



Present: President, Vice President, Finance Director, Programming, Public Relations, Student Relations, Director of Services, CAST, SCB, CIAS, GCCIS, KGCOE, COLA, COS, Greek, Women's, Cross Registered, NTID, Graduate, CAB, Global Union, NSC, Reporter, WITR, SAAC, OUTspoken, ACA, OCASA, Staff Council, Content Manager, Dr. Heath, Karey Pine.

Absent: Organization Recognition, Academic Senate, RHA.

## **Called To Order at 1:15 pm**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- VP: A few quick announcements. Dr. Ward's BBQ was fantastic! Please sign his thank you card. MSO reps will have legitimate name tags soon, please put down the name of the permanent representative. We will be working on getting you polos.
- 1<sup>st</sup> CIAS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greek.
- 18 for. No opposed, no abstentions.
- Minutes are approved as submitted.

### **Speak to the Senate:**

- None.

## **Old Business**

### **Committee/Election Update:**

- SR: Hello everybody! Please pick three committees on the signup sheet. If you are already on one, please write it down, and if you could include the contact person if you know it. Election update. Yesterday was the first meet and greet, thank you for attending. I would love MSOs to attend next Tuesday, 6 – 7 pm. 7 or 8 possible freshman candidates arrived. We have 40 freshman senator packets out, and only 2 for colleges of health science and technology.

### **Housekeeping (Timesheets):**

- VP: Football at RIT discussion will take place at 1:30 pm. Reminder to Senators: time sheets will be in your mailboxes on Monday. They are due by Thursday at noon.

# Reports

## **Senate Reports:**

- DofS: Hired two new staff this week. Matt and Warren are joining us on the staff to help with TV station and videos. Today at inspiration quest, you will receive a flier from me, it will be about the wide format printer service we offer. It will be cheaper than other places you could print from.
- SR: The First Grey Matter event Marissa worked on took place recently. The topic was “The odds are good but the goods are odd”. President Destler made an appearance. They take place from 12 – 1 pm in the idea factory. Please attend, you will hear great facts, knowledge and conversation. They are only once a month.
- SCB: CEO club. New club formed in SCB. Open to anyone interested in entrepreneurship. Elishia Ortiz is the club founder. We meet on Wednesdays at 6 or 7 pm. The Saunders’ picnic is on Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, 3 – 6 pm.
- VP: Mudtug?
- SCB: Mudtug is great. 11 of us are signed up, we have room for one more member, two alternatives. We will sign up in the SAU next week. By Tuesday or Wednesday let’s make sure we have everything in.
- VP: Any MSOs are more than welcome to join our team. We can have two SG teams! Or, if MSOs would like to challenge us, we will dominate.
- SAAC: Tiger den events are starting! The first is this Tuesday at 7 pm in the Clark gym. It will be volleyball. Next is men’s soccer on Saturday. They are playing UofR.
- Graduate: I attended GSAAC last Friday, as well as Graduate council, which first included a student last year. They oversee graduate studies in general. The goal for this year is finishing approving graduate degrees in the semester system. There are only ten or twenty degrees left, some PhDs and mostly certificates. Incorporating ethics. Doctor Hector Flores has been named dean of graduate studies. GSAC stands for graduate student advisory committee. It is the best way for graduate students to voice their concerns. It is still relatively new. There is debate about what duties should fall to GSAC or office of graduate studies. GSAC will take over student oriented events and socials, like the graduate tea. The graduate website is in the process of being updated.

## **Convocation Concerns:**

- Pres: I would like to ask for your permission to start a discussion on convocation. Staff council spoke of it yesterday. Does everyone agree with the new 3 o clock pm time point for convocation?
- 1<sup>st</sup> by Greek to discuss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by KGCOE.

- Pres: Yesterday staff council spoke about the timing. It was pushed back to three o'clock this year. It used to be 9 o'clock in the morning. Some staff had issues with the time, since they only worked half the day and had to stay for the tiger walk. They want it back to the morning.
- SR: Students had more enthusiasm in the afternoon. More acclimated. Excited to be in the Tiger Walk. Spirit build up. Students focused more on the speeches.
- DofS: Two viewpoints. 3 o'clock is a good time from a student perspective. As an OA, move in was Wednesday, and some parents can't stay until Thursday afternoon. Not sure if there is an easy answer with orientation beginning in the middle of the week.
- Content Manager: I was an OA. Students enjoyed it more. OAs had more time with students before orientation; we took them through the tiger walk.
- VP: General nod is that we like the afternoon. What about one o'clock as a compromise?
- Dr. Heath: Staff does a great job, but convocation is for the new students. To reschedule for staff seems really off to me. Personal perspective, this year was one of the best ever. I agree with Sarah. Spirit was better, energy was better. I appreciate the OA perspective. The students also knew each other. For me, the only compelling reason to move it back to the morning is the parent piece.
- Staff Council: Jeremy Haefner asked our opinion. Those were some of the comments. A lot of people don't like change. I personally prefer the afternoon. But there were complaints. You will always have complaints, but I was hoping for more staff at the tiger walk. Next year, we as staff council will do more to encourage staff to go. The point is the parents. Stands did not seem quite as filled. Closer to noon might help with that.
- VP: Leave open for compromise.
- Pres: It is a healthy discussion to have, offering a mutual time frame. We can bring students for actual feedback. Hopefully we can move forward and talk more about it.
- DofS: Another OA perspective. OAs met with their students on Thursday from 10 am – 3 pm. It was so hot that day it was almost too much time. Bringing the tiger walk to two or one will not upset the OAs or take away from their time with the students.
- VP: By the way, Way to go for orange and brown! We are all wearing spirit colors!

