Call to Order: 12:11 p.m.

Communication Officer's Report: Minutes of 5/1/2014 and 5/8/2014 were approved. https://ritdml.rit.edu/handle/1850/16831

Executive Committee Report:

Brief report on Advanced Certificate in Communication and Digital Media was given by Joe Hornak Graduate Council Chair and Rudy Pugliese from the CLA Department of Communication.

- This program was approved unanimously by Graduate Council.
- Documents have already been sent to senators for review.
- Next week (May 22) there will be a formal presentation and a vote to approve this advanced certificate.
- It will be an on-line 8-week format, two sections per semester, of popular courses.
- This program is targeting the course work toward specific students.

Recognitions

Senators and alternates were recognized with much appreciation who have served over the years and are leaving the senate. They are as follows:

Stephen Boedo (KGCOE)
Paul Darragh (SG President)
Nick Cifranic (SG VP, Alternate)
Maura Kearns, (SG Alternate)
Denis Defibaugh (CIAS)
Timothy Engström (CLA)
Shaun Foster (CIAS Alternate)
Elizabeth Lawley (GCCIS)
Julia Lisuzzo (Staff Council Chair)
Jeffrey Lodge (COS)
Tom Policano (NTID)
Larry Quinsland (NTID Alternate)
Michael Richmond (COS)
Vincent Serravallo (Will be on senate next year but no longer on the Executive Committee)
Lauren Shields (Staff Council Alternate)
Charlotte Thoms (NTID)
Joseph Voelkel (KGCOE)
Newly elected senators were welcomed as guests to the meeting:

- Brian Barry (CLA)
- Larry Buckley (COS)
- John Capps (CLA)
- Christopher Collison (COS)
- Hany Ghoneim (KGCOE)
- Myrtle Jones (CIAS); Alex Lobos, Alt.
- Kim Kurz (NTID)
- Eli Saber (KGCOE)
- Bo Yuan (GCCIS)

The incoming Student Government senators will be Ashley Carrington, SG President and Tyler Pierce, SG VP.

**Business/Reports:**

**Proposed BS in Applied Technical Leadership**

See link for full details of this proposal presented by Mary Beth Parker: [http://hdl.handle.net/1850/17293](http://hdl.handle.net/1850/17293)

- M. Richmond: Do you anticipate these students will have a larger number of transfer credits?
  - M-B. Parker: Yes, roughly 60 credits.
- S. Gold: Are these full semester courses?
  - A: Yes.
- H. Yamashita: Could you elaborate on general education transfers?
  - A: They must complete an immersion when they come to RIT. At least two immersions can be completed with online courses: Communications and Criminal Justice.
- Walker: This is one of the first bachelor’s programs which can be completed using on-line courses only.
- H. Yamashita: How many transfer credits can be applied to immersion or to a minor?
  - A: General Education makes this decision just as for transfer students.
- S. Boedo: Will students pay full tuition?
  - A: Yes.
- Is this a brand new program?
  - A: Yes, this program is designed for non-traditional students (people who are already working).
- S. Hoi: Can students who are currently on campus be in this degree program?
  - A: No, only students with an Associate Degree. RIT does not offer Associate Degrees (outside of NTID).

The proposed BS in Applied Technical Leadership was approved by the senate with 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstentions.

- B. Hartpence: Question came forth, how does one signify that they have given a proxy vote?
  - T. Engstrom: This vote must be identified in advance.

**Campus Environment Committee Report**

CEC Final Report: [http://hdl.handle.net/1850/17294](http://hdl.handle.net/1850/17294)

CEC PPT Presentation: [http://hdl.handle.net/1850/17302](http://hdl.handle.net/1850/17302)

Resolutions from the CEC were presented that were based on the charges for AY2013 and there was a time of Q&A. See link above to view the CEC’s final report and also the PPT presentation.

