

June 1, 2016

Academic Senate Recap Report for AY2015-16

Listed first is the Academic Senate Executive Committee and any resolutions or motions that were presented by them and a link to the minutes where these can be found.

Next are the Standing Committees of the Academic Senate and a link to their final reports. Policies are included which were before senate and either were approved or tabled. Included with some of the Standing Committees is a link to the minutes for more detail of the discussions that ensued and outcome of the policies presented.

Next are additional policies (non-Standing Committees), reports and updates. Whatever is not listed here can be found in the complete listing of every report and presentation that came to Academic Senate in AY2015.

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### AS Executive Committee

- **Approval** of the following resolution – 2/18/2016  
The RIT Academic Senate hereby acknowledges and celebrates the outstanding accomplishments of Dr. Manuela Campanelli and her team at the Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation in their groundbreaking work that led to a practical way of testing – and confirming – Einstein’s theory. Dr. Campanelli and her team are congratulated for the wonderful work they have accomplished. That makes us all proud.
  - See minutes of 2/18/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18346>
  
- **Motion passes** – 4/28/2016  
The RIT Academic Senate will co-sponsor the formation of a retreat in the academic year 2016-2017 to discuss and recommend ways to enhance and improve on *inter-disciplinary teaching and research*. The Provost’s Office will assist with this inclusive curricular faculty retreat with invitees from Graduate Council, ICC, Academic Senate, department chairs, college curriculum leaders as well as research leaders.
  - See minutes of 4/28/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18606>
  
- Proposed Program Template (Dr. Eli Saber) - **Approved** 5/12/2016
  - See minutes of 5/12/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18611>

### Academic Affairs Committee (P. Venkataraman for AY2015)

- AAC Final Report for AY2015 and Summary Presentation given on 5/12/2016:  
<https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18593>
  - See minutes of 5/12/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18611>
- Proposed revisions to Policy D02.0 – **Motion to approve modified Policy D02.0 passes**
  - See Minutes of 11/19/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17994>
- Sub-committee report on 4/7/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18556>
  - **Charge 2:** Motion to Modify Policy D5.0 II A by deleting the description column **fails**
  - **Charge 5:** Two recommendations were made and these will be given to the new Executive Committee for further discussion
    - See minutes of 4/7/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18556>
    - Adopt the proposed Center for Research/Major Research Laboratory affiliation agreement.
    - Form a “Research Committee” of Academic Senate

## **Academic Support & Student Affairs Committee** (Nick Giordano and Glen Hintz, Co-Chairs)

- AS&SC Presentation and Final Report AY2015 - 4/28/2016:  
<https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18494>
- See minutes of 4/28/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18606>

## **Faculty Affairs Committee** (Kristen Waterstram-Rich, Chair)

- FAC's Final Report AY2015 presented on 5/19/2016:  
<https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18613>
  - See minutes of 5/19/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18618>
- **Policy E4.0 (Faculty Employment Policies)**
  - Presented on 2/18/2016; postponed on 3/3 due to time constraints; discussion and postponed on 3/17.
  - **Four motions pertaining to Policy E4.0 are approved on 3/31/2016.**
    - See minutes of 3/31/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18552>
- **Policy E5.0 (Policy on Tenure)**
  - **Revisions Approved on October 1, 2015**
    - See minutes of 10/1/2015 for full discussion: <https://ritdml.rit.edu/handle/1850/17755>
- **Policy E6.0 (Policy on Faculty Rank and Promotion)**
  - **Motion to table passes** on 2/4/2016.
    - See minutes of 2/4/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18141>
  - **Motion to approve revisions passes** on 4/14/2016.
    - See minutes of 4/14/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18587>
- **Policy E6.1 (Section III, Distinguished Professor)**
  - **Approved** on 12/17/2016
  - **Motion to request the Provost to create a website for Distinguished Professors at RIT and their accomplishments is approved.**
    - See minutes of 12/17/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18036>
- **Policy E18.0 (Policy on Faculty Leave for Professional/Career Development)**
  - **Approved** on 12/10/2016.
    - See minutes of 12/10/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18027>

## **Gen Ed Committee (GEC)** (Carl Lutzer, Chair)

- Gen Ed Committee Final Report AY2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18619>

## **Global Education Task Force** (Zack Butler, Chair)

- Global Education Task Force Final Report AY2015:  
<https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18558>
  - See minutes of 4/14/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18587>
- Presentation given by Zack Butler, GETF Chair and Dr. Jim Myers, Associate Provost for International Education and Global Programs
  - See minutes of 10/1/2015: <https://ritdml.rit.edu/handle/1850/17755>

