2013-2014 SG Senate Meeting 2/07/2014

Present: President, Vice President, Finance Director, Public Relations, Programming, Student Relations, Director of Services, Director of Clubs and Organizations, CAST, SCB, CIAS, GCCIS, COLA, Women’s, Cross-Registered, CHST, Greek, NTID, Graduate, CAB, Global Union, NSC, Reporter, RHA, WITR, SAAC, OUTspoken, ACA, OCASA, ACE, Academic Senate, Bill St. Jean, and Kate Blackburn

Absent: KGCOE, COS, Freshman, and Staff Council.

Called To Order at 1:01 pm

Approval of Minutes:

-1/31/14

- 1st by Clubs and Orgs, 2nd by Women’s.
- For: 16, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0
- Minutes pass as submitted

New Business:

Presentation from United Way

- VP: I hope you are doing well today. Quick overview for today: starting with presentation on United Way. Then Sarah Thomas will be speaking to us about Let’s Get Down to Business. Then we have 2 new positions, we ran out of time with RIT Players last week and we have another additional funds request, then we’ll wrap up with reports.
- United Way: I am Colette Shaw, part of United Way campaign.
- Chloe: I am Chloe Richard I am a student rep on the campaign.
- United Way: Are any of you familiar with United Way?
- PR: I was on the committee last year. Does a lot of positive work for the community.
- United Way: We passed out a handout that has all of the services just here in Rochester. United Way serves a lot. There are hard working organizations that are very understaffed. If some of these places had to fundraise, they wouldn’t have enough power, so we work to raise funds for these. United Way serves everyone from babies to the elderly. Some people need special care that only certain places can offer.
- Chloe: One thing we are here to talk to you about is stuff we do on campus, like the coin drive. It takes a lot of people to put things on; we are hoping to reach out, hoping to start bringing more people into.
- United Way: We won an award for strong student support in United Way.
Let’s Get Down to Business

• VP: Ms. Thomas, you are up.

• Sarah: Hi everyone, I am Sarah Thomas, 4th year finance major here at RIT, I wanted to create a conference and offer basic business topics in any field, business can be used in any field you are in. So let’s get down to business conference. The purpose is to educate non-business students or business students on concepts they may not know already. It condenses some really important topics into one session. I’ve received some funding from the Dean, support from Dana pierce,
and then help from Tyler Pierce and Shannon Harrington. Saturday Feb 15th. $10, includes two meals, Mr. Saunders will be there, four sessions, resume review and last minute career fair questions. That $10 goes to clubs and organizations in Saunders, goes back to clubs for business events. You can register online: Saunders.rit.edu/e/letsgetdowntobusiness. Currently there are 33 people registered.

• SR: Two questions, question 1, is this open to non-RIT students?
• Sarah: I am open to any.
• SR: As an interpreting student what will I get out of this?
• Sarah: I think business applies, no matter who or where you are. It portrays better to possible employers.
• Women’s: My question is similar, as an art student, is it worthwhile for me to attend?
• Sarah: The point behind is so that any presenter can affect each student at RIT. Trying to bring that focus back to RIT students
• NSC: So who are you doing this towards, general RIT population? NTID students, have you advertised there, Business department there?
• Sarah: I think it’s almost targeted to non-business students. Advertisements have been mostly online. Posting in the NTID community. Had limited paper printed, keeping costs down and green. Have not reached out to business department.

NSC: Another possible suggestion, there are the NTID Business Students, they have career exploration program, could get in contact with them. I am looking to get the word out. My original goal was 100 students. Would love to get as many people to the event.
• VP: Almost out of time. Sarah thanks for coming in!

Did you know? RIT:

• None.

Senate Reports:

• VP: Senate reports?
• D of S: We are having the retreat tomorrow in this room. There will be snacks, but bring your own lunch. If you can’t come we need to know so email both Nick and myself.
• CAST: For everyone had questions about candidates, if we answered a question, and you didn’t like what you heard, or we needed extra things, please let us know.
• SR: Ashley how would you like to make sure you get all of the packets back? Announcement #1, exchange program will be starting. I think it is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You will see some NSCer’s. If they have questions or need assistance please help them. For the retreat, please bring your calendar for the semester, for what you know so far on your calendar.
• SCB: We have a couple of events coming up, Let's get down to business on Saturday Feb. 15th, the second thing is are people aware of venture creations? We are hosting an event for people who may be interested in starting their own company?
• OCASA: Today at 7:30, Olympics opening ceremony viewing in our office. We will be watching the opening ceremony with food, and giveaways. Wear your flags! We will be rooting for teams.
• OUTspoken: Next Weds we are having a big slam poetry event, Tons of sponsors. Free admission.
• Clubs and Orgs: This is for MSO’s, when they talk about the retreat, they are not talking about Inspiration Quest, use time to update goals. Secondly, we should really do something about orange and brown Fridays. The rest of campus won’t be spirited if we aren’t.
• Greek: I promised Karey Pine I would mention this, a super mega float that shows off what RIT has to offer. Kind of making it into a competition.
• COLA: This Thursday Feb 13th, study abroad fair from 2-3:30 if you are interested in learning more, please come out.
  PR: Two things, new senators, will have new nametags. Senators and MSO reps, we want to showcase what you have done this year. Email me and SGPR@rit.edu.
• GU: Annual Unification Saturday the 22nd, starting at 6 pm.
• Cross- Reg: Events, Leadership program for NTID students, NTID Student Leadership Incentive, will be under RLI, Kick off Feb 15th in the SDC, we are still figuring out the time. Wearing the color green for green week, so an event on the 25th for color RIT green. Show people how to think about sustainability. Look at things to be environmentally friendly.
• NSC: One more thing, tonight 4-6 BAM happy Hour.

Old Business:

Speak to the Senate:

• None

Committee Reports:

• VP: Committee reports?
• CIAS: Today, working on task forces, different smart things we want on campus, looking for student involved people to be involved. I am already on student success, we have global education and engagement...

Advisor Reports:

• VP: Advisor reports?
• Advisors: None.
Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Motioned by Women’s, 2nd by Pres