

July 22, 2010

**Academic Senate
Activity Summary Recap for AY2009-10**

SENATE ACTION ON POLICIES:

B2.0 revision per proposed revision to the current E6.0.4 Procedures for Faculty Promotion that provides more explicit language identifying the promotion from Associate to Full Professor (Charge 3 for Faculty Affairs Committee) – Unable to vote at the 5/20/10 meeting due to lack of a quorum at the latter part of the meeting and this will return to senate in the fall)

Consensual Relationship Policy – Approved 4/01/10

Copyright Policy – Tabled 2/04/10 [The Provost recommended a small group of Senators join Bobby Colon to help shape this policy so it can move forward. Four volunteered: D. Tower-Dubois, L. Lawley, C. Lundgren, E. Saber.]

E5.0 Proposed Revisions – Approved as amended 10/22/09

E6.0 – Revisions to the rank of Senior Lecturer, add the rank of Principal Lecturer and identify promotion criteria and process within the ranks of Lecturer – Approved 5/6/10

E6.0 – revise the process for promotion to full professor – Tabled 5/13/10 – to return to Senate in the fall

Elimination of EDF [See minutes of May 20, 2010 for more details] – Approved 5/20/10

Expedited Tenure Evaluation – Proposed Addition to E5.0 – Approved 4/29/10 [See minutes of April 29, 2010 for more details.]

Institute Writing Policy and proposed revision for B2.0 per IWC becoming a Standing Committee of the Academic Senate – Approved 5/20/10

Lecturer Portions of B2.0 – Tabled 5/13/10 (see minutes for more details) and will return in the fall of 2010

Non-Exempt Employee Voluntary Participation in Institute Events – Approved as amended 3/11/10

*Outstanding Teaching Award for non-Tenure-Track Faculty – Approved 4/22/10
See minutes of April 22, 2010 for more details as there was a motion that carried which reads:
The Academic Senate recommends to the RIT Administration to seek a donor to endow the Outstanding Teaching Award for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty.*

Policies for Curriculum Development [D1.0] – Section G [Graduate Council] – Approved 4/01/10

Revision of E5.0 and E6.0 to incorporate the Statement on Expectations for Tenure and Promotion – Approved 4/22/10

Revision to the wording in E5.0.2.c – Approved 4/22/10

RIT Compliance Policy and Code of Ethical Conduct – Approved 9/05/09

Returning to the Senate in AY2010 will be the following policies for action per the Faculty Affairs Committee charges from AY2009:

- (1) B2.0 revisions pertaining to lecturers and their representation in governance (see **Minutes of 5/13/10 pgs 6 and 7 per B2.0 returning to Senate in the fall of AY2010**)
- (2) E6.0 pertaining to – Total Revisions (Clean copy coming to senate)
- (3) Charge 3 – revisions to E6.0 per procedures for faculty promotion that provides for more explicit language identifying the promotion from Associate to Full professor.
- (4) E4

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW:

Academic Program Profile Proposal – Approved 5/20/10 – The AS approves the revision of “Policies for Curriculum Development D1.0.C.3 to include the following text as bullet b: A description of how the program meets the Academic Program Profile of the University. The remaining bullets will be adjusted to reflect the inclusion of this new bullet.

Academic Program Review Framework – Approved 5/6/2010 [Framework would begin by 2015]

Undergraduate Programs

Graduate Programs

Master of Architecture – Approved 4/01/10

MS in Sustainable Systems – Approved 11/05/09

General Education

General Education Curriculum Proposal – **Approved 01/07/10** [B2.0 revisions; Deletion of items from Policy D1.F.2.d; Revision to Policy D1.0; formation of Gen Ed Committee and charge] – see Minutes of 12/17/09 for more details and 1/07/10 for amendments to the Gen Ed Curriculum Proposal

ACTIONS TAKEN PER STANDING COMMITTEES CHARGES & AT LARGE MEMBERS

Standing Committee Charges for AY2008 – **Approved 9/24/09**

Standing and Institute Committee at Large Nominees – **Approved 4/15/10**

CALENDAR

Proposed Revisions to RIT Calendar for AY2010 – **Vote did not carry on 10/22/09**