## **Graduate Council** (Joseph Hornak, Chair)

- Graduate Council's Final Report AY2015: *Will be added to this report by mid-June.*
- **Advance Certificate: Information Studies (GCCIS) - Approved on 12/3/2015**
  - See minutes of 12/3/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18026>
- **MS in Media Arts and Technology - Approved 2/18/2016**
  - See minutes of 2/18/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18346>
- **Graduate Minors Policy – Approved 3/31/2016**
  - See minutes of 3/31/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18552>
- **Miscellaneous Graduate Council Proposals**
  - Minimum Passing Grades – Policy Modification to D5.0 II A
    - **Motion to add C- grade approved on 3/3/2016**
    - **Motion to table the proposal approved unanimously**
      - See minutes of 3/3/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18431>
    - Returns to senate on 4/7/2016 – **Two motions pass**
      - See minutes of 4/7/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18556>
  - S/U Grade Use – **Motion passes** on 3/3/2016
    - See minutes of 3/3/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18431>
  - PhD Hooding during Convocation – Update on 3/3/2016
  - PhD Residency – Update on 3/3/2016
  - MS on the way to a PhD – Update on 3/3/2016

## **ICC** (Dawn Hollenbeck, Chair)

- **ICC's Final Report AY2015: *Will be added to this report by mid-June.***
- NTID's AAS Degree Program in 3-D Graphics Technology –**Approved** on 3/3/2016
  - See minutes of 3/3/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18431>
- COLA's BS degree in Environmental Studies
  - **Motion to postpone this program proposal passes on 3/3/2016**
  - **Approved on 3/17/2016**
    - See minutes of 3/3/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18431>
    - See minutes of 3/17/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18537>
- COLA's BS in Applied Modern Language and Culture – **Approved** on 5/26/2016
  - Minutes of 5/26/2016 (to be approved at the first senate meeting of the year)
  - Link to program proposal, executive summary and ICC letter of approval: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18610>

## **Institute Writing Committee – IWC** (David Martins/Sarah Thompson, Co-Chairs)

- **IWC Final Report AY2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18612>**

## **Long Range Planning & Environment Committee** (Karl Korfmacher, Chair in Fall 2015; Bruce Meader, Chair in Spring 2016)

- **LRP&E Committee Final Report AY2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18609>**
  - See minutes of 5/12/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18611>

## **Resource Allocation & Budget Committee (RABC)** (Jeff Lasky, Chair)

- **RABC Final Report AY2015:** <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18614>
  - See minutes of 5/19/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18618>

## **Standing Committee Charges for AY2105 (Discussion & Vote)**

- **Approved** on 9/3/2015 and 9/17/2015
  - See minutes of 9/3/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17656>
  - See minutes of 9/17/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17690>

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## **Additional policies, reports, updates**

### **Benchmarking Update (5/19/2016)** (Judy Bender, Assistant VP for HR)

- See minutes of 5/19/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18618>
- **Motion from E. Saber as amended was approved on 5/19/2016:**  
For the Academic Senate to form an ad hoc committee in collaboration with administration next year that will address the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, overload and benchmarking for faculty compensation. The committee's composition will be determined by the Academic Senate by Fall 2016 and will include administration.

### **Calendar for AY2017-2018 Proposal** (Joe Loffredo, Registrar; Sue Provenzano)

- See minutes of 11/5/2015 of calendar presentation: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17954>
- Calendar Discussion continues on 12/3/2015 and **there is a motion to postpone this discussion**
  - See minutes of 12/3/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18026>
- Discussion continues on 12/10/2015 with voting of various proposed calendars.
  - See minutes of 12/10/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18027>
- Discussion continues on 12/17/2016 and a **motion to endorse a 14-14-12 spine with all flexibility involved and taking into consideration all the work the Calendar Committee has done passes.**
  - See minutes of 12/17/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18036>
- Provost Haefner gives an update on 2/18/2016.
  - See minutes of 2/18/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18346>

### **Ceremony for Honorees and Senate Proclamations of Excellence**

- Recognition of Shirley Bower, Dr. Hector Flores, Dr. Kevin McDonald, Wiley McKinzie and Dr. Harvey Palmer)
  - See minutes of 3/31/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18552>

### **COACHE Survey Update** (Maureen Valentine/Lynn Wild, COACHE co-chairs)

- See Minutes of 12/10/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18027>

### **D5.0 Grades Policy – Proposed Addendum** (Amar Bhat and Adam Kaufman, SG Academic & Co-Ops Committee members; Nick Giordano, SG President)

