



Present: VP, Finance Director, Public Relations, Programming, Student Relations, Director of Services, Organization Recognition, CAST, SCB, CIAS, GCCIS, KGCOE, COLA, COS, Women's, Freshman, Graduate, CAB, Global Union, NSC, Reporter, RHA, WITR, OUTspoken, ACA, Dr. Heath.

Absent: President, Cross Registered, NTID, Greek Council, SAAC, OCASA, Academic Senate, Staff Council, Karey Pine.

Called To Order at 1:07 pm.

Approval of Minutes:

- VP: Today the new president of NTID is being instated during this time, which is why we are missing so many people today.
- 1st by GCCIS, 2nd by Fresh.
- All in favor.
- Minutes pass as submitted.

Speak to the Senate:

- None.

Old Business

PR/Services Bylaw Revisions:

- VP: We will begin by having Bobby talk a little more about the bylaw changes he introduced last week.
- DofS: No one seemed to have any questions about the changes last time, if anyone would like to see them I have some more copies. Any more discussions?
- CAST: Are there no more additional changes?
- DoS: They are the same ones I proposed last week, is there a motion to approve?
- 1st by CIAS, 2nd by GU.
- SCB abstains.
- 11 for, 0 opposed.
- Bylaw changes pass as submitted.
- VP: Bobby and Marissa now have new job descriptions.

New Business

Transfer Students:

- VP: We talked about how we as a senate would sponsor a document for next year's senate to work on for transfer students. Teraisa has prepared such a document. I will let her introduce it and we can modify it and talk again next week.
- SR: Transfer proposal. On the top I identified problems and goals; below I included how to accomplish these goals. I proposed an SG transfer committee, and on the bottom I added possible members and people Kari and I talked to last year. My ultimate vision would be to view transfer students as a specific group of students that need special attention and a full time staff tasked with advising them as transfer students. When I say short term, that has a loose definition, even short term could take a few years, but these are goals I identified as less strenuous. A full time staff member dedicated to transfer students somewhere in next year's budget. In other words, at least one person within the budget in whatever office necessary dedicated to transfer students. Work on the accreditation process for transfer students, although that probably won't happen before the semester conversion, it at least needs to be on the discussion.
- Dr Heath: Accreditation might not be the right word.
- FD: I would say approval.
- Dr. Heath: We will figure it out.
- FD: As a transfer student myself, I had credit approval forms.
- SR: For all of a transfer's previous classes, they can go to their department within their major and do their own process of applying the credits, instead of high level, we don't have a streamline process right now which slows down the process a lot. Registering can be confusing, usually transfers lose a year and have to start over. We could have an FYE transfer classes, as we do get transfers every quarter, there could be an FYE for every quarter. We proposed all transfer students be included in an FYE, a transfer FYE, probably only for one quarter instead of two.
- VP: Just to clarify we do not exactly mean a freshman FYE class, this would be geared towards transfer students only.
- SCB: FYE styled class.

- SR: Basically a transfer seminar, facilitated by someone in FYE.
- SR: The timing and purpose of transfer orientation needs to correlate to the needs of transfer students. Shawna Lusk's team has been working on this. I think it can be evaluated by transfer students. We need a long term transfer office or some area on campus dedicated to transfers; we also need housing for transfers without using the temporary housing system. Transfers are second to last to get assigned housing. If a transfer student knows they are coming in the fall and applies in January, RIT does not assign them housing, puts them in temporary housing, and assigns the other students first and then gives last choice to transfer students. They have no assignment until late; some still don't know where they are living until they get here. The housing is guaranteed, but you don't know if you are in dorms or apartments until you get here. It seems unfair to those students. We should have long term housing set aside for transfer students. As I mentioned, the "how" would be a transfer committee composed of someone with the expertise of new student orientation office (those have been the people meeting with transfer students currently), other possible members could include Dr. Cooper, someone from transfer admissions, someone from program and initiatives for orientation. Maybe the transfer ambassadors, director of Student Relations, senators, random RIT students. What do we think?
- Dr. Heath: Instead of a committee, should we call this a task force?
- Fresh: What exactly is the difference?
- Dr. Heath: A task force is a group that is created with a specific goal in mind, a committee is a long standing sort of a thing, work as charged here might be more appropriate for a task force.
- VP: I see it as a committee puts a proposal together, and then a task force executes that proposal. Any other thoughts? Anything we missed?
- COS: If there is going to be an FYE transfer course, should an FYE teacher be included on the committee?
- VP: That is a good example of something that might not be feasible. You mean have an FYE person included? Good idea.
- Fresh: Shouldn't we require a transfer student on the task force?
- SR: At least two?
- Fresh: That could be hard.
- SR: Transfer ambassadors are transfer students, it could be a part of their job description to sit on the committee.
- Dr. Heath: Plausible. I think it is a good start.
- VP: Any other comments in general?

