernando Naveda – calendar conversion.
- Timeline: Fall 2010, RIT internal approval process.
- Fall 2011: Documents out to NY state, student advisor hiring and training.
- Fall 2012: Student advising throughout the entire academic year, recruiting students for new calendar programs.
- Fall 2013: Semester calendar begins.
- Every student WILL be advised throughout the change – promise made by Dr. Destler.
- Every university bound by board of regions, must be approved and certified by NY state, they need at least a year to certify the programs, by the fall of 2011 the documents must be given to the state.
- As programs become available, we will begin sending them to NY state, this process will begin May/June of 2011.
- NY state laid off from the agency that is certifying the program, Destler talked to someone in Albany and got a deal that they would actively work with us to get this running.
- Major commitments made to students: in semester load, no more then 15-16 credits per semester.
- There are some exceptions to this rule; there will be some 4 credit course and 1 - 2 credit courses.
- Petitions must be submitted for the number of credits, this will either be approved or disapproved.

- Freshman video being shown in FYE.
- ICC and Grad council have set up review schedules starting next week.
- Will be delivering weekly updates every Friday.
- BS/MS programs becoming very popular, some misunderstanding on how semester credits will serve this purpose.
- Co-Op, Internship, Experiential Learning Committee, submitted draft to conversion steering committee, provost approved with minor revisions.
- Credits for intermediate winter session problem taken care of.
- January intersession Committee: Includes individuals from all colleges, charge: make recommendations by the end of fall quarter for how the January Intersession will function.
- Full time minimum load, undergraduate: 12 credits, Graduate: 9 credits, but the maximum credits are under discussion.
- All conversation, nothing nailed down – for example, letting you take as many credits as you want.
- There needs to be rules; people could take places in classes for other students if this was allowed, etc.
- Sliding scale – higher your GPA, more credits you can take for less money.
- Grad more complicated because there is more tuition involved; provost promised to make a decision, no recommendation yet.
- Courses that might not need to take the entire 15 weeks – minimester courses.
- 1 credit/2 credit - 8 week course.
- New SIS software will accommodate this.
- We need to stabilize the model we have in mind, then start playing around with everything.
- Space: nobody has an idea on what the impact will be.
- Switching from the comfortable time zones, we might not have enough classrooms to accommodate this change.
- Over the summer we will try to figure out how many classrooms are needed so we know at least two years in advance what we're working with.
- No student suffers any loss of progress toward a degree during the transition as long as you are a diligent student.
- No student will see any increase in tuition as a result of the conversion.
- From time to time schools change tuition structure, it is a large process, has to be approved by board of trustees.
- These are normal ways in which universities operate.
- Cost will be exactly the same for students as if we stayed in quarters.
- Money for transition already there – not going to be charging the students to convert.
- No program will be weakened as a result of the conversion.
- Provost is our best friend –18 credit semesters upfront will NOT be authorized. Freshman year, no more than 16 credits, no matter what.
- Would like students to think about format, frequency, source, etc.

- Will develop metrics to see how the process is working in association with the students... want students to help develop this system.
- Are you getting the right information? Are you satisfied with advising?
- Believe this a great opportunity, we are doing the right thing, many questions still need to be asked and answered, are able to handle some questions and send the others to the people who can answer.
- www.rit.edu/conversion updated almost daily.
- CAST: Co-Ops, it really attracts students to RIT, we don't have the leniency to take off quarters for co-ops, how is this going to be accommodated?
- Engineering department has said engineering will go into a full year of co-op, summer and fall, 25 weeks.
- If a student takes off for the summer, will return in the spring?
- Each program has different answers but that is a model they are looking at: summer and fall together, come back in spring, changing courses so you will not lose anything.
- CAST: Takes away from versatile – can't work for as many companies this way.
- One summer, come back to school, leave with another company for the next semester.
- VP: SG was charged by Dr. Destler and Provost to reach out to the students to be prepared to vote on a proposed calendar conversion, one of the biggest out reach programs, need to be prepared to do the same thing on behalf of the institute, SG will be tasked to sit on various committees to get ready for calendar conversion, this is an extremely important conversation, how can we be good partners?
- Open to suggestions, stop by office, give ideas, formats, student input is extremely important, contributes highly to success.
- KGCOE: Co-ops, a lot of students will do a double-block, semesters will integrate the double-block system into a semester, makes us much more hireable, students can work on more integrated projects with one company for a longer period of time.
- SR: How does the approval process work, once approved by provost?
- Committees look at the effect of a faculty's programs on the big picture, writes a recommendation taken to provost, update on conversion website.
- Universities schedule years 5/6 years ahead of time, model we want to go with, changes will be made public. 2013 year is already published.
- RHA: Some scholarships are defined by a quarter to quarter basis, are they going to change for semesters?
- Do not have an answer just yet, Mr. Scott on student committee could bring up the question, this is a good example of a question to propose that we can further propose.
- COS: A lot of COS students will be drawn from 4 credits, how is that going to affect students who have to take those courses?
- This particular matter is going to be discussed extremely soon, these programs will have a tough time going through the provost with so many credits, there are advantages to the 5 by 3 model, they have to design a program that is best by them and RIT, maximum we've heard from COS is 4 credits. Many of these aspects need to 'cool down', people are finally starting to look at what

is going to happen, a lot of people are assuming things and many of this misinformation needs to be addressed.