1. **Establish the Senior Sustainability Advisor as a permanent ex-officio (voting) member of the Long Range Planning and Environment committee and as Advisor to the Chair.**

   The vote by senate passes for resolution 1 relating to the role of Senior Sustainability Advisor.
2. Establish a faculty fellow position focused on sustainability.
   - Two-year term
   - Open to any faculty, but preferably a faculty member not directly involved in sustainability.
   - President Destler: I am not sure if the senate can create positions, and if they can is it the senate who would provide compensation to secure the position?
   - M. Laver: The senate can only endorse a recommendation.
   - C. Tyler: We are recommending that this be explored further.
   - T. Engstrom said there seems to be some ambiguities here.
     1. What does the word “position” mean? It is already the responsibility of an already elected committee.
     2. The position is so vaguely labeled and what responsibilities does this entail?
     3. Would it be with some kind of curricular body?
   - C. Tyler: This position is independent of this committee, similar to the Fram Chair for Critical Thinking.
   - M. Richmond: Is this a full-time position or does the Fellow have another job?
   - E. Brister: We would like to create rotating support for curricular advising.
   - B. Hartpence: What are the responsibilities of this person?
   - C. Tyler: Sustainability appears in aspects of many programs and this person would help RIT to raise its score in Sustainability.
   - Enid explained the rating system in regards to the recommendation given of the faculty fellow position in sustainability.
   - J. Goldowitz: I am an undergrad advisor of Environment and Sustainability Healthy and Safety Program, and I am not sure I am in favor of this position. I do not want someone outside of the sustainability faculty to have influence over the Sustainability program and the curriculum.
   - T. Engstrom: We need more specificity before we can make any vote and I suggest we table this item, rather than vote.

Motion to table recommendation #2 passes.

- M. Laver: This will go toward the charge for next year for this committee.

3. Develop a trail system and outdoor classroom/meeting space to promote prudent use, wellness opportunities, and awareness and appreciation of campus natural resources. Also, RIT should create a Campus Master Plan.

   - S. Boedo: Did you consider contacting the Lehigh Valley Trail Association?
     A: Yes, we would like to coordinate with such groups nearby.
   - B. Hartpence: Do recommendations to “protect natural areas” and “develop trail systems” conflict?
     A: No, because without trails, people go indiscriminately all over. Trails will protect some areas.
   - President Destler: This is very good, but there are constraints. We have agreed that some portions of campus will not be accessible (State land and other entities), so this committee must coordinate with the Administration. Not having a Campus Master Plan is indeed a problem, but such a plan must involve all community members, administration, faculty, students and staff.

4. A. Institute mandatory training for faculty and staff on emergencies.
   B. Better publicize the Public Safety’s emergency phone number (475-3333)
   C. Include faculty and student representation in campus health and safety committees to increase cross-communication (semi-annually).
   D. Report annually to the Academic Senate on campus health and safety issues, incidents, and their resolution.

- M. Laver: We see similar reports from other bodies on campus.
V. Serravallo: I especially appreciate the second two bullets of the presentation because they provide for faculty, staff and student representation at the start. The emphasis is on safety, not health, but bringing faculty, students and staff into the planning stages will help to promote the health aspects.

Carrington (who was this Michael, never heard the name?): In emergencies, most people do not think about phones. There is a lack of blue lights in certain portions of campus. Are you planning to increase the blue-light emergency phones?
A: Our charge was not to look at how to improve safety, but on how to create reports which could be used to improve safety. Our understanding is that existing committees do have good staff representation, but not student and faculty representation.

N. Cifranic: How many students are you seeking to add to the committee?
A: we have not tried to estimate the numbers yet.

H. Ghazle: There are new pathogens in the world, such as MERS. There are students from around the world at RIT. Do we have an emergency plan for dealing with an infected person coming to RIT and exposing others?
A: This does tie into our discussion of emergency preparedness and we ought to know if a plan exists. We concentrated on how to implement emergency plans.
President Destler: I don’t know the state of plans for such illnesses occurring, but will find out and let senate know.

B. Hartpence: Who is on the Campus Safety and Health Committee?
A: Mostly Campus Safety workers, administration and those involved with Risk Management.

There was no vote on approving mandatory training for faculty and staff on ways to handle emergency situations

Resource Allocation and Budget Final Report for AY2013-14
http://hdl.handle.net/1850/17303

Jeff Lasky, chair of the RABC reported that only one charge was addressed this year of working with President Destler as he undertakes the task of developing a 10-year financial plan. See links to the PPt and report for full details of today’s presentation.

M. Laver suggested this return next week (May 22) for further discussion and the full report will be sent to senators to send forth to all their constituents.

T. Engstrom: Why is this group making recommendations directly to the President instead of being brought first to Academic Senate and what process is being followed concerning this?
President: I asked the Resource Allocation and Budget committee for their help and advice.

Adjournment: 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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