



Present: President, VP, Finance Director, Programming, Public Relations, Student Relations, Director of Services (newly elected), Organization Recognition, SCB, CAST, CIAS, GCCIS, KGCOE, COLA, COS, Women's, Cross Registered, Freshman, NTID, Graduate, Global Union, Greek Council, NSC, RHA, WITR, SAAC, OUTspoken, ACA, OCASA, Academic Senate, Dr. Heath, Karey Pine.

Absent: Staff Council, Reporter, CAB.

Call To Order

Approval of Minutes:

- Thank you to everyone for such a successful event; the closing ceremony is today in the fireside lounge. If you have time, you should read the blogs up on the SG website, everyone learned something. Thank you, especially MSO's. We should all feel very proud of this event; everyone has complimented how organized we were, and we all deserve a round of applause.
- 1st by SAAC, second by Grad.
- All in favor.
- Minutes pass as submitted.

Speak to the Senate:

- None.

Presentations

Midyear report: Greg, the president!

- President: Thank you so much for all your support for the RIT challenge.
- I was the NTID president student congress before it started. We really hit the ground running this year.
- I gave a speech at this last Convocation, which was followed by a flash mob. It was fantastic. Shortly after that, I nominated Dave for vice president.
- We all sat together and come up with SG goals for the rest of the year.
- I've set up a transportation committee, the RIT challenge was heavily involved with this committee.

- Set aside a senator initiative fund, which is only about 1/3rd depleted, if you have an idea we do have money for you. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was a very successful program.
- Ubuntu: I am, Because We Are. Wanted to get together and remember we are a team that works towards common goals.
- Purposeful Programming: Apples Fest, All Pacino, Trick or Treat Challenge Chocolate on Ice, etc; they all have a purpose, not just for hosting an event.
- Authentic Rep: We want to make sure everyone is represented fairly and get a say in who they want to represent them. We are setting up an elections review committee so we have a better program for next year.
- International Student's Forum: Want to say thanks, Terasia, for working with Global Union to make this happen.
- We feel students with disabilities and special needs haven't been addressed yet, and would like to speak to the group as a whole.
- Student feedback committee was created from student speak up day data last year.
- A new college has been announced this year, clearly we need to set up a senator position for this college.
- SG funding: Programming is a big portion of it.
- Fixed costs we cannot help; they are given to us for that purpose, nothing else.
- Administrative support helped us afford Al Pacino as our speaker. They have also helped with events like the RIT challenge.
- Financial Health is about 53%, pretty good for being 60% through our year.
- Thank you to cabinet because it has gone through a lot of changes this year.
- Meeting with administrators one on one. For example... Kevin McDonald: support international/diverse individuals within high school and Rochester and would like SG's help.
- Bob Finnerty: Working on RIT branding, how SG can be helpful to the process.
- We will be discussing the question at next week's senate meeting. I need to consult with everyone before I can answer their questions.
- Dr. Destler reminds there is a new ice rink in the process, a new sis system, and there is a website up for what you want in the new ice rink. He ended institute council early for the real RIT challenge.
- We are still working on where we are going from here, please feel free to give any feedback or comments, thank you so much for all your support and all that you do, I really appreciate it.
- No questions for Greg.

Freshman senator Mid Year Report, Sarah Thomas!

- Undecided first year, I love baking.
- Plans for the year: Make constituents wear our school colors and make sure they know how to contact me, create a committee to work with around campus, implement a freshman web page, host fun activities such as the One Year down party.
- Committee: Created to get feedback from the students, found five students to be the ears and eyes around campus, they report back to me so I can cater to the different groups in the freshman class.
- Two events so far: Nov. 14th, survey about living, food on campus, Dec 6th.
- Met with five different administrators around campus to figure out how I can accomplish my goals and work with them.
- Working on a display case, in Gracies, since all freshman have to go through there at some part, there's a bigger section which has SG services listed, and then another side where I want to put a "freshman hot topic", for example housing, recently got a light bulb in the display case, the case now glows and pulls students to it.
- Tiger Olympics! The survey showed everyone wants to meet freshman outside their floor and their major.
- Tiger Olympics will create community! Teams will combine and play against other teams, hoping to expand into team building exercises.
- January 29th is the date of the first event, hoping to make it weekly.
- Freshman scholarship: Molly McGowan stated that very rarely will freshman win leadership scholarships.
- My goal is to award a student who has overcome adjusting to a new home and a new rigorous work schedule while being actively involved in the community.
- Working on a freshman web page with Bobby, linked off the SG webpage. The home page would show the freshman senator with their contact info, as well as people who directly affect the freshman class. The first Tab will be a hot topic tab, an event being hosted, followed by a freshman resource page, which can be helpful even for non freshman.
- Discussion group: Josh Bauroth, in charge of fye/discussion, discussed having an open forum where students could come in and say what they got out of the new FYE, what they would like changed and what they liked.
- One year down party: meeting with head of Gracies, going to host it in Gracies, unfortunately no one is really heading the sophomore class, working with different schools so students can get second year information. Hoping to make my own RIT cake, to put a "homey" touch on the event.
- DofS: Have you reached out to RHA at all, have you interacted with them?

