



Present: President, VP, Public Relations, Student Relations, Director of Services, CAST, SCB, CIAS, GCCIS, KGCOE, COLA, COS, Women's, Cross Registered, Freshman, NTID, Graduate, CAB, Global Union, NSC, Reporter, RHA, WITR, SAAC, OUTspoken, ACA, OCASA, Dr. Heath, Karey Pine.

Absent: Programming, Finance Director, Organization Recognition, Greek Council, Academic Senate, Staff Council.

Called To Order at 1:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- 1st by CIAS, 2nd by SAAC.
- All in favor.
- Minutes pass as submitted.

Speak to the Senate:

- Tiger Bikes: I will also be meeting today with a representative from U of R about implementing an intercampus system for a pilot program to share bikes on campus. Two companies have given me quotes. This system would mimic the European model. Membership would come at the cost of a small fee. These would be winterized, heavy duty public bike rentals. There are over 200,000 requests for this system by Rochester itself. There is huge public support. I am trying to draw support and enthusiasm from everyone here. This would be a pretty good fit for RIT after the amount of money RIT has spent on Bike Paths.
- VP: I believe the best way to move forward we this is if we could talk more offline on how we could support you unless anyone has any thoughts. Leave me your contact information and I will get in contact with you.
- DofS: I met with him just thirty minutes ago so we are in contact and will hopefully be moving forward soon.

New Business

GeneSIS Survey:

- VP: Seeing no one else, we will move into new business. Bobby is going to talk about the GeneSIS survey.

- DofS: As you know, we sent out a clipboard survey and receives roughly 261 responses after four days. The GeneSIS team used this data to facilitate the open forum we held this week. This data will be used to help get the word out to the students. The general consensus of the survey is how important it would be to have all class information in one general location. Currently you have to go through multiple portals. The overwhelming majority cited this as important to very important. 40% want to improve schedule planning. Services people use were ranked. The top two most important are schedule planning and eservices. With the new genesis project this should all be combined into one system. The least used is the degree audit system or tiger tracks. People felt it was only moderately important to include tiger tracks into the new genesis system. The system will hide courses that conflict or that students are not eligible for. With the open forum, we got conformation that you will be able to search classes by timeslot and be able to make a schedule ahead of time on the system. How well did they feel informed about the project? 70% said they felt uninformed or very little informed. Hopefully this information will help the team inform students. 80% want to be informed through e-mail. Emails have been sent out every month so maybe they need to be reworded. People were confused about what the project is. The mobile app is in high demand, but that is also in progress. That is most of the feedback. Someone was upset CIAS doesn't have tiger tracks yet. People were confused why all these sites are separate from each other.
- VP: Can you talk about how the creators of GeneSIS might use this information, such as deciding which features are built first, and how to use it?
- DofS: I don't know exactly, so far they tailored their presentation for the open forum based on the feedback. Hopefully they will look into these options, understand what students want and communicate that information to students. Tech committee will be working with the team for the rest of this year and hopefully the relationship will continue next year.
- COS: The incorporated tiger tracks, is it going to be new or just fixed up?
- DofS: I think they are going to just incorporate it into one page.
- VP: They have a degree aduit buildt into the new system, so there will be no more need for tiger tracks.
- SAAC: I am glad you sent out the survey and made the initative, people learned a little bit just from the survey. Even I don't know everything. It made a lot of people more aware.
- DofS: Those people who took the survey are now more informed.
- Pres: How might we be able to follow up with the team, make sure that they are informing the students?

- DofS: I have been in constant contact with the communication specialist. I will keep working with him to get the word out about the project.

Semester Conversion Update:

