

Approved February 16, 2011

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

MINUTES OF INSTITUTE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

S. Bayerl, J. Beck, D. Boyd, G. Buckley, Lisa, M-B Cooper, F. Cost, B. Destler, J. Diaz-Herrera, M. Dwyer, K. Ester, B. Finnerty, R. Goldberg, D. Guzman, J. Haefner, M. Johnson, B. Kiely, S. Maggelakis, K. Mayberry, S. Miggliazzo, H. Miller, K. Mook, A. Moore, S. Patterson, A. Phelps, G. Pollock, A. Rao, P. Rosenberg, C. Schreck, W. St. Jean, J. Voelkel, F. Walker, J. Watters.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

M. Carroll, L. Cauda, R. Doolittle, T. Engström, M. Fragale, B. Fuller, L. Jones, C. Kelley, L. Kushner, J. Loffredo, A. Lopez, D. Lorenzo, S. Lu, C. Lundgren, K. McDonald, C. McKenzie, J. Miller D. Mullaney, N. Nasr, J. Ott, H. Palmer, M. Picioli, V. Sanchez, D. Stendardi, C. Thoms, L. Twyman, J. Watrous, S. Widrick, L. Wild.

**NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING:**

N. Boulais, C. Gray, N. Mendez, , M. Hinz. Interpreters: C. Lomeo, G. Macias.

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Minutes from the December 15, 2010, meeting were unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- The ASL Community Center has opened in the heart of the campus and will expand the diversity provided by NTID.
- Momentum is building for the Women's hockey game this weekend. Friday night is a fundraiser.
- Nicki Giovanni, a well-known poet, is the Martin Luther King speaker next week. There will be many campus events marking the MLK anniversary. All are encouraged to attend.
- Freshman applications are up 17%. We are on a positive track and RIT's reputation is spreading.

**CALENDAR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS** (*Jeremy Haefner*)

- Jim Watters, Mary-Beth Cooper, Joe Loffredo and representatives from Student Government, Staff Council and the Academic Senate comprised the committee. They came forth with two calendar recommendations.
- Dr. Destler questioned Greg Pollock on what he thought students would find more important – coop time or break schedules.
- There was a lengthy discussion on this and all other aspects that will impact students. Dr. Destler proposed some revisions based on the discussion. After taking a straw vote, there was a split on the decision 10 in favor of the current proposal and 10 in favor of a revised proposal.
- In the end, the charge was made to the Provost to bring both options back to the governance groups for more input and take a new vote at the Institute Council meeting in February.

**BUDGET** (*Jim Watters*)

- The Institute is in a strong fiscal position. Key drivers and external validation is positive and our credit is strong. We have carefully managed our way through difficult times.

IC Minutes 1/19/11

- Dr. Watters reviewed preliminary numbers on where we can go and what we can afford.
- Standing commitments such as semester conversion and the new SIS system put strain on the budget.
- We will be carefully looking at the market and assess a tuition increase.
- There will be no new big allocations to colleges.

#### **NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION**

No New Business

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Distribution: Institute Council Student Government Student Publications Academic Senate  
Student Affairs University News Staff Council Wallace Library  
WITR Non-members attending

To be approved February 16, 2011.