



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:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> by Greek, 2<sup>nd</sup> by KGCOE.
- 18 for, no abstentions, no opposed.
- Minutes pass as submitted.

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

- Pres: Already week three. So much to brag about. Our momentum as a team has been awesome. We will win Mud Tug tomorrow. I hope the MSOs will be there for us to beat. Dr. Watters yesterday. He gave me some bad news. RIT last year was 18th on the ugliest campus list. This year we became number 8. Campus beautification committee has been established for Dr. Watters to meet with and provide feedback. We will be inviting him to senate for feedback as well.
- Pres: Staff Council talked about the ride board. We need a modern solution. Bobby will work with Randy to see if we can build a different electronic system to improve the ride board.
- Pres: Dr. Watters talked to Senate last year about beautification. We talked about a graffiti wall. Dr. Watters took on this project and is building this wall this fall. He is listening and I hope we have much more to give him. Semester conversion. It will be the key focus this year. KGCOE is on the committee. Charged with three things: establish a communication plan (students will become familiar and understand the conversion, build a semester conversion Q&A, and to update SG bylaws for semesters. This is not an opportunity to change but to edit them for a semester model.
- Pres: The B2 contract. Thursday last week, we signed a contract with the company one access to broadcast away hockey games. Better use of SGTV. Bobby is going to share a little bit about that.
- Pres: WITR, OCASA and RIT's alumni association are joining teams with SG to host an RIT tailgate party before the homecoming game in downtown Rochester. We will talk more about that later.
- Pres: MSO roundtable about collaborative programming. All of us recognize the importance of teamwork, it makes everything more impactful.

- Pres: Yesterday we gave out over 1,000 free garbage plates. Two objectives: give a taste of Rochester and to improve our visibility on campus.
- Pres: We kicked off Gray Matter last Friday. Safe place to talk about sensitive and important issues. Awesome discussion on the sex life of college students. Dr. Destler showed up.
- Pres: Phase one of MSO retreat will be continuing on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Look forward to the second part of the retreat.
- DofS: I will try to be quick. I am really excited to see the away hockey games on SGTV. Should be set up by next week. Marissa is planning a couple of special events with the RITZ sports zone for hockey viewing parties. It will be brought to you for free, channel 15 anywhere on campus. We are planning on recording the games so we can show the games throughout the year on our TV station. WITR always broadcasts games through radio station. Looking into incorporating radio into TV view. You will hear more over the next few weeks.

## Old Business

### Horton Update:

- Programming: Horton speaker this year is Michael J Fox. If you write your name on this sheet, you are working that day. Each senator gets a maximum of three guests for RSVP seating, you must buy tickets for your guests, yours will be provided. E board members must purchase their own ticket.
- OUTspoken: How much are tickets?
- Programming: \$15.
- VP: This is not an optional thing. You are expected to work unless you have a big reason not to.
- Karey Pine: It's fun. Up close and personal with the biggest speaker this year. Also the most costly presenter. Huge deal, disability risk. Must have good hosts. Fun and important.
- SAAC: Can we come at a later time? I have a race at that time.
- Programming: We can work something out.
- VP: You can reach out to your e-boards as well. We still won't pay for their tickets however.
- Programming: 11 am is the meet and greet. Don't tell people about it. After that, working, field house, set up VIP seating. Doors open, ushering everyone in. Show must start on time. Monitoring people about pictures and videos. The reception, photo op. Some will help set up the BBQ with Barry. Anyone left is going to help with the tailgate, etc. The BBQ is right after Michael J Fox, starting at four. We will not be providing enough food for everyone, there will be grills.
- VP: The Meet and Greet is with Michael J. Fox.
- Graduate: We have to pay for VIP seating?
- Programming: Not for you, but for your guests.
- OCASA: Do we have to tell you who from our eboard is coming now?
- Programming: You can tell me later.

