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**Academic Senate Summary Recap for AY2015-16**

Standing Committee and Task Force Final Reports – AY2015-16

Academic Affairs Committee  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18593](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18593)
Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18494](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18494)
Faculty Affairs Committee  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18613](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18613)
Global Education Task Force  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18558](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18558)
Graduate Council  - Will be submitted by mid-June
ICC – Will be submitted by mid-June
General Education Committee  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18619](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18619)
Institute Writing Committee  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18612](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18612)
Long Range Planning Committee  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18609](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18609)
Resource Allocation and Budget Committee  [https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18614](https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18614)

**Policies Approved in AY2015**

1. Policy D02.0 (Admission) – Academic Affairs Committee (11/19/2015)
2. Policy E4.0 (Faculty Employment Policies) – Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) (3/31/2016)
3. Policy E5.0 (Policy on Tenure) – FAC (10/1/2016)
4. Policy E6.1 (Section III, Distinguished Professor) - FAC (12/17/2016)
5. Policy E18.0 (Policy on Faculty Leave for Professional/Career Development) – FAC (12/10/2016)
6. Policy D5.0.IIA (Minimum Passing Grades) – Graduate Council (4/7/2016)
7. Graduate Minors Policy – Graduate Council (3/31/2016)
8. S/U Grade Use – Graduate Council (3/3/2016)
11. 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) – Endorsed on 11/19/2016

**Curriculum Programs Approved in AY2015**

2. AAS Degree in 3-D Graphics Technology (NTID) – Approved 3/3/2016
3. BS Degree in Environmental Studies (COLA) – Approved 3/17/2016
4. BS Degree Program in Modern Language and Culture (COLA) – Approved 5/26/2016
5. MS Degree in Media Arts & Technology (CIAS) – Approved 2/18/2016

**Agenda Items and Reports Presented or Received in AY2015**

**Academic Affairs Committee Reports** (Dr. P. Venkataraman, Chair)
**Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee** (Nick Giordano, AS/SA Chair)
**Accomplishments of Dr. Manuela Campanelli and her team are recognized** (Academic Senate Executive Committee - ASEC)
Art & Science of Enrollment Management (Dr. Jim Miller)
At Large Committee Members (ASEC)
Benchmarking Update (Dr. Judy Bender, Assistant VP, HR)
Brick City Homecoming (Dr. Bill St. Jean/James Macchiano)
Calendar Proposal for AY2017-18 (Dr. Joe Loffredo/Sue Provenzano)
Ceremony for Honorees and Senate Proclamations of Excellence (Recognition of Shirley Bower, Dr. Hector Flores, Dr. Kevin McDonald, Wiley McKinzie and Dr. Harvey Palmer) (ASEC)
COACHE Survey Update (Dr. Maureen Valentine/Dr. Margaret Bailey)
D2.0 – Admission Policy (Revisions from AAC – Charge #1) (Dr. P. Venkataraman, AAC Chair; Dr. Chris Licata, Senior Associate Provost, Academic Affairs and AAC member)
D5.0 Grades Policy Proposal (Amar Bhat/Adam Kaufmann, SG Academic & Co-Ops Committee members)
D20.0 – Proposal on Open Student Ratings of Instructors (Nick Giordano, Chair)
edX Update (Dr. Neil Hair, ILI Executive Director/Dr. Deborah Blizzard, Associate Professor, Dept of STS in COLA)
Exponential Appreciation Day [Honoring current chairs/co-chairs/conveners] (ASEC)
Executive Committee Elections (Dr. Michael Laver and the Nominations Committee)
Faculty Affairs Committee – Policies and Reports (Dr. Kristen Waterstram-Rich, Chair)
Fram Event (Dr. Jennifer Schneider, Eugene E. Fram Chair in Applied Critical Thinking)
General Education Committee (Dr. Carl Lutzer, Chair)
Global (International) Education Task Force (Dr. Zack Butler, Chair)
Graduate Council (Dr. Joseph Hornak, Chair)
ICC Curriculum Proposals (Dr. Dawn Hollenbeck, Chair)
Imagine RIT Update (Dr. Barry Culhane/Heather Cottone)
Inclusive Leadership: Perspectives from AdvanceRIT (Dr. Linda Manning/Dr. Margaret Bailey)
International Education & Global Programs (Dr. Jim Myers, Associate Provost, International Education & Global Program)
Intersession Task Force Report (Provost Haefner/Dr. Fernando Naveda)
IWC (Institute Writing Committee) (Dr. David Martins/Dr. Sarah Thompson, Co-chairs)
Long Range Planning & Environment Committee reports (Dr. Bruce Meader, Chair)
Manuscript to Book: RIT Press (Dr. Bruce Austin, RIT Press Director)
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 (Amy Galiana, Associate Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs)
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 Duthier, Associate Counsel, Office of Legal Affairs)
Proposed Policy 20.0 - Open Student Rating of Instructors (Nick Giordano, SG Chair)
Proposed Program Template Presentation (Dr. Eli Saber)
Public Safety (President Bill Destler)
Resource Allocation & Budget Committee (Dr. Jeff Lasky, Chair)
RIT Employee Survey Results (Dr. Amy Galiana, Associate Director for HR)
RIT United Way Campaign (Lynn Rowoth, UW Chair and Director of Special Events)
Robert’s Rules Presentation (Dr. Paul Ferber, Past Faculty Council and AS Chair)
Staff Appraisal Policy E27.0 (Lauren Shields, SC Chair)
Standing Committee Charges for AY2015 (ASEC)
State of Shared Governance (Dr. Jim Myers, Associate Provost, International Education and Global Programs – Guests from Croatia, Dubai and Kosovo)
The Art & Science of Enrollment Management: A Look at RIT’s Projection, Recruiting, and Admission Processes (Dr. Jim Miller)
Treasurer’s AS Financial Report for FY2014 (Dr. Hamad Ghazle, AS Treasurer)
Web Audit Update (Jeanne Casares, RIT Chief Information Officer/Provost Haefner)
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.

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 on the website as well.

Link to AS website: [http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/academicsenate](http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/academicsenate)