- Fresh: I did at the beginning of the year, I'm hoping to get more involved as the year goes on.
- DofS: Have you heard anything about the tunnel Olympics?
- Fresh: Didn't know about it until after I created the tiger Olympics, I think the events are different, do you mean will I participate or work with them?
- DofS: A little bit of both.
- Fresh: I'll probably participate and possibly collaborate with them.
- RHA: Would your scholarship apply to commuter students?
- Fresh: Yes, I would make sure those needs are met.
- SR: It is the 5th annual down party, ask Corey if we could hand out food, as I don't know what the regulations are for handing out handmade food.
- COS: How are the teams for the tiger Olympics going?
- Fresh: Three people are making teams, I'm still contacting more people to promote interest in the res halls.

Freezefest!

- Two weeks away from the second annual Freezefest!
- Last year it was a huge success, so much so that we decided to do it again.
- This year there will be two hockey games associated with freezefest, Friday and Saturday, Sunday, all three days will have events hosted, and of course Sunday there is the superbowl party hosted by SG.
- Friday, Aziz Ansari, the comedian in Gordon field house.
- Saturday: Events all day starting at noon, global village will have live outdoor music.
- RHA is taking over the sports lounge.
- There will be carriage rides, snow sculpting competitions, mens club hockey team.
- There is almost 20 events happening, see campuslife.rit.edu/freezefest for all the events.
- Saturday evening, in support of the hockey team, the first 1000 people will be given free white t shirts with the freezefest logo on them, everyone else will get white pompoms, hoping to make the game a "white out".
- That Saturday is also global union unification, get your ticket early because they will sell out.
- Superbowl party! At noon there will be a 5K race that starts over at the dorm side of campus.
- Friday and Saturday night hockey games the viral video will be shown.
- Give aways! We gave away almost 500 tumblers in 15 minutes, people are pretty interested in give aways.

- Next Thursday we are giving away Freezefest knit hats. We are handing them out at the old information desk in the SAU, we have long sleeve freeze fest shirts to give out.
- Dr. Heath: When is the frosty fun center available?
- Noon to four, but there will be less of the sugary goodness of last year.
- Any questions?
- CIAS: Can we dye the fountain blue?
- VP: We might be accused of doing horrible things to the environment. If you want to dye it blue, ask Karey Pine.
- It really relies on all of you to host events and make this overall event a success. It is a bunch of smaller events that we umbrella as “freeze fest”, wouldn’t be anything without all of you.
- VP: one of the great things about it is it brought new events, and really helped organizations running events in the winter because it attracts more people to them. A lot of different people have a part in it, and SG members will have more free time this year.
- PR: SG might have some sweet free T-shirts at the superbowl party.
- No more questions, thank you very much!

Matt Reed, GCCIS Senator Midyear report:

- Fourth year, IT major. From Philly, I was on co-op in Philly during the fall.
- Alex Shick was my replacement in the fall. We’ve been roommates since freshman year, he even earned SG member of the month.
- My goals were to interact with students, see what they want and don’t want, and what events they would like to take place.
- Decided to go to the clubs in GCCIS, which all have extremely active members.
- Formed a club committee, the “club of clubs”, met two Saturdays ago for the first time, got feedback including how I can help them, we are meeting again tomorrow, and having a meeting every other weekend.
- We have multiple departments in the college, they all compete, so I decided to do a penny war. Jugs will be set up in the atrium, students can donate to departments and earn points (pennies and dollars) and take away points (quarters—take away from the other department’s jugs). Could also bring canned food at the same time, 50 points a canned food item, the prize will be that the winning department picks the charity that gets the money, might throw a pizza party for the winning department.
- GCCIS Community Building Committee: Meet third Friday of every month, a new dean is coming in, we discuss future events, etc.

- This is our college's tenth anniversary, each month is going to be a different departments month, week ten will be a "kick off event", coffee hour.
- Student Advisory Board: Wanted more than clubs, also various students. Within our generation, every one complains and whines but doesn't do anything about it. Hoping this committee will help with that.
- Last initiatives, Senior Gift. Hard to get students to give money, especially to their college. Trying to think of something (no one has given a gift in ten years), a bench, possibly a bench made out of computers.
- KP: Call it a legacy instead of a gift.
- VP: Get more outlets for people to plug stuff into.
- Heard that complaint a lot, trying to get that happening.
- CAST: try to make it part of the senior project?
- No questions.

NTID Senator, Helen Yu, Midyear Report!