- VP: Sarah and Chris will now update us on the semester conversion team.
- KGCOE: We have half as many papers as we should. We're just trying to save paper with it being Earth week. Two people will share three pages. We have been talking about the quarters to semesters change and how to inform students. The committee wanted student perspective, when to inform students, what students want to know, etc. We conducted a survey at Gracies, asking students what they want to see from the administration, when they want to see it, what students are interested in, how they want to receive this information, etc. The majority of students are not thinking about the change right now since we are still two years away. The biggest thing will be next year. Next year will be the first year that students will begin to go through the transition.
- Fresh: They have set up a website about the change for students to get information from. It is boring and dull, Chris and I have been trying to get students on to it.
- SCB: Is five better in rankings on this survey?
- KGCOE: Five is the best, one is the lowest. The majority of students, 83%, rated a three or under. A lot of students don't know what is going to happen, which is a big deal because it is going to affect a lot of students. They don't know what classes to be getting out of the way before the transition, etc. The following year we will have individual advising plans. If you have any suggestions on how you would like to hear about it or things that concern you, feel free to let us know.
- RHA: It is really important to let the advisors know what is going on. As a freshman I have been asking the advisors about the switch and my advisors doesn't know about MS/BS programs yet, etc.
- KGCOE: That is one of the biggest issues right now. That will be coming in the following year and a half. There is only a small committee that actually knows what is going on. We need a massive information push from the right source.
- SAAC: People are wondering about the same things as you are saying: credits, GPA, etc. We have a general knowledge. I think there needs to be a basic email send out, explaining how credits are going to work, and I think that would be a good something to have.
- KGCOE: They are thinking about fliers and such as well. They want to give students pamphlets explaining the first things any student should know, followed by the nitty gritty details about your specific program.

- Grad: There should be a color coding systems of the courses when students go to register. Green classes you shouldn't be worried about, red colored classes warn you to make sure you are careful when scheduling, etc.
- Pres: I want to say you guys have done a fantastic job. But I am curious, what is being done now about students who are applying to RIT?
- KGCOE: They are being told about it, but that is about it. There are so many things administrators need to know, it is hard to tell students the right things. The problem here is we are tackling too many problems at once. There is only so much accurate information actually available right now. In the next two years they will know a lot more.
- COS: As soon as the actual course layouts and plans are available, they should get that to students right away so students can see how the courses will work under semesters. That way they won't get redundant information.
- KGCOE: Some curriculums just got approved and some are still waiting for approval, that step will be soon.

Club Block Party/Celebration of Gratitude:

- VP: Marissa is going to talk to us about our two end of the year events and clarify once and for all what is actually happening at each event.
- PR: The club block party will take place week 9, Wednesday, May 4th. We currently have 288 people attending. It is going to be a big event, awesome, basically to appreciate the students and the clubs that SG recognizes. The banquet used to be to appreciate those clubs, and they use to have to pay for it. But this will be free, fun, laid back. As MSOs, we would like you to help us thank everyone. You are all invited, but to be there to show your appreciation to these clubs as well, meaning you will be there mostly to help us cater to the clubs. WITR will be playing music. Instead of the normal club showcase, each club will get a t-shirt to decorate, and the winner will receive \$100 for club funds. Food will be provided by dinosaur BBQ, and we will have free photo booths. Celebration of Gratitude is the formal event with administrators, you should have all received an invitation. Awards for the year will be given out, we will thank the administration as well as the other people we don't see on a daily basis. Please RSVP to Kathy. The event is from 4:30 to 6 pm. The speeches will be quick. This will mostly be about talking to people and really thanking them. For the club block party we would like your help, let us know if you have any ideas, we are looking to set up games and such. CAB may have gotten an email, if you could help work with us we would love the input. We are putting together slideshows for both events. Send me pictures or drop off CDs. Make sure to RSVP to the celebration of gratitude, May 11th. The club block party is 7 – 9pm, SG

please arrive at 6pm to help set up. For the celebration of gratitude, be there by four pm.

- Pres: What is the dress code for the celebration of gratitude?
- PR: Celebration of gratitude will be a business casual presentation to match our administrators. Today we are getting all the materials together for the shirts. Hope to see you all there!

Wellness Class Scheduling:

- Laddie: I am working on the calendar conversion with student affairs. For some of you this is on your horizon, for others this doesn't apply. There will be an open "activities" hour from 12 – 1 pm on Fridays. As you probably know, we offer a number of wellness courses. Friday is a very popular day, especially that time period. Should wellness be considered an activity to meet during that hour? Where should wellness fall?
- SR: I was thinking about this. I think a lot of clubs and extracurricular groups meet during that time. Of course there would be some students that would take advantage of that time slot, but I am also concerned about those people who are involved and can't. I think there are other hours for wellness classes, during normal down time hours which could be used as fillers as opposed to that one hour, just to prevent from interference of club meetings, etc.
- VP: We already have a lot of classes during the activity hour that we shouldn't. Wellness would continue to muddy that. We should preserve that time specifically for student activities meetings.
- SAAC: I know from the student athlete perspective that we want to take wellness but it interferes with practices. The best have been the later classes. There are a variety of times at night that would help a lot more because students are busy during the day.
- Laddie: So what I am hearing is that we should consider it a class and it should not be considered an activity and not during the activity hour. I will take that info back to the curriculum committee and we will discuss the implications and if there are more problems we will bring it back to you. We will currently plan not to have wellness during that time.