- See minutes of 4/7/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18556>

### **Imagine RIT Update** (Barry Culhane/Heather Cottone)

- See minutes of 2/4/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18141>

**Inclusive Leadership: Perspectives from *AdvanceRIT*** (Dr. Linda Manning from Ottawa, Canada/Dr. Margaret Bailey)

- See minutes of 10/15/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17830>

**International Education & Global Programs** (Dr. Jim Myers, Associate Provost of International Education and Global Programs)

- Presented to Academic Senate on 10/29/2015
  - See minutes of 10/29/2010: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17876>

**Intersession Task Force Report** (Provost Jeremy Haefner/Dr. Fernando Naveda)

- Academic Senate **approved** on 10/15/2015 the Intersession Task Force report, and therefore approved eliminating the Intersession Term, starting AY2017-2018.
- See minutes of 10/15/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17830>

**Middle States Re-Accreditation Process** (Michael Laver and Anne Wahl, Co-Chairs)

- See minutes of 9/17/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17690>

**Nepotism Policy** (Amy Galiana)

- **Endorsed** on 4/28/2016
  - See minutes of 4/28/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18606>

**New Interim Policy D19.0 (Student Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct Policy – Title IX; and revisions to Student Policies D18.0 – Student Conduct Process; and D18.1 (Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy)** (Erika Duthier, AVP of Compliance and Ethics, F&A)

- **Endorsed** on 11/19/2016
  - See minutes of 11/19/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17994>

**Proposed Policy D20.0 - Open Student Ratings of Instructors** (Nick Giordano, Chair; Glen Hintz, co-Chair)

- Discussion and was **tabled unanimously** at the October 1, 2015 senate meeting
  - See minutes of 10/1/2015: <https://ritdml.rit.edu/handle/1850/17755>
- **Motion to un-table** proposed policy D20.0 **passed** on 10/29/2015.
  - See minutes of 10/29/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17876>
- Revised Proposal for Student Access to SRATE (Nick Giordano, SG President)
  - **Amended motion passes** 11/5/2015
    - See minutes of 11/5/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17954>

**RIT Employee Survey Results** (Amy Galiana, Associate Director, HR; Richard Boyer, Administrator at Modern Think; David Wick, Director of Assessment and Research Management, Office of Diversity & Inclusion)

- See minutes of 11/19/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17994>

**RIT United Way Campaign Update**

- See minutes of 3/3/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18431>

**Robert's Rules Presentation** (Paul Ferber)

- See minutes of 9/3/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17656>

## **Staff Appraisal Policy E27.0 - Approved on 3/17/2016**

- See minutes of 3/17/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18537>

## **State of Shared Governance** (Dr. Jim Myers, Associate Provost, International Education and Global Programs and Guests from Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo)

- See minutes of 4/28/2016: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18606>

## **The Art and Science of Enrollment Management: A Look at RIT's Projection, Recruiting, and Admission Processes** (Dr. Jim Miller, Senior VP, Enrollment Management & Career Services)

- Presented to Academic Senate on 10/29/2015
  - See minutes of 10/29/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17876>

## **Treasurer's Report** (Dr. Hamad Ghazle, AS Treasurer)

- See minutes of 9/3/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17656>

## **Web Audit Update** (Jeanne Casares, RIT Chief Information Officer/Provost Jeremy Haefner)

- Was scheduled for 10/15/2015 but due to time constraints was rescheduled for 11/5/2015.
  - See minutes of 11/5/2015: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/17954>

## **LIST OF REPORTS & AGENDA ITEMS AY2014 IN ALPHA ORDER**

Note: This is a full listing of what came to senate this past year.

**Academic Affairs Committee** – See above for all details

**Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee** – See above for details

**Accomplishments of Dr. Manuela Campanelli and her team are recognized** (ASEC) See above for more details

**Art & Science of Enrollment Management** (Dr. Jim Miller) – October 29, 2015

**At Large Committee Members** - Approved April 28, 2016

**Benchmarking Update** (Dr. Judy Bender, Assistant VP, HR) – 5/19/2016

**Brick City Homecoming** (Dr. Bill St. Jean/James Macchiano) – 10/1/2015

**Calendar Proposal for AY2017-18** (Dr. Joe Loffredo/Sue Provenzano) - See details above

**Ceremony for Honorees and Senate Proclamations of Excellence (Recognition of Shirley Bower, Dr. Hector Flores, Dr. Kevin McDonald, Wiley McKinzie and Dr. Harvey Palmer)** - 3/31/2016

