



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

Absent: COLA, Karey Pine, RHA.

Called To Order at 1:07 pm

Approval of Minutes:

- Change in last week's minutes from "acquire" to "inquire".
- 1st by CAST, 2nd by KGCOE.
- 18 for, 1 abstention, 0 opposed.
- Minutes Pass as Submitted with one Altercation.

Speak to the Senate:

- None.

Old Business

Horton Update:

- Programming: Horton tomorrow. Responsibilities sheet if you are attending. Senators/MSO/Staff have a different sheet. Call me if you have questions. 610 597 3844. Wear your SG polo and khakis/nice pants. It will be cold. Jacket that looks professional. Rock the polo. Cabinet and Senate report at 10 am to the box office to set up reserved seating. Staff meet at Student Government office at 11:15 am to head up for the roundtable. Keep this on the down low. Meet with MSO reps and usher. We will be monitoring for photos. Head to the reception ASAP so we can be the first pictures.
- VP: Is everyone clear on where you will be and what time you need to show up?
- CIAS: From 11:15 to 11:30 there is a list of questions...?
- Programming: I will print it out. Dr. Heath will be monitoring the round table. Let me know if you are running late.
- NTID: Where will volunteers be sitting during the presentation?

- Programming: Reserved seating with your name on it. Tell your guests to check in at the right. “I am guest of...” Ushering down to your seats. Keep an eye on your seats. If you have problems, contact Phil, me, or security.
- VP: Big smiles tomorrow.

Bylaw Changes:

- VP: Bylaw changes we brought up last week. We just added College of Science and Health Technology.
- 1st by COS, 2nd by CIAS.
- 17 for, 0 opposed, one abstention.
- Passes as written.

New Business

MSO Support:

- SR: Supporting RIT and MSOs. Paul’s Happy Hour is next week. Sponsored by NSC. Orange and Brown night, 4 – 6 pm next Friday. Large group of supporters to come with us. Also corn maze next Friday. Meet at the office at 6 pm. Corn maze for bonding time. Perfect for Friday. Sign up please. Senators and Cabinet. Three open houses SG will participate in. Senators, please pick at least one hour of the four days, and please try to pick a different day. New students can get a feel for SG. We will be going to an RHA BBQ December 15th to support RHA. Time and meeting place will be verified later.
- NSC: Did you ask if anybody wants to set up their own table?
- SR: SG will have a table. Do you mean if other MSOs will have a table?
- NSC: This sign up, what is it for? Working the SG table or just going to Paul’s Happy Hour?
- SR: Going and having an SG presence. If you would like to have a table or more information, let me know and we can set that up. Any questions? Interviews for freshman and CHST next week. Anthony Hennig, Nick Giordona, and Shantavia Edwards for freshman. Present five minutes and ask questions. Make announcement then. CHST Alex Lemenze and Jamar Frater.

Finance Committee Update:

- FD: Finance committee. MSO reps, large jumble on this quarter. We had \$84,110 to start up. We have funded Greeks, clubs, MSOs, etc. Other departments provide support as well. We have spent \$17,605. \$2,000 more was spent yesterday, so ~\$19,000. Approx. amount per quarter ~\$28,000. We have about \$10,000 more to give out for the quarter. Clubs, Greeks, and MSOs. 53% of our funding has gone to Greeks. Clubs, let them know we are available to them! If you have questions let me know, attend my office hours, I am working on pamphlets regarding funding, etc. Our own budget. We have used 11% of our total budget. Horton is not yet included. Legal counsel and payroll are the largest amounts.

- CAST: Theoretically, a conference can be supported by SG?
- FD: Yes.
- CAST: Conference in June to present research, they could fund it?
- FD: Possibly not entirely. If you are presenting, we could fund it all; if you are just going, we could fund half, etc.
- Graduate: Could senators get a copy of this report? Is there any way the students as a whole can see this? Increase transparency?
- Pres: You are way ahead of the game. We have been trying to figure out how to get two things online: goals, and if we have got them accomplished. We want that published. We also want to get a budget break down and get it online. We are figuring that out with the new website.
- KGCOE: Third thing?
- SR: He said two.
- Staff Council: Do we have a history of what has been done in the past?
- Pres: Presentations like this have not done before. This is very new. We would like to be a more transparent organization.
- Graduate: Who keeps track of the budget? Finance Director? Okay. It would be nice to see the motivation for where the money is going.
- VP: What do you mean where is it coming from where is it going?
- Grad: Where?
- Pres: We are completely funded by student activities fees. The rest of the student activities fees goes elsewhere.
- Staff Council: In the case of a surplus, what happens?
- Pres: We have to zero out at the end or we lose it and RIT takes what we don't use. Used in other ways if it is not spent by us.