Senate Reports:

- Grad: Earth week has been fantastic, there has been plenty of student participation. In light of the holiday weekend, we are moving the campus wide clean up to a week from tomorrow. Clubs and Greek organizations will go clean up the woods and the parking lots. If you are interested we will have t shirts. Feel free to come help.

- SAAC: National Student Athlete Day was this week! We put on a giant dodgeball tournament. Everyone was really happy some of SG showed up. It was a lot of fun. Administrators beat the hockey team in overtime. Lot of fun, we gave these T-shirts out to everyone.
- PR: Dr. Watters still wants to host a meeting about campus beautification. A lot of people were interested in talking further. Right now the date is May 2nd at 9:30 am. It will take about an hour. I will send out an official email tomorrow. E-mail sgpr@rit.edu if you are interested, even if it is not good time, email me and we will look for another date.
- CAB: Tonight we will have outdoor open mic, on the outdoor stage at global village. It will begin at 9pm. Next Thursday we will be showing Dumb and Dumber. Next weekend is spring fest weekend! Saturday we will give out novelties. Dodgeball is on Sunday (aim for world record), OAR is Saturday night, please buy your ticket before they sell out! Doors open at 12 for dodgeball, we are half way there! Please register every friend you know!
- SAAC: If someone wants to register again with your name so you can be on the same team, does that work?
- Dodgeball Rep: Send me an email.
- GU: Thank you all for diversity day, it was a great success. If you were in the cafeteria, we hope you enjoyed the performance. We have the grassroots soccer tournament coming up! WITR and SAAC will be coming, all donations go to charity, free nike t shirt.
- KGC OE: Deadline?
- GU: Friday, April 29th.

Committee Reports:

- SCB: Senior sustainability advisor to the president has been announced, the name came out in an email. Congratulations to Ms. Enid Cardinal!

Advisor Reports:

- None.

Election Results

- VP: Next we will move on to elections results announced by Diego, our election committee chair this year.
- DofS: Because I am still getting a few write in votes taken care of, the results might not be immediately available online. Hopefully they will still be online at 3 pm, but I set the

time back to Monday morning at midnight. If you log on at three, understand that I am taking care of a couple of issue.

- VP: Can you post a message to our facebook alerting people?
- DofS: I can do that.
- Diego: I have the election results here in my hands. As you all know I was the committee chair this year. I know everyone is dying to know about presidential and vice presidential winners, but I am going to start with the senators. *Drum Roll Ensued*
- CAST: Christian Fortuna.
- CIAS: Vincent DiCairano.
- COLA: Hiram Taylor.
- COS: Wesley Wander.
- GCCIS: Peter Mikitsh.
- KGCOE: Richard Latham.
- SCB: Shannon Harrington.
- NTID: Helen Yu.
- Grad: Gabrielle Hewson.
- Women's: Nikki Steinberg.
- Greek: Tie. A tie breaker will be held from Monday to Thursday of next week between Taylor Deer and Becca Hendrix.
- Cross registered: Jonathan MacDonald.
- NSC President / Vice President: Gerilee Cristina and Julie Cho.
- OCASA President/Vice President: Katheryne Hernandez & Lauren Kushner.
- OCASA Rep at Large: Rose Campbell.
- OUTspoken President/Vice President: Tristan Wright and Gabrielle Orelli.
- RHA President/Vice President: Jamie Post and Peter Raia
- Global Union President / Vice President: Martha Vargas and Darshan Doshi
- Global Union Secretary: Harshita Sood.
- SG President and Vice President: Greg Pollock and Phil Amsler.

Adjourned at 1:47 pm.