- NSC: I think there should also be a cross registered transfer student sitting on the committee.
- VP: If you have interest in this, engage students who are not necessarily members, this is always a great opportunity to get involved. Hopefully this will be a meaningful document that will be very helpful for us. Reports at the end of the meeting still. Teraisa will lead us through the transition, we have some activities for everyone involved. Senators, our meeting will start at 3 pm, in room 1010 of the campus center. Be sure to meet me downstairs at three o'clock. Please hang out for that. Let's enjoy the transition retreat.

SG Transition Retreat:

- SR: I want the newly elected senators to introduce themselves.
- COLA: Hiram Taylor, new COLA senator. Mind reading favorite super power.
- Christian: CAST senator for next year, my favorite super power would be mind control.
- Shannon: New SCB senator, 2nd year management systems major, I would like to shoot laser beams.
- Rose Campbell: 3rd year criminal justice, will be the OCASA rep at large for next year.
- KGCOE: Richard Latham, my power would be remembering everything.
- Nikki Steinberger: I am an Interpreting major and next year Women's Senator, my super power would be invisibility.
- Gabrielle Hewson: Graduate senator for next year, 1st year computer graphic design, I would like to be able to watch something one time and then do it perfectly.
- SR: Wonderful to meet all of you, for those of you who have a partner you can fill out this worksheet, transition for future member and one for current, without a partner, current members please turn one of these into me. Please wait while I set up everyone else, I will need these sheets back to give to Phil so we can have a nice transition into next year. When you're done I will have hire paperwork for you to fill out, we will take it to Kathy so you can set up your email, get paid when you get here, etc. We will start with COLA.
- Everyone broke up into groups and worked on their paperwork.
- SR: Everyone please move back to your seats.
- SR: If I gave you a return to Kathy Hall thing, please go down and return the packet to Kathy hall. Write down what you are interested in besides your senator position. Thank you for your interest.

Reports

Senate Reports:

- VP temp: Senate Reports?
- Fresh: Next Thursday is the fifth annual one year down party! We will be giving out these lovely lanyards! If you would like to help out you will get a free meal at Gracies. Set up is at four, the event starts at five. Next Thursday the 12th, make your own cupcakes, best of the best Gracies food, and then four different booths from different departments, ombuds, university studies, OCASA and co op. Please send me an email at sgfresh@rit.edu; that way I can have everyone accounted for and have an EAF fir everyone.
- GCCIS: Tomorrow is imagineRIT. Stop by GCCIS atrium to see the project.
- COLA: Raffle for COLA booths, visit as many as you can.
- GU: Thank you for grassroots, thanks WITR for the music. Tomorrow is imagineRIT we have our world connected exhibit, live video chat with students from across the world.
- CIAS: Student showcase on website, have on website, not flash based, divide by each major, specify by each major, can like it and follow user. Update right now. CIAS.rit.edu/showcase.
- Programming: Thank you for your help at the block party. This coming Wednesday is the celebration of gratitude. Kathy sent out the invitation again, please RSVP.
- Fresh: We will also be raffling off gift cards, you can't win but your friends can.

Committee Reports:

- None.

Advisor Reports:

- None.
- Grad: Standing in for CAB, tonight is the dub step dance party in Gracies, free glowsticks! Tomorrow is imagineRIT, CAB will have inflatables near the field house. Hypnotist show at 10 pm, movie at 10pm in ingle auditorium, senior night is next Friday.

Adjourned at 2:14 pm.