- VP: Would love MSOs to be a part of these midyear reports, so far I've only heard from GU, please contact me so I can facilitate scheduling.
- NTID: First year business major from northern California. Love RIT, so many people and different cultures.
- Goals: Work with NTID and RIT and make our community an enjoyable place to be. Make sure NLC, NTID learning center, provides free printing services like other colleges which provide free printing.
- I have two questions for you: how many of you know a place that provides free printing?
- Almost everyone raised their hands.
- Where?
- PR: Art building, black and white printing in the lab.
- Only for art students?
- PR: Anyone with an RIT computer account.
- COS: 600 pages of free printing for COS students, a little less for non COS students.
- NSC: Free printing at OCASA.
- VP: In the IT department, free printing in the IT lab.
- SCB: All free as long as you're a business student or taking a class there.
- COLA: COLA has free printing as well.
- Pres: Most colleges provide black and white printing but many colleges have quotas on the amount you can print. I really like that, maybe NTID would too.
- Secondly, the English system at NTID. I've been working with the NSC president, it's a challenge but it is coming along. There are different English levels: A, B, C, D. Most

student complain because, for example if you pass all but D you have to start all over again. It is a waste of time. It is a very confusing system.

- Access services: Some hard of hearing students try to request interpreters, but they aren't allowed, and hard of hearing don't know sign and NTID has deaf teachers.
- Want to improve faculty and student relationships.
- So far I have asked NTID what issues they wanted worked on, collected a survey and read all the responses. I have gone to a variety of meetings and sat on committees.
- Outreach: if students need to contact me, they can talk to me in the SG office, NSC office, if they see me on campus, they also have my e-mail address.
- VP: Which days are you in SG vs. NSC office?
- I should have added that, SG office Tuesday/Thursday 2-4pm.
- Mondays 2-4 Fridays 10 – 11 am for NSC.
- No more questions.
- One more RIT challenge event to get too! No Senator event today, going to get ready for the closing ceremony. If you are volunteering please meet us at the office.

Reports

Senate Reports:

- PR: SG normally gives out free notebooks, but this year the company fell through. However, we got new ones, they are just smaller. First few pages are our accomplishments and our mission statement. Helpful numbers, how to get involved, MSOs, all the clubs, an updated building map. They are completely free! We have 79 boxes of notebooks, we are going to figure out how to give them out to people. Each of the senator/MSO's are going to get at least one box. Line paper, graph paper for engineers, plain paper for the art students. Everyone is going to get one today as a thank you. Hoping to set up a table in the colleges with senator posters, videos, and handing out the notebooks.
- Global union: Unification, Wed tickets go on sale, \$5 presale and \$8 at the door. VIP tickets are 10 dollars, this year we are raffling off an ipad, Dr. Heath and Karey Pine are going to be judges.
- VP: Working on a presentation from some key players in global village, might be of interest to some of your constituents, might want to encourage them to come to senate that week, residence life, dining services, and global village reps, ever since global village been put up we haven't heard anything about it.
- VP: For future senate agendas: are you looking for specific reports out of senate?

- SR: I would like the Wallace Center to come in, as well as innovation center representatives as they were struggling last year with bringing students to the building. I also think public safety should come, I think it is important they report back to us and they have a lot of information they could give us.
- Fresh: How does it work, how do presenters get to come to senate?
- VP: People either contact me and say they have something to talk about or I go to them and ask them to present.
- COS: Not sure who is doing this... but people in charge of the beautification of campus? Like the people who worked on the west side of campus?
- ACA: Rochester scholar program that just started, they could possible come to Senate.
- VP: The one Dr. Destler is sponsoring?
- ACA: RIT is paying for Rochester students to be here, McNair scholar program, and also a formal report of the deaf abuse study.
- COS: Imagine RIT, whoever is planning that and what they are expecting.
- VP: They normally come to senate; if they don't contact me I'll contact them.
- SR: I think FYE should be coming here, make a publication of the changes and the effects, the satisfaction of FYE staff has been around 80%, 10% of students like what they are learning more, Orientation staff could come in, maybe a couple OAs and freshman as well.
- VP: If there is something you want to see please send me an e-mail.

Committee Reports:

- CAST; campus building identity committee, they want to be technical and accurate about it, but I told them to be general and easy to read. There is residence halls A, B, C, and D and they want us to come up with a way to name them, maybe prominent alumni or faculty/staff, any ideas?
- CIAS: Maybe Ritchie?
- VP: Collaborate with RHA and come up with something.
- SR: Faculty and alumni might be confusing because we normally name buildings after them if they paid for it, so maybe we should stay away from that.
- Fresh: Tim, what are the parameters for naming the building? Are there any restrictions?
- CAST: They just said they have final say.
- SAAC: Auction off to Alumni?
- KP: 50 dollar raffle ticket for a chance to buy the name of the building?

- PR: If we start naming it after some, and the biggest donors don't get one, we don't want to make them upset.
- SAAC: If not alumni, we should go to the students and see what they want their dorms to be named after, something like the imagine RIT contest, people could vote online, I think students would really enjoy that.
- COS: Have students pick a list, alumni raffle to pick the name from that list.

Advisor Reports:

- KP: Black out tonight! See you tonight at Ritter arena for the women's hockey game and to help us to fill up Ritter! Never done it for the women before, would really like to do it tonight.

Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned.