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

Absent: CAB, and Staff Council.

Called To Order at 1:03 pm

Approval of Minutes:

-2/21/14

- 1st by GCCIS, 2nd by KGCOE.
- For: 14, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 1
- Minutes pass as submitted

New Business:

Strategic Planning Committee Presentation

- VP: Anyone here to speak to the senate? Hello everyone, quick overview of the day, we are going to have some mid-year reports, a couple discussions (books in library), another discussion on club hour. Kit Mayberry is here with us today about the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Kit: Hello everybody! On the steering strategic committee. Meg asked me to give an update, talk a little about strategic planning, very important for any institute to look at a strategic plan. To very carefully carve out a plan for a certain period of time. The mission answers the question of why we exist as an institution. The mission works with preparing students to lead in their careers. The means that we do this education is changing dramatically. The forces outside of higher education are very different. There is a notion of intersections; places want college graduates who can move across disciplines. Talking about learning, creating, imagining, things have been introduced to RIT, but haven’t found their way into the academic plans now. We want to make sure when we say we are an innovation university, that that is happening for all of you. It is not a document that lives for generations. The next vision will be extremely different. The things we work on will be important too, but we need to do certain things to achieve certain goals. Think of these as working versions. We have identified 6 strategic dimensions, things we need to attend to now:
  1. Student success
2. International engagement (global engagement and international engagement),
3. research and grad studies,
4. diversity,
5. curricular innovation and creativity,
6. Organizational agility.

There are two co-chairs per group. WE all have a lot to say about student success. Curricular innovation and creativity are very important. Being an engineer and taking a photography class, maybe fewer required classes, so you can more on the top of the T. Want to get the red tape out of there, out with bureaucracy. Feel safe that if you want to be on a committee, you’ll be on it. A couple hours a couple times a week, only through April. Reports are due May 12th. We have been putting lots of things on email, numerous steps through the process we think going on the website, those aren’t the ways people want to communicate. AMA on Reddit, Destler will sit down, and he will be responding to any questions or feedback. We would like to do a student forum, only formal in terms of particular day with a start and stop time. We are open to suggestions of timing; we had one forum on the first day of exams. Can I just see how many people would be interested in being part of this?

- CIAS: I just wanted Kit to come here in terms of knowing what I am doing, what you want to be part of or questions in terms of strategic planning. You have knowledge of what students are feeling, and where the university may want to go.
- Kit: There is such focus this time of furthering and advancing the quality of education. Education is about more than careers, if this doesn’t launch you in a direction of a fabulous future, then what are you getting out of it? That is what we are thinking about this time around.
- VP: We do have a couple minutes for questions.
- Grad: 95% of our grad students don’t know about this and what they can do for it.
- Kit: Are you talking about strategy plan for grad, or strategic plan? Individual departments have their own plans, and then we have them as a university.
- Grad: There is a grad email, Facebook...
- Kit: Meg can tell you who the co-chairs are and you want to make sure your constituency can help.
- SR: Diversity section, name change policies, generally working on LGBT students, what about LGBT students is involved in the plans.
- Kit: Task forces have not yet started meeting yet that begins today. Among the reads are the LGBT report, and the president’s response that will be stitched in and Framework for excellence and Kevin McDonnell is involved. Talking about focus, want to include everything, creativity includes everyone and every population. Can’t do everything, kind of like an assignment, work on this for this time being, don’t want to leave others out.

ACE Mid-Year Report
• ACE: Here are the awesome things we have done this year! We wanted to re-vamp the ACE website, we don’t have one right now. Work on the Commuter Advocate Program. It is more of a recreating of our website, thanks to Sam in CCL. There will be tons of PR, pamphlets on the site. The Commuter Advocate Program is representation for Commuters. We are working to create the foundation this year, thanks to Tristan! Working to have incentive programs for the

• Programming: Commuter Spirit week (us and commuter spirit life our administrative body on CCL aspect). Thanksgiving potluck, Commuter pit stops, welcome back party, Freezebucks machine, commuter study break, chocolate on ice. For the Potluck, we ran out of food and had to go back and get more! Working to work on out ACE constitution, and our financial processes.

