August 24, 2011

SENATE ACTION ON POLICIES or FRAMEWORKS:

Academic Affairs Committee – *Motions to be voted on:*

1) Policy D13.0 - The Provost names the Deans Council for CMS Degree Certifications (BS and MS) – **Motion Carried 5/5/2011**

2) Establish a Multidisciplinary Committee (same as ICC) and will be a standing committee of the senate, membership noted in Minutes of May 5, 2011 – **Motion Carried 5/5/2011**

3) Academic Senate moves that the executive committee craft a charge for the Academic Senate's consideration to constitute a task force on Teaching and Course Evaluation in 2011-12. It will be charged to review previous committee recommendations as well as all feedback received through the Academic Affairs survey, and to recommend a consistent university-wide process for student evaluation of courses and teaching that includes a set of core questions, reflects the appropriate use of technology and is based on best practice in the field. **Motion carried 5/5/2011**

4) The Provost's Office is charged to create a proposal (using no resources) that would address the structural issues around cross-disciplinary education. This proposal will be brought to Academic Senate for proper vetting (**The Provost suggested this friendly amendment that that was accepted.**)

Ethics Curriculum in Graduate Programs Proposed Motion (*The Academic Senate approves the formation of the Task Force on Ethics in Graduate Curricula*) – **Approved 2/17/2011**

GE Curriculum Revisions Approved – **Approved 11/18/2011**

GEC Charge (**from Tim Engstrom on May 12, 2011**) – **Motion:** *GEC will assess its course-review and decision-making criteria and procedures. In the Fall it will propose to the Academic Senate any recommendations it has for further clarifying and strengthening its policies and procedures.* **Motion carried on May 12, 2011**)

And in addition the following motion also came forth and carried on May 12, 2012 per GEC:
GEC will review its present charge and the charge of its FYS committee. It will propose any revisions to its charge for next academic year to the Academic Senate for its consideration.

Global Education Task Force Charge – **Approved 3/24/2011**

Graduate Council Proposals:
1) *Policy D1.0.G* (*Organization of the Graduate Council per membership*) – **Approved 3/10/2011**
2) *Policy D12.0, Section E.1 (per seven-year rule extension)* – **Approved 3/10/2011**
3) *Policy D2.0, Section K1.B (Credit non-Traditional Learning)* – **Approved 3/10/2011**

Inclusive Excellence at RIT 2010-2015 Framework (Dr. Kevin McDonald) – **Endorsed 11/04/2010**

Policy D16.0 (Institute Writing Policy Revision – The Academic Senate endorses the recommendations of the IWC for changes to policy D16.0, Section D, under the heading "WI General Education Courses" by deleting the phrases "to the GEC" and "prior to review by the GEC." – **Approved 3/24/2011**

Policy E2.0 Proposed Revisions (Principles of Academic Freedom) – **Approved 10/21/2010**

Policy E3.0 Proposed Revisions (Oath of Allegiance) – **Approved 10/21/2010**

Policy E4.0 Proposed Revisions (Faculty Employment Policies) – **Tabled 3/24/2011 and 4/14/2011; Approved with a friendly amendment 5/12/2011.**

Policy E6.0.4 - Only a portion of E6.0.4 **was approved** 12/16/2010 per the committee structure to be a college-level committee, deleting department-based committee under section C. Promotion Committee). A new proposal per this policy was presented to senate by Andrew Phelps for discussion and vote on 1/20/2011 was tabled and returned to senate on 2/17/2011, and **did not carry.**

Here are the rest of the portions of Policy E6.0.4 *voted for* on 2/17/2011:

Policy E6.0.4 be amended to include a member (Full Professor) from another college on the promotion committee, consistent with tenure committees. **(From E6.0.4, Approved 2/17/2011)**

Move to have the same ad hoc committee assembled when having conflict to mirror the tenure ad hoc committee. **(From E6.0.4, Approved 2/17/2011)**

Propose language to ensure someone from the candidate's home department is on the committee and each unit within the college is represented. **(From E6.0.4, Defeated 2/17/2011)**

Policy E9.0 (Visiting Scholar Policy) **Motion to Table carried on May 12, 2011 and due to time constraints on May 19, 2011 will return to senate in Fall 2011.**