### **Advisor Reports:**

- Karey Pine: Fireside lounge at 3 o'clock today! There are gifts, food, fun, and chatter. Please bring your most open, ready to connect self to kick off the retreat! Thank you for your responses. There will be new and old faces, with 75 of you there.

## **New Business**

### **Football at RIT:**

- RJ Pollard: Thank you for allowing me to speak about collegiate sprint football. Three main points. RIT history, this league, and finish by asking for your support.

- Earliest report of sports at RIT was 1902 and it was a football game. In 1968, the club team formed on campus. For three years there was a varsity team from 1971 – 1977. The Giants coach began coaching here. Financial reasons are why the league ended, and why it is not still on campus. Financial reasons have held us back.
- Collegiate Sprint football. Dates back to 1934. Seven schools participate. They are schools of high caliber that would reinforce our reputation as a world class university. Weight limit of 172 pounds. Textbook football. Precision and accuracy. Follows NCAA rules and regulations. Much less expensive. Only one head coach, seven assistants, no recruitment and no scholarships. Students first, athletes second. CSFL 7 game season, no play offs. Less overnight trips, less traveling. Most schools are in the same region so there is shorter travel. Initiation fees are 0 dollars. Annual dues are only \$1750. CSFL costs based on budgets we have received from other teams are estimated \$200,000 initial cost, and \$165,000 to maintain. We need SG support to explore and develop this idea. RIT football team will attract students. Alumni pride. Fundraising opportunities, and raise spirit on campus. Dr. Cooper has reviewed and spoken with Dr. Destler. We need student support for further consideration. Financial support from alumni.
- VP: How much money per year per student?
- RJ Pollard: About 12 bucks per student increase. If we raise half of what we needed, six dollars per student.
- Pres: Other impacts on individual students? What do they think?
- RJ Pollard: Most kids have been hearing about football. Club team began 3 years ago. Many members. We do not want to talk away from any other sport, just make RIT that much better. Focus on academics, no pressure.
- Graduate: Have you sent out a survey? Tuition increases, who is interested, who would play, get a feel for student body.
- RJ Pollard: We thought the right step would be to get SG support and then go to the students.
- Pres: You do represent the student body. If you say yes, then we will send it out. Alumni would donate for a football team.
- CIAS: Based on the amount of people we get during the superbowl party, we would have many supporters.
- CAST: Where would you play?
- RJ Pollard: The varsity soccer field is the size we would need. We would need field goal posts and to repaint the field.
- COS: I thought it would have been a larger tuition increase. Really important when we send the survey, we make sure every knows fixed rate, not above 12 dollars. I don't know if there will be ticket sales to bring in money? But the cost will never go up. Weight limit is only 172 pounds. That eliminates a lot of players.
- RJ Pollard: No one came to RIT to play football. Most student athletes meet weight requirement. 166 pounds is the average weight of the club players. At least 50 guys weigh between 166, 170 pounds who want to play.
- Graduate: Have you considered any where besides the varsity field?

- RJ Pollard: Haven't focused too much on that, wanted support first. Club field is another option We don't have to play on the varsity field.
- Graduate: Football destroys the field, soccer needs the home field advantage. Club field is hardly used. What other facilities would you need? Equipment housing?
- Representative: Included in our budget. We are asking to look into this more formally. We don't have all the answers. A committee could have an intelligent rather than speculative conversation.
- SR: Karey Pine's point. If it falls on the students, the new computers in your lab may not be here next year. We should not trick students.
- DofS: Tuition increase for adding a football team. Is it a tuition increase or a student activity fee increase?
- Dr. Cooper: RJ has done a great job bringing this forward. Tuition and fee increases are different. The president has been very focused at keeping fees at a minimum. Removed wellness course fees for the first two classes. Students and parents alike complained. SG had many years ago asked if people were willing to pay more for football and they said no. Don't be polarizing. There 250 clubs and organizations. Everyone would like more. How we pay for it is one strategy. We need to look at the success of other football leagues. Other athletes will probably want to weigh in.
- Dr. Cooper: SG could take the lead in forming a committee and appoint the critical people. Ask important questions, liberty league, etc. Perfect opportunity for SG to lead the conversation. Invest your time and ask others to invest their time in this idea.
- Representative: Would not be an activity fee. They do not pay for varsity sports. It would be a tuition increase. Vast alumni support, hopefully no tuition increase.
- RJ Pollard: Varsity program. Not NCAA recognized.
- KGCOE: When in the term of the year would football be happening?
- RJ Pollard: Between September and November.
- SAAC: I agree with Wyatt. Every sport has an equal reputation. Don't want it to take over other sports. Do not take from those other sports. Liberty league conference in early October, I will speak more with the rest of my E-board.
- VP: Questions are delving into details we don't have. Start a committee motion?
- CIAS: Motion we form a committee to discuss the possibility of having a sprint football team.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Women's.
- 18 for. No opposed, no abstentions.
- Motion carries to bring the proposal to student affairs, Dr. Destler, etc.
- Graduate: One table or playoffs? What do they win?
- RJ Pollard: No playoffs, just a trophy.
- Graduate: Does the proposal come to us first?
- VP: Yes.
- Dr. Heath: Vinny said to start an exploratory committee. The issue here is the exploratory committee. What if they don't find anything?
- VP: If they draft a proposal, they present it. If they decide not too, then they don't.

- Pres: A timeline for this?
- VP: Talk about that later.
- Motion to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> by CIAS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CAST.

**Adjourned at 2:04 pm.**