• Grad: My question is regarding next year, prospective grad students, 90% are international, and are commuters, what is your plan, for educating on different issues,

• ACE: Working on to focus on elections, that way people will be related to working on things. Working to get in some of the orientation information! We are at the Transfer student open house last Friday. Working to be at lots of different things.

• SR: The advocate program ideally helps alleviate some of that. We would have students available to help explain how things work, the Binder provides information for commuter students, advocates are ideally then equipped with passing bylaws, approving e-board appointments, any impeachment processes.

• SR: Half of that book is online; it’s ordinances from other towns.

• ACE: When the website is up and functioning, will have any knowledge for commuter students in Rochester NY.

SAAC Mid-Year Report

• SR: So, please take one. This is the proposed calendar for Elections. I will talk of calendar, as I am talking you will know what I am talking about. We are going to look at the calendar, then propose an amendment of the bylaws, to match that. Last year to accommodate for semesters, we didn’t know what it would look like. By passing this, we do a bylaw amendment. That part is mainly changing dates. So, packets will officially start going out the first Monday in March. Advertising the week before with promotion of it, meet and greet events follow, I added a meet

OUTspoken Mid-Year Report

• OUTspoken: Hi everyone, I am Nicole Beeder, Unfortunately, my glasses are broken, Our president: Jay Strobec, VP: Nicole Dieter, Finance: Adam Edwards, Programming: Ryleigh Bullock, looking for Publicity Director. Going over what we did in the fall, did Taco Tuesday (open meeting over 40 people, normally less than 20), did the Queer March for National Coming Out Day. 30 people for the first time doing it. Did Image Out, 100 attended, cosponsor sex-ed boot camp, Trans* Day Remembrance Candlelight Vigil. 2nd Annual World Aids day, Ally Training during RA training, more came, want to do all OA’s, all RA’s, We moved our LGBT center to a new location! Queer Women’s group is now recognized as an SG club. Spring semester plans: had our first event, Sister Outsider Poetry. We would like to do this as an annual event. March
13: Open meeting, ritGA’s Retro Dance, March 31 Trans Day of visibility, Gaypril: Queer Fair (outside organizations to come to campus, then go to ritGA’s spring drag show. GLSEN’s Day of Silence. Northeast LGBT Conference @ Rutgers, ColorFEST starting April 18th. RIT Roots, then Equality and Justice Day in Albany. We want to do a Pride Week and Rally, not sure when yet though.

COLA Mid-Year Report

- COLA: I am Bakar, from COLA; I hate technology when it comes to presentations, having a conversation with you all. Last year, as far as the senator goes, last year was community senator, this year a college one. I do have high expectations. Last fall I participated in several fall events. We gave out some free SG stuff; it was very nice, lots of fun. We hosted a retreat for the peer mentors in COLA and the SAB. They have a group called peer mentors to work with departments to host events, help with homework, SAB works with the Dean’s office; I am involved as a senator. SAB established, Facebook for COLA started, Established a mailbox to gather information. I want to have an office in COLA for SAB and Peer mentors; we have been talking with the deans. Wanted to set up with spotlight student. Many students in COLA aren’t satisfied with their coop experiences. Working with the Dean and Dr. Heath. The career fair doesn’t offer many career opportunities for us in COLA. Nazareth is very successful in placing their Liberal Arts programs. General Student Body issues, last fall Tristan and I were working on getting food for Muslim students, can’t eat prepared food on campus. Few places on campus that provide, and they close early. Dining Commons, not much to eta. Currently in works of assisting disadvantaged students. Those with less, or low-income, met a student who was a freshman, lives in dorms, walks to dorms and library to check out a laptop for 4 hours. If at the end still needed the laptop, would have to walk back. Working with Tristan, been talking to Dr. Heath about these options. Any questions.
  Clubs and Orgs: After talking to Dr. Heath and disadvantaged students, finding resources and support for those students without.