Writing Policy Budget Planning Recommendations – **The Academic Senate endorses the recommendations of the IWC for inclusion in the Institute's Budget Planning Process.**

ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW:

Undergraduate Programs
Presented throughout the year per calendar conversion and approved programs can be viewed on the senate's DML site under ICC. (1/20/2010; 2/17/2011; 3/10/2011; 4/14/2011; 4/28/2011; 5/5/2011; 5/12/2011; 5/19/2011; 7/11/2011

Graduate Programs
Presented throughout the year per calendar conversion and approved programs can be viewed on the senate's DML site under Graduate Council. (11/4/2010; 11/18/2010; 12/16/2010; 2/17/2011; 4/14/2011; 5/12/2011; 5//19/2011; 7/11/2011

General Education
All GEC reports can be viewed on the senate's DML site under General Education Committee.

ACTIONS TAKEN PER STANDING COMMITTEES CHARGES & AT LARGE MEMBERS
Standing Committee Charges for AY2010 – **Approved 9/9/2010**
Standing and Institute Committee at Large Nominees – **Approved 5/5/2011**

CALENDAR

Calendar Proposal for 2012-2013 – **A straw vote was held and the results are as follows: Proposal a (Traditional Calendar) 3/7 split runs late – 13 in favor; Proposal B (Non-Traditional) 4/6 split – 14 in favor; 4 abstentions.**

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS
Academic Affairs Budget Priority Update (Dr. Jeremy Haefner)
Academic Affairs Committee Final Report (Doug Meadows)
Academic Support Committee AY2009 Update (Rhonda Laskoski)
Academic Support Committee Final AY2010 Report (Kathleen Lamkin-Kennard; Christye Sisson)
Assessment and Semester Conversion (Dr. Anne Wahl)
Calendar Conversion (Dr. Kit Mayberry)
Calendar Conversion Update and End-of-Year Report (Dr. Fernando Naveda)
Continuity of Instruction Recommendations (John Meyer, Katie McDonald)
Course Evaluation Task Force Report (Dr. Lynn Wild)
Faculty Affairs Committee (Kristen Waterstram-Rich) *[All policies presented are listed above under Senate Action on Policies and Frameworks.]*
General Education Committee (GEC) Update in the fall and then annual report on May 12, 2011 (Dr. Elizabeth Hane/Dr. Dick Doolittle)
General Education Learning Outcomes Assessment (Anne Wahl) – Deferred until Fall 2011 due to time constraints in May 2011
Global Education (Dr. Jeremy Haefner)
Graduate Council Program Review Per Semesters (Presentation and -Vote)
ICC Program Review Per Semesters (Presentation and Vote)
Imagine RIT (Dr. Barry Culhane)
Inclusion Excellence Framework Draft (Dr. Kevin McDonald) [Endorsed 11/04/2010]
Institute of Health Sciences and Technology Presentation (Dr. Jeremy Haefner)
Institute Writing Committee – Update on Work (Lisa Hermsen)
Long Range Planning Committee Report (Mike Osier/Stephanie Ludi)
Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Periodic Review Report (Chris Licata)
Private Information Management Initiative (John Zink)
Proposed Revisions to RIT's GE Framework (Dr. Elizabeth Hane)
Records Management Policy (As it relates to Search and Tenure Committee notes)
Research, Innovation, Scholarship, and Creative Work: RIT Aspirations (Dr. Jeremy Haefner)
Resource Allocation and Budget Committee AY2009 Report (Paul Tymann)
RIT Calendar Proposals for 2012-2013 (Sue Provenzano)

SRS CRM System (Kathy Bell, Dave Hostetter, Jo Loffredo)
Standing Committee Charges (discussion and approval)
Student Affairs Committee Report (Jim Aumer)
Treasurer's Report (Bob Barbato)
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 2011 and the newly elected EC for the Senate for AY 2011 is:

Paul Tymann – Chair
Tim Engstrom –   Vice Chair
S. Manian Ramkumar – Operations Officer
Andrew Phelps – Communications Officer
Bob Barbato – Treasurer

Academic Senate elections took place winter and spring 2011 and the website has been updated.

College Elections for Standing Committees and some Institute committees took place in Spring 2011, and all of this information has been updated on the AS website as of July 2011.