## **Elections Update:**

- Student Relations: Noon today the final people turned in their packets. 23 freshman candidates. 2 CHST. It is going to be interesting. Elections committee and I will look at the 23 possible candidates and based on certain qualifications will pick the top three. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of October they will present to you for five minutes. CHST they will both come straight to senate. Any questions on voting?
- CAST: Same day?
- SR: Yes, same day.
- KGCOE: Secret vote?
- SR: They all have to fill out a bio. You will have each. Whoever you pick, you give me back their bio. Any questions?
- VP: Voting seats are Representative Student Organization and Senators. Any other questions?

## **New Business**

### **Parking and Transportation:**

- Randy Vercauteren: Director of parking, transportation, and building system. Adam Petzoid interim manger of parking special events.
- Randy: Phil asked me to speak to senate. It is my favorite thing to do. Parking first. Academic parking on this campus, where we have commuters coming in. Stats for parking spots presented. 6056 spaces total. Residence hall parking. Not considered commuters. 3,500 cars associated with them. Commuters, 12 – 13,000 cars. Every second or third week, we count empty spaces in peak point of the day. 304 total. We shrink reserved based on actual observations. 593 parking spots also. Peak of the day, circle of campus, almost 900 open. People go to lots where they are not. Global village has 145 spaces at peak of the day. Nothing in U, D, M, E, F, J. On the outer perimeter, all these blue lots have parking spaces, but they require a walk.
- Randy: What's new! We bought a boot. SG on our board last year. If a car is unregistered three consecutive times, we used to issue a tow warning. Then we tow it. Student normally says "I didn't believe you". Instead of towing, we will now use a boot. Boot warning. Immobilizing your car until you tell us who you are. Sometimes cars and people don't belong. No fees with boot.
- Randy: Car share program, zip car, hertz connect. Senior sustainability advisor to the president. Hopefully administration will buy in. Ride share is coming. GTC has purchased ride share for the Rochester area. Green ride. I was asking for an RIT portal, own group in that ride share program. Check carbon footprint, and there would be a built in ride board in it. Hopefully we will see it soon.
- Randy: Transportation. Buses run from residences to campus and back. Every 15 minutes. Park point either 20 mins or 10 mins. Little bit further. Just in time arrival is highly preferred. Very crowded before the hour. There are four buses every hour and only the fourth is always packed.

Try to spread yourselves out. More equipment would pass the cost on to you. Transportation budget is already close to 2 mil. Park Point and Province do help a little bit. Ride bus heavily. Shuttles do go off campus, to local retail mostly on the weekends. There are two stops on campus, south of the Wallace center and the residence halls. ¼ mile radius to every building in the vicinity. 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile for residents. Buses are dedicated till four, combined till six, and then all are combined at night.

- Randy: Web application for ITS for all bus schedules. There is also active transportation, different forms other than a car. Longboards, bikes, walking. Safe manner, outside the purple areas which are no ride zones. Dr. Cooper created a task force with cycling club to communicate this bike plan. Orange is safe. New pathway not quite shown yet. Two red circles here. Golisano institute for sustainability and institute hall took 75/80, 120 parking spots to build. 60 were lost for the bike path. 250 lost in the last two years, but we built more in some other lots. Quarter mile is a walk only zone. Brand new metal signs. Discussion and questions?
- Pres: What happens when the hockey rink is built?
- Randy: No facts about that yet. The ice rink has not been placed yet, no architecture, just a rendering to do fundraising. Multiple locations have been talked about, somewhere in S lot near global village. I can't speak to where. If we put it here, I presented parking numbers. But this is 3 to 4/5 years off.
- VP: The bike path. Non pedestrian zone?
- Randy: That can be a discussion. Probably not, because it was designed as a shared use path. Very hard to enforce that, more and more walking. Worth a conversation.
- VP: It is a safety issue.
- Randy: Sometimes I think we should implement a speed limit. And there are always people meandering. Dotted line helps control traffic. I don't know if it will become other transportation exclusively.
- VP: GPS on the buses. Functionality, possible?
- Randy: RTS has some type of GPS on their buses, we do get a data feed for that web communication. Trans Look is the biggest GPS tracking system out there. We had a demonstration that was pretty cool. If we can figure out how to link all that together. Translook.com, we have preliminary budget numbers.
- VP: Number was?
- Randy: Under a \$100,000 dollars. Golden memories runs part of our buses as well, buy that, RTS blend with that technology, it is still an early discussion.
- VP: Ideas to get people to park on north side of campus instead of south?
- Randy: Lots here are full by ten in the morning.
- VP: Covered walkways?
- Randy: My idea, but it has not been endorsed. Shelter in here. Micro climatologists design these things. Don't think trees would work.
- VP: I just wanted to plant the idea in senate.
- Randy: Parking at nine in the morning. Covered walkway to get there, just those two, covered walkway would be a big plus. Biggest complaint is the cold. Furthest H lot to Golisano is .28