Calendar Options for RIT – Survey results from all governance groups and colleges were and discussions were a part of the Academic Senate meetings winter quarter AY2009. The Academic Senate voted on the various calendar options for RIT and the final recommendation per the minutes of 1/14/10 was to consider the preferred semester option and the preferred quarter option and to recommend one of these as the preferred option. For the senate's final recommendation, the vote for calendar options was **24 in favor of semesters, 7 in favor of quarters and 4 abstentions. The voting at the 1/14/10 meeting was purely informational.** The President made the final decision with consideration of all surveys given among the RIT community and the 5 for 3 model for semesters was decided upon for RIT. (See AS minutes of 1/07/10 and 1/14/10 for more detailed information on the discussions led and voting for the various calendar options.)

FACULTY ONLINE VOTE ON B2.0 CHARTER CHANGES

A faculty vote took place during 3 weeks of summer break in June and the following three B2.0 Charter changes were approved (these changes had already all been approved by the Academic Senate in the AY2009-10 spring quarter):

- Graduate Council description revisions under Standing Committees
- Institute Writing Committee added as a Standing Committee of the Academic Senate
- Change wording on composition of the senate (Representation from the Provost's Office) membership

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS

Academic Affairs Space Committee (AASC) (Sue Provenzano)
Academic Affairs Committee – Final Report (D. Meadows)
Academic Affairs Update – Initiatives for 2009-2010 (Provost Haefner)
Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) Search (Dr. M-B. Cooper)
Calendar Options for RIT & Discussion (Joe Loffredo/Amit Ray; Remarks from President Destler; Governance Groups & College surveys reported)
EFFORT@RIT: Exploring the Need for Institutional Transformation at RIT (funded by NSF Advance Program) (Margaret Bailey)
Enrollment Update (Dr. J. Miller)
Faculty Affairs Committee – Final Report (K. Waterstram-Rich)
FMS Capital Project Review (Jim Yarrington)
General Education Curriculum Proposal (K. Waterstram-Rich/D. Meadows)
Graduate Council - Final Report (Ag Crassidis)
Greater Expectations Update (Dr. Doolittle)
H1N1 Flu Update (Provost Haefner/Sue Provenzano)
ICC – Final Report (C. Border)
IETC's Final Report (Elizabeth DeBartolo)
Institute Writing Committee (IWC) – Final Report and Proposals
Imagine RIT 2010 (Dr. Culhane)
Introduction of New Director for Wallace Library (Shirley Bower)
New Chief Diversity Officer (Kevin McDonald)

Open Access Initiatives (M. Buehler/C. McKenzie)
Oversight Committee for Externally Sponsored Projects FY2009
Plus/Minus Grades Implementation (for more details see Minutes of 2/4/10)
Policy E5.0 (Proposed Revisions and Discussion)
Proposed Revisions to RIT Calendar
Provost Update
Semester Transition – Ongoing Discussion
Staff Council Report (Joshua Bauroth)
Standing Committee Charges (ASEC)
Standing Committee Reports [Those who reported to senate per their final report are listed. Those who did not report to senate due to an overloaded senate agenda and they did not have action items this year sent their reports in and these are posted on the senate’s DML site – ASC, CEC, LRPC and RABC]
Student Affairs Committee - Final Report (Scott Bellinger)
Student Government Report (Matt Danna)
The Senate in Transition: A Discussion about the Senate’s structure and work as RIT moves toward semesters
“The Year in Pre-View” (Provost Haefner)
Treasurer’s Report (Eli Saber)
United Way 2010 Presentation (Lynn Rowoth)
Vision 2025 (Provost Haefner)
Wallace Center Update (Lynn Wild)

AS ELECTIONS

The Executive Committee Elections took place on April 15, 2010 and the newly elected EC for the Senate for AY 2010 is:

Paul Rosenberg – Chair
Tim Engstrom – Vice Chair
S. Manian Ramkumar – Operations Officer
Latty Goodwin – Communications Officer
Bob Barbato – Treasurer

Academic Senate elections took place winter and spring of 2010 and the website has been updated.

College Elections for Standing Committees and some Institute committees took place in Spring 2010, and all of this information has been updated on the AS website as of June 2010.