Reports

Senate Reports:

- Global Union: Instead of increasing the MSO budget, we discuss something that decreases MSO spending. FMS, tech crew, and catering; everything they charge goes back to RIT. Spoke with Karey Pine that there should be an amendment to decrease MSO spending, or FMS/Tech Crew costs. Costs increase every year even though we ask for the same thing. We were denied when we needed more money this year.
- VP: Thinking about doing, anyone can correct me, basically it is difficult to raise the budget for an MSO on campus, but it is a little strange that we are charged the by tech crew and we essentially just transfer money between organizations. Spend internally, we should get a discount. Pursue, nod of approval?
- CAST: I thought he meant everyone has an allotted amount of time to use it? Pre taken out of the budget?
- VP: Could be, internal costs increase and budgets don't.

- CAST: Have the cost taken out of the budget immediately, and then use it as many times as you want. X amount to use FMS, Tech Crew. Initial fee, paying in bulk.
- VP: That's an idea.
- KGCOE: Not sure if it is a dependent relationship, but I think it is. Tuition rises with the bad economy. Cost is going to rise every year. SG budget has flat lined. We need to align the parallel lines.
- OUTspoken: What about a credit system, based on your previous use of the services you receive a certain number of credits, paid, managing them so there is no over use, not moving money around, 50 hours available this year, 5 this quarter, etc.
- VP: Makes sense.
- CAST: How would you ask for more if you needed it? Propose?
- VP: Not sure yet.
- DofS: We are talking here on SG and MSO terms. Considering clubs? I am the head of the club. Our budget stays the same.
- VP: For all clubs and organizations on campus.
- KGCOE: Tuition rises every year, the Student Activities Fees rises every year.
- Dr. Heath: Not always, but very often.
- KGCOE: Where does it go?
- Dr. Heath: Lots of places. Student Activities Fees provide for a number of other things. Freezefest, general operations, etc. Your point is really a good one. Accustomed to charge back. Why am I taking my money to give to you just to go back to the same place? Certainly worth pursuing.
- Dr. Heath: We have control over tech crew because they are in our division. Worth asking those questions.
- VP: Policy that would say unless budgets increase, the costs should not?
- Dr. Heath: Valid point worth pursuing. Conversation with FMS to see options there. If Senate votes to pursue this, we can talk about strategy.
- Pres: Great question to ask. Campus initiatives coming out of their funds for a long time. Why is the number going up?
- Dr. Heath: We have been doing a lot more things. Activity at RIT has boosted. Cost of enhancing a student experience. We do have reserve for some things, but right now it is at a point where we want to keep it. Designed for a major emergency. We are relying less on reserves, and more on the actual budget. Conversation with Karey, she would know more about the spending of her department.
- Pres: What is causing it to go up?
- Dr. Heath: We could look at that. Cost of everything goes up. Inflation.
- DofS: Student activities fees. The amount of Clubs four years ago versus now.
- VP: Make a motion to pursue this? No, we will just pursue this. That's what we are going to do.
- VP: Senate? Committee reports?

Committee Reports:

- CAST: Institute Council. Discussed brick city. Announced Michael J Fox sold out and the other two are now sold out now as well. University advising. Centralize. Different between colleges. Easier for advisor to help a transferring student, etc. Middle states periodic report, we are at the half way mark to make a report. Done by April. Downtown bus route funded, happening in January.
- DofS: Tech Committee on Tuesday. Updates and throughout the quarter. First go live genesis happened today. Students will not see noticeable changes yet. Couple changes for registration. When we switch to semesters. SIS system, now you will be forced to sign up for a lab section if you have a lab associated with the class. Wait listing option for closed courses. Better prerequisite checking before you register for a class. Over winter break, mycourses will be updated. More notifications coming via email and text, can check out of the options, alerted about deadlines.
- Programming: Wait listing mean you can't hold classes for younger students?
- DofS: Not sure.
- VP: Time sheets are due next week. Thursday at 12 pm. You will receive them Monday morning. Thank you Marissa for getting everything together this year. President Ball tonight, 5:15 pm in the SG office. Tail gate in the rain 4 pm tomorrow.
- Graduate: Do we have to be there when it starts?
- SR: I asked this morning. Late is okay but there will not be check in. Before 7/7:30 pm name on a list.
- VP: After check in?
- SR: You probably won't get in.
- DofS: If you are a driver, have four dollars, 4 bucks for parking, but you will be reimbursed.
- Programming: Next Thursday there we will have our first away hockey game viewing party in the Ritz! Pizza for the first 300. Bar available. Drink, be merry, etc.
- Greek: First ever tenth annual Greek circle anniversary party. Free food. Band. Houses open, Activities etc. Free food and dollar off drinks at Salsaritas. More than welcome to come.
- SAAC: Tomorrow cross country tiger. Please try to encourage attendance!
- Motion to adjourn: 1st by Graduate, 2nd by CIAS.

Adjourned at 1:50 pm