

Non-Members Present: A. Adams (interpreter), J. Bender, C. Bovard (interpreter), L. Clayton (for M. Bailey), J. Ecock, K. Rex, D. Soufleris, J. Tu (for dt ogilvie), L. Twyman, J. Zink

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the February 12 meeting were approved with no changes.

President’s Report

- Reviewed charge for Pedestrian Safety Committee, which will address concerns about students/faculty/staff on bikes or other vehicles on the quarter mile (see slide on DML); requested interested parties e-mail him directly regarding serving on the ad-hoc committee
- Student Government shared that John Moore (FMS) may be interested in serving on the committee; Dr. Destler recommended that SG should be represented as well
- RIT Lacrosse team is currently undefeated—they are playing Union this afternoon at 4pm
- The Board of Trustees spring meeting was held last week, next year the meeting will overlap with Imagine RIT so that the trustees may attend the festival
- The ground-breaking was held for new addition to the Slaughter Building, which will include a walk-in clinic, the physician assistant program, the sonography program and the Wegmans School of Nutrition
- Construction starts before end of semester

Q. Will unsafe conditions created by lack of snow/ice be addressed by the Pedestrian Safety Committee as well?

A. That can be considered as an additional issue for the committee.
Imagine RIT Update (Presentation available at the DML)
Barry Culhane, Heather Cottone

- Shared Imagine RIT commercial (http://youtu.be/HDuUzK5_KM)
- Sponsors include TimeWarner Cable, Democrat and Chronicle, Xerox, and RGH
- A national commercial for Connect a Million Minds through TimeWarner will feature Dr. Destler
- Highlighted e-vehicle race to take place on Saturday morning
- This year’s poster was created by Sophia del Plato, a CIAS student
- Use #ImagineRIT for mentions on social media.

Conflict of Interest Report (presentation available at the DML)
John Zink

- This is a 12 month report, based on a rolling calendar
- Recent legislation was passed that will primarily impact trustees and officers; Risk Management is working with the office of legal affairs
- Dr. Destler reminded the council that the conflict of interest disclosure is a legal requirement
- Most are straightforward

Q. I frequently receive notification about changes within my department, why is that?
A. The schedule for notification is a rolling one, based on the work anniversary of the employee; if they are one day over their anniversary, it will show as delinquent.

Q. Is the link to the conflict of interest survey available at myinfo.rit.edu?
A. Yes it’s a very brief survey, six questions.

Q. Does the number of noncompliant individuals put us at risk?
A. No, this is a busy time of year and many people are updating their information.

Q. Does the dean get notified when an employee is delinquent?
A. It’s progressive, first the department heads are notified, then the deans and Sue Provenzano who follow up on the case.

Student Conduct Report (presentation available at the DML)
Dawn Soufleris, Jessica Ecock
• The Student Behavioral Consultation Team (SBCT) helps students who are struggling academically or with mental health issues, and the number of students assisted increases each year
• Reviewed number of students assisted by SBCT last year and this year to date
• The SBCT is on track to exceed last year’s numbers of students assisted
• Student conduct numbers were reviewed for last year and this year to date
• 18 Title IX cases, 13 Good Samaritan cases, 304 copyright cases
• Emphasizing educational component – more students are attending ethical decision making workshops

Q. What is a “Good Samaritan” case?

A. Good Samaritan cases result in the reporting student not receiving any charges or punitive measures due to reporting a friend in danger due to drug or alcohol consumption, resulting in more incidents being reported

Proposed changes to D 18 RIT Student Code of Conduct (presentation available at the DML)

Dawn Soufleris, Jessica Ecock

• The goal of the proposed changes is to make the policy easier to understand and more student-centered, as well as make legally required updates
• Reviewed committee composition (see presentation)
• Gave overview of policy review process, which emphasized making language less formal, more accessible, and comparable to other universities.
• The committee aimed to make the policy less punitive and more educational
• Based on student feedback, the committee also streamlined the appeal process
• Provided dates for presentations to Staff Council, Student Government and Academic Senate before returning to Institute Council for final approval May 7.

Q. Time frame for presenting/voting is really aggressive, as an example Staff Council often requires multiple visits to incorporate changes to policy.

A. The department would rather not change policy in the middle of the year; going to attempt to get the policy approved with any changes required by the end of the academic year.

Dr. Destler commented that it would be possible to approve it on the conditions that certain items be addressed within a specific time frame.

Comment: It would save time if the policy were distributed in advance to the governance groups so that they have an opportunity to review and identify questions/challenges.

Comment: A faculty discussion before the policy goes in front of Academic Senate would encourage feedback as they have not been as involved in the discussion process.
Q. Last year you brought information about mental health issues on campus, could you share more and update on this?

A. Within specialized populations on campus, some students are more vulnerable than others. Dawn would be happy to present at another meeting to talk further and in more depth on this topic.

Dr. Destler commented that an additional presentation would be helpful and that additional resources need to be addressed in order to provide timely counseling assistance to students. Delayed access to services has been identified as an issue in the past.

**New business:**

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:43pm