

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
Student Council Meeting Minutes  
October 28, 1957

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.  
by President Nally.

Roll call was taken and the following members  
were absent.

ART & DESIGN  
Jennifer Brennan

COMMERCE  
Bob Barnes

ELECTRICAL  
Ralph Agresta  
Lee Swanson

FOODS  
Carol Verblaw

MECHANICAL  
William Hall  
Dick Carlson

PHOTOGRAPHY  
Donald Dickover  
Carol Edwards

PRINTING  
Wes Bernhardt  
Don Lenhard

S.A.C.  
Don Valenza

The minutes of the previous meeting were read  
and approved as read.

CHANGE OF ADVISOR

According to a motion made at the previous  
meeting, this was to be the first order of  
business. The following is based on a motion to  
petition the administration for a change in  
advisor, which was tabled at the last meeting.

It was explained that Mr. Robert Belknap, the  
present advisor to Student Council, will be the  
Director of Student Activities under the organ-  
izational chart which will be presented when the  
Middle States Association comes to the Institute  
this winter to evaluate. At this time, there will  
be a new advisor to Student Council. However, it  
it cannot be guaranteed what the Administration  
will do as to the problem of a Council advisor.  
It was also explained that, as Director of Student  
Activities, Mr. Belknap will have power as an  
administrator rather than as an instructor. It  
was pointed out that whatever the Council does,  
it must comply with Institute Administration  
policy, as we receive our authority from the  
President of the Institute in accordance with  
the Institute policy.

It was thought that an advisor to Council has to  
be somebody chosen by the Administration.

President Nally explained that the charges made against Mr. Belknap by the Inter-Organizational Council have been shown to Mr. Belknap and that they were now in his possession.

It was brought up that relations with the Administration and an advisor should be found before the Middle States visit to the Institute. It was the general concensus of opinion that we should not wait until January when it is necessary to consider a new advisor; rather, this should be considered now.

Vice-President Kohler explained that the Director of Student Activities would be the coordinator of ALL student Activities including Council, Inter-Org. scholarships and etc.

A member of Council asked to see the charges presented to Council by Inter-Org. As was explained previously, the only copy of these charges are in the possession of Mr. Belknap. However, they can be made available to us.

It was asked that the Institute policy with relation to students and student organizations be defined to our satisfaction, since we are not always sure of what the policy is.

It was suggested that we invite Dr. Ellingson to a council meeting to explain the situation and policies to us. However, this was not thought to be the proper thing to do in view of his position. It is up to us to see the President of the Institute, rather than inviting him to see us.

It was stated that if we assert our dissatisfaction with our present advisor now, then it will be unlikely that he will be allowed to choose his successor.

A Council member asked why we are dissatisfied with Mr. Belknap, the following charges were cited:

1. Over-exertion of power---- threat of social probation to an organization if they held a previously cancelled event anyway (that is, unofficially). Threat of expelling a student