miles, a little over a quarter mile. At the center of campus half a mile from anything, it just feels far. Plan for the walk.

- DofS: Parking further away, in the winter, G and H lot, the wind having to walk makes people want to park in U lot.
- Randy: One ramp would be 20 million dollars. How many parking garages to accommodate? A lot of them. Little to no flat land left, garage or shuttle from off campus.
- NSC: On the new bike path there is no lights at night. What about lights. Behind HSC.
- Randy: They are there, and placed on the building. Lights from the Quarter mile shine down.
- NSC: It is still way dark.
- Randy: I can certainly bring that up.
- OUTspoken: I can't afford a car. I lived downtown in the Ward. Is anything happening with helping students living downtown and not on campus? Get downtown? I have heard of people getting stranded. Is anything happening? RIT to downtown Rochester and back?
- Randy: Yes, but not enough. 11 trips on route 24. 12<sup>th</sup> is the 8:25 pm bus, last public transit in and out of here. RTS talked about expanding the service. Real RIT challenge. RTS charges us for that bus. Marketplace mall run is extended to run to RIT. Not many options on weekends, latest is ten o'clock, looking at that, prepared to go forward. Only change based on their labor rules for their drivers will be in January. We have to make a decision by mid October, or we will not have another chance until mid April and then August.
- Outspoken: No bus between six thirty and eight thirty. My perspective as a student I built my schedule around that.
- Randy: Transportation study is being done right now. New CEO who wants to look at the whole thing differently. Linking all the universities in this region. Early conversation.
- OUTspoken: But everyone is aware of these difficulties?
- Randy: We are very aware, but there are limitations.
- Global Union: Rustic village houses 80% of our international students. Why can't we have every 30 minutes to rustic village? Free buses, 7 to 7:30, one at 6 and one at 10. 40 minutes to reach RIT. Any better bus? 600 students is a lot of students.
- Randy: Just like Westbrook, they also wanted a bus. I don't know how rustic village started. It is not a direct route, courtesy of someone that started a long time ago. Why not westbrooke college, or bennington hills? There is a lot of complexity and funds. Will Rustic village support a bus? Park Point and Province help support the bus system, rustic village has put nothing on the table. It costs a \$100 an hour to run shuttles, is a significant expense. Started way before my time, don't know how it got there, the money has to come out to expand. Would residents be willing to pay more for the bus?
- Adam: Would they stay if their rent increased?
- Randy: We have room for the people in rustic village to park.
- COS: Car share program, my family uses zip car, how is it going to work? You get a lot of time.
- Randy: Private agreement between the person and zip car, electronically, \$8 an hour. Hertz connect is about the same. Everything is involved, gas card, insurance, registration fee is one cost. Check online if it is available, we would choose where to park those cars. Companies offer

state minimum on those cars for insurance, a \$10,000, \$20,000 policy. Might be an unreasonable risk for students. 21 and over? Require students must be covered by their parents? Does RIT assume that risk? Love to see the cars and see them work. Senior sustainability advisor to the president loves the idea too.