- Programs will be designed that will give all students the opportunity to take the same amount of courses.
- OUTspoken: Once we know what some of these programs are going to look like its going to be a lot easier to talk about students with it, are there more programs than not that think they are going to be an exception to the 5 by 3 rule?
- 5 by 3 model is going to work for most programs at RIT.
- Going to hire a bunch of advisors with much training to assist in this transition.
- SR: The advising part is going to be the most important issue student wise, SG should be involved, what advisors are going to be doing, etc, students should have a say or be involved with the discussions.
- A committee will deal solely with advising and they need to hear this opinion.
- RHA: Is that going to impact the accreditation of some majors?
- This matter will be discussed extremely soon, we are going through a strict agency right now, programs will remain as good as they are right now.
- COS: BS/MS programs, are they still going to be around for semesters? How will those students be impacted?
- There will be a minimum amount of students whose third year will apply to the semesters, the programs will exist and ICC and Grad council are working together to make sure the programs are presented in a reasonable way, still discussing the issues of how many credits it should include, then may need to invent transitional courses that will exist for only a few years, may create courses that satisfy more than one prerequisite.
- VP: If there are additional questions, forward to VP and he will forward them on. There were a few personal opinions in these questions, but you must represent your constituency, think about who you are representing, make sure you are here to figure out how to help them because the decision has already been made.

Reports

Senate Reports:

- VP: A lot of the week has been dedicated to Horton and alumni ball.
- Senate for next week is CANCELLED. Felt everyone could use the extra hours on Friday.
- To replace senate, there will be a lunch from 1-2pm in MSO lounge next Friday instead.
- That was the space proposed to host that MSO calendar, hoping to talk a little bit about that.
- Will be e-mailing MSO presidents, next Friday please come to the lunch with a general outline of your calendar, would be extremely helpful, would like to have a kick off event for the calendar.
- One seat left available for the president's alumni ball, would really like it filled. Send a quick e-mail after the meeting if you're interested.
- We would love to have you if you're interested in going.

- Horton speaker list: if your name is on this slide, there is a seat reserved for you and you are working for the day. Means you get to come to the reception and meet Al Pacino! Take note of your name and if you have the right number of seats.
- Global union, 7 seats.
- OCASA, 2 seats.
- Others want reserved seats for e-board members? They cannot come to the reception but we can reserve them seats.
- Past today, cannot reserve anymore seats.
- PR: After senate, senators are taking pictures, meet in SG office and leave from there to art building.
- In two weekends, going on an SG corn maze adventure, carpooling there, 5 acres, going at night, meeting on campus around 7/7:30 pm.
- Most people make it out alive.
- Bathroom and snack bar inside the corn maze.
- October 22nd, Friday, will be back probably around 10:30 pm.
- Two teams, different colored glowsticks, we will make it intense.
- Check your e-mail and respond to the doodle.
- E-boards too or just senate?
- E-boards can come as well, SG will pay for it.
- Women's: What about other people, like friends or guests?
- Don't know if we will pay for them; however, they may come.
- SR: Elections are going great, moving up when we elect senators to Oct. 22nd because we don't need another week for interviews.
- OUTspoken: Image out film festival begins tonight, showings all around the center, two of the film showings will be on campus Monday, 6:30 Ingle, free for students. Wed, 6:30 doors at 6 in Ingle Two-Spirits, Native American culture, both free!
- FD: Scheduled MSO budget review, winter and spring, December 10th, 11th, 12th all MSO's need to be present for it, have to attend 3 other MSO's budget reviews plus your own, that means you must attend four, that's the weekend, please try not to have events, etc. Spring around April 8th/9th.
- WITR: What e-board members have to attend?
- Finance director will have to attend, President, Vice President at your own. Don't have to have your own meeting if you don't want any changes to your budget. Finance director must attend the other three meetings.
- OR: Schedule for luncheon Kathy hall conference room, week 8, will be sending out an e-mail with that information.
- KGCOE: head of engineering exploration project, engineering expl. Mentoring program, set up a program to help get student guidance from higher level students who were once in the same position, hoping to increase retention rate and overall happiness.

Committee Reports:

- None.

Advisor Reports:

- None.

Adjournment

- 1st motion by OCASA, Second by Women's.