- COLA: We haven’t met in person, have been communicating through email.

WITR Mid-Year Report

- WITR: Programming director for WITR. Our management is very hectic, so I thought it would be easier, to lay it out for everyone. I am in charge of 5 directors. General Manager, filed for license renewal, trying to fund a new space and want to start construction after this semester. In terms of programming 9 am to midnight, prerecorded for 7 am -9 am. Have hockey coverage, the ask Destler show, Rochester sessions, working on some new shows, Every Sunday at noon. Last semester we added over 50 new members, last year we graduated about 100, so that helped. In terms of Development, working to Fundraise for Studio X, moving next to Nathan’s. New website is really big. Trying to archive, those are the upcoming events we are helping with. Engineering, work to build and maintain our servers, working to get a larger transmitter, to expand out broadcast radius. In terms of business, we have raised roughly $40,000 for Studio X.
Grad: 2 questions, what is WITR in terms of Grad Students?
WITR: They can get involved in what we have. Can get involved with the news.
Grad: As RIT, we are moving to technical university, how are you planning to promote sustainability, promote these groups through WITR, Social groups, technical groups.
Pres: We have been working on bike share, WITR offered to help promote about that.
WITR: Our engineering is a good place for technical things to be involved, lots coming in who are programming, our chief engineer.
Cross-Reg: Have you ever done news casting, things like that?
WITR: We don't have video equipment now.
Cross-Reg: What is your broadcast radius now?
WITR: Approximately 30 miles, and we stream all over online.
Cross-Reg: I think students would enjoy seeing a map of the radius.
D of S: How are your Dr. Destler talks going so far? I think we could really promote those.
WITR: I interviewed last semester, Dr. Destler is fun to talk to, and it goes for about 30 minutes, being at SG, can refer back to that a lot. We have a scheduled imaging 2 weeks in advance.
D of S: Maybe we could collect questions, and then have things after?
Clubs and Orgs: Where are you with Studio X? Have you met your goal?
WITR: We participated in Roar Day last semester. We are ready to get equipment; we don't have money for construction yet.
SR: If you collect metrics on internship, if even possible to collect, what times people tune in and where do they tune in from? Is that something you are capable of measuring, do you?
WITR: I am supposed to look in as Programming. We can see how is streaming online. Lots tune in around lunch time. We were featured on tune in, since then our internship has been 40 plus an hour.

Club Hour Conversation

Pres: Talking about history, had club hour in the past, 2 hour club block, no classes went on, could have a meeting time, everyone from SG could get together, has kind of dropped off. It dropped down to an hour. We no longer have a club hour. This has created problems for students in clubs and organizations. One idea is to bring the club hour back. Need to bring up with Dr. Haeffner, sat down with Joe, what can we do, academic senate will be talking about it next week. Figured I would have our input when I go to the meeting. The idea is that right now, you have classes, MWF, 50 minute classes until 5 pm. Then 75 minute classes after that. Then 50 minute Until 3 pm, and then extend after, so no classes, after that on Friday. From 3 pm onwards, It's like TR, classes only meet twice a week. Would it be possible to change the TR schedule, to make sure classes are done earlier? I think this is a nice compromise.
COS: This applies to lecture classes not labs? I see that for a lot of issues in my college of labs. Would it be possible to not schedule labs after 3 on Fridays? Friday lab was moved from 11-2? Flexible with lab classes, continue, if we do that for all lecture classes but not labs, not fair.
SR: Before this year when we had club hour, did they account for club hours in that?
- Clubs and Orgs: COS, all labs were 2-5, before they were 9-12. 1-2 typically was always free, no labs in that time, in general. Maybe a couple of exceptions, but that was generally the case.
- Finance: Do you know how many classes happen after 3 pm? In terms of space, and grad students and night classes, extending time may be an issue.
- Pres: Joe said it could work.
- D of S: Joe is Joe Laefrado, main architect, for transition to semesters.
- Clubs and Orgs: I think everyone over here, should take to constituents, and then figure out how to do this. To have a survey, each of us could have in college, or location where our constituents go to? Have a clipboard, groups can come in and answer. Good to increase visibility on campus.
- SR: If this were to happen, included in that, senate meetings get moved to 3 pm?