- COS: I think it is a great idea.
- VP: Thank you for coming.

### **Calendar Discussion:**

- VP: Sarah, committees?
- Student Relations: I am in the process of contacting committee chairs with your names, my information has not been correct. You will be the point of contact, and will relay the information back to SG. If you can't go to the meetings, they will give the information to you.
- Pres: Phil sent you all a proposed calendar for after the semester conversions. Thoughts or comments?
- SCB: The start date is earlier. Then we have a short summer. How will that affect RA's OAs, etc?
- Pres: We asked the same question last year.
- Dr. Heath: Staff would have to back up and come in earlier. I have heard institute council say commencement is not significantly different. We will have a Labor Day break which we have never had before. I think that is a great question, couple more weeks off work, not sure what we will do about it.
- Pres: Came up last year, both proposals were terrible. Only one summer where it is all short, not ideal for students, I do remember this is a onetime thing.
- CIAS: Federal holidays we get off?
- Dr. Heath: Only Labor day.
- CAST: Spring break, why is it only four days?
- SR: Counts weekends also.
- Dr. Heath: Monday through Friday?
- OUTspoken: Winter intersession. My recollection at UB, we started on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Day, why are classes starting the 27<sup>th</sup>? That seems late.
- Dr. Heath: I am not the calendar expert. I believe that accommodates the three week intersession and the break. At semesters schools it was Martin Luther King Jr.
- VP: 14 week semester.
- DofS: Labor day. Are we getting two days off for labor day?
- Dr. Heath: Yes.
- Motion to table calendar discussion for next week: 1<sup>st</sup> by Dr. Heath, 2<sup>nd</sup> by CIAS.
- All for tabling till next week.

# **Reports**

## **Cabinet Reports:**

- VP: So you are all aware, a new website is out. Student feedback from student speak up day. Dinning services has a list of changes listed. 211 additional service hours per week, 7 new operations, we are starting to branch out. Greg and I ran into Patty Spinelli. The location in CIAS, apparently the original choice was designated as a classroom. Looking into different locations, still expanding. Vegetarian chef soon. ITS has had changes as well. Increased to five wireless devices instead of four. Rit.edu/thelink. What is SG doing? There you go.
- KGCOE: Students can write questions on the homepage as well?
- Dr. Heath: Contacts if you have questions. Student Government did all the work with the assessment, which took it all and distilled all the data and made this.
- KGCOE: Contact form on there at all times. I don't know who to email.

## **Senate Reports:**

- SAAC: If you are not attending Mud Tug this weekend, the boys' soccer game is the tiger den event. Really cool giveaways, you should be there. Might be laptop covers.
- KGCOE: Wacky waving arms, whose idea was that?
- SAAC: CCL has a marketing plan and have been working with SAAC.
- Karey Pine: Came from a soccer playing student. Tomorrow if you go to the game we will have some awesome gifts for the tiger den events.
- SAAC: Women's volleyball won. Mostly athletes attended, a bunch of people from SG went.

## **Advisor Reports:**

- Karey Pine: October 1<sup>st</sup> is Inspiration Quest! MSOs, goal packets are due today; even over the weekend would be great. Include your goal information. The sooner we can get them done the sooner we can get ready. Thank Taylor, interesting meeting, attention acknowledgment and thanks, thank you Taylor.
- VP: Senators and cabinet, better turn in timesheets! Shirts for mud tug are in your in mail folders. The student governators, name and number on the back. Senate is in the SDC next week, walking to the dorms. Commons, we can walk together. Mud tug is tomorrow; meet 10:30am over behind Gracies. Club hockey tonight at 8. Vs. University of Pittsburgh
- Motion to adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> by CAST, 2<sup>nd</sup> by KGCOE.

**Adjourned at 2:31 pm**