**COACHE Survey Update** (Dr. Maureen Valentine/Dr. Margaret Bailey) - 12/10/2015

**D2.0 – Admissions Policy (Revisions from AAC – Charge #1)** (P. Venkataraman, AAC Chair; Chris Licata, Senior Associate Provost, Academic Affairs and AAC member) – 10/19/2015

**edX Update** (Dr. Neil Hair, ILI Executive Director/Deborah Blizzard, Associate Professor, Dept of STS in COLA)

**Exponential Appreciation Day** (Honoring current chairs/co-chairs/conveners - ASEC) 5/26/2016

**Executive Committee Elections** – 4/14/2016

**Faculty Affairs Committee** – See above for more details.

**Fram Event** (Dr. Jennifer Schneider, Eugene E. Fram Chair in Applied Critical Thinking) – 3/31/2016

**General Education Committee** – Final report included above.

**Global (International) Education Task Force** (Dr. Zack Butler) – Final report submitted in Fall 2015 and presented at AS on 10/1/2015; Final report for AY2015 presented on 4/14/2016

**Graduate Council** (See above details of curriculum and policies presented with link to the minutes included.)

**ICC** – See details above (three programs approved).

**Imagine RIT Update** (Dr. Barry Culhane/Heather Cottone)

**Inclusive Leadership: Perspectives from AdvanceRIT** (Dr. Linda Manning/Dr. Margaret Bailey) 10/15/2015

**International Education & Global Programs** (Dr. Jim Myers) 10/29/2015



**Intersession Task Force Report** (Provost Haefner/Dr. Fernando Naveda) – **Approved 10/15/2015**  
**IWC (Institute Writing Committee)** – See final report above.  
**Long Range Planning & Environment Committee reports** – See final report above.  
**Manuscript to Book: RIT Press** (Dr. Bruce Austin, RIT Press Director) 2/4/2016  
**Me, Myself & My College (All the colleges presented their college’s governance structure)**  
**Middle States Re-Accreditation Process** (Dr. Michael Laver/Dr. Anne Wahl, co-chairs) – 9/17/2015  
**Nepotism Policy** – Endorsed on 4/28/2016  
**New Interim Policy D19.0 (Student Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct Policy – Title IX) and other policies involved with revisions – D18 and D18.1** (Erika Duthiers) 11/19/2015  
**Proposed Policy 20.0 - Open Student Rating of Instructors** (Presented 10/1 and 11/5 - See details above)  
**Proposed Program Template Presentation** (Dr. Eli Saber) Presented 4//28/2016 and postponed; Approved as amended 5/12/2016  
**Public Safety** (Dr. Bill Destler reported on 12/17/2015)  
**Resource Allocation & Budget Committee** – See final report above.  
**RIT Employee Survey Results** (Amy Galiana and others – see details above under reports) – 11/19/2015  
**RIT United Way Campaign** (Lynn Rowoth, UW Chair) – 3/3/2015  
**Robert’s Rules Presentation** (Dr. Paul Ferber) – 9/3/2015  
**Staff Appraisal Policy E27.0** (Lauren Shields, SC Chair) – Approved 3/17/2016  
**Standing Committee Charges for AY2015** – Approved 9/3/2014 and 9/17/2014  
**State of Shared Governance** (Dr. Jim Myers, Associate Provost, International Education and Global Programs – Guests from Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo) 4/28/2016  
**The Art & Science of Enrollment Management: A Look at RIT’s Projection, Recruiting, and Admission Processes** (Dr. Jim Miller) 10/29/2015  
**Treasurer’s AS Financial Report for FY2014** – 9/3/2015  
**Web Audit Update** (Dr. Jeanne Casares, RIT Chief Information Officer/Provost Haefner) – 10/15/2015

### **AS ELECTIONS FOR AY2015**

The Executive Committee Elections took place on April 28, 2016 and the newly elected ASEC for AY2016 is:

**Chair: Dr. Chris Collison**  
**Vice Chair: Dr. Eli Saber**  
**Operations Officer: Dr. Hamad Ghazle**  
**Communications Office: Dr. Jules Chiavaroli**  
**Treasurer: Dr. Elena Rakhimova-Sommers**

College Elections for Standing Committees and some Institute committees took place in Winter/Spring AY2015. This list will be sent to all this summer.

The AS website will be updated by mid-June. Once charges for AY2016 are approved by the Academic Senate in early Fall 2016, these will be posted as well on the website.

Link to AS website: <http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/academicsenate>