Textbooks in the Library

- VP: Paul and I have been looking into ways about making books required in the library, looking at ways to implement this.
- Pres: I talked to Shirley Bauer, students utilize the books from the library, don’t need buy it. If they bought every book, it would use all of their funds, and then would change the next year. Looking at doing online versions,
- VP: What are some ways to implement this, how do you feel?
- CIAS: Something to task the two of you, seeing how many professors, have a book in the library. Not a lot of my classes require books. Most have the books on reserve Looking at how many have books, how many don’t?
- GCCIS: Purchase E-books, as a student, one main thing, then print it out. Some books are always in the library. Would you have a focus with more general books,
- Pres: We own a large number that students can access online.
- Freshman: Want the library to buy books, keeping online would be a good option; our library is not that large.
- COLA: I work at the library, if you ask a professor to put a book on reserve; there have relationships with the author of the book. Then support the author at that point. If
- D of S: I like the audit idea, see what is available and what isn’t. See how many books we need to have access to. Then need to be more aware to students that books are available on reserve.
- Finance: This should be a campus college initiative.
- WITR: In terms of not having books always on reserve that are available. Could the university then scan and post them?
  SR: Get away on individual situation, because not known.
- CAST: So, as for required thing, campaign speech, some majors don’t want to get rid of them, some use in the field, We talked about in our one on one, we have a deal with Barnes and Noble, can’t get around not having to buy, that may not work well in that terms of relationship. SG doesn’t support things at Barnes and Noble.
- SR: Speaking of low-income students, don’t own e-reader or laptop, I am always concerned about moving to E-books, in terms of that sense. Worth working with library to utilize
technology on E-books. I can’t interact with the page. Additional suggestion, work with other library and university systems in the area. Embellish what role it plays and what is reserved for students. Maybe share books?

- OUTspoken: I also work at the library, low-income student, and don’t like E-books. Many professors do write those books, if we used that piece meal idea, it would be stress on the college and library. E-books for sub-par laptop, I can’t focus enough to read printed screens, I think important to take that in account, space in library.
- SR: Functionality of E-book and quality of experience is related to quality of internet connection. Just because you can click on an icon, doesn’t mean you can access an e-book well.
- Pres: My point is that it isn’t inaccessible. I am just trying to make it be known, that you can still get on it. May not be user friendly, the information is still there.
- Greek: Comment, or different outlet, part of group on campus that has own book libraries, make relationship with library, does book funds, and purchases books needed for students, then just holds onto them. Make relationships with those places that have the books.

**Did you know? RIT: the Cycling Club**

- None.

**Senate Reports:**

- VP: Senate reports?
- Programming: Remember that SG is officially supporting two events this weekend, Mac A Rollin and then Chocolate on Ice.
- KGCOE: March 4th, Hot Cocoa with the Dean.
- Clubs and Orgs: I would like to speak with MSO reps after this.
- Finance: Last year bugging on reaching out to constituents, and resources for finances, thanks for reaching out.
- D of S: We are looking at providing free 10 and black and white resumes printed, submit a pdf to me on email, then put on flash drive, then print these for them, and then printed and alphabetized, Have a little higher quality, than just normal paper.

**Old Business:**

**Speak to the Senate:**

- None

**Committee Reports:**

- VP: Committee reports?
- CIAS: Again, Kit came in; if you have questions or concerns, please bring them to me. We want to get students involved, contact me, I will send you information about them. Outcomes will be amazing, chance to impact RIT for the next 10 years.
- Clubs and Orgs: Can you just email everyone the information?
- CIAS: Let me make sure that is final, can email Nick, the 6 committees, if one sparks interest.

**Advisor Reports:**

- VP: Advisor reports?
- None.

**Adjourned at 2:55 pm**

Motioned by COLA, 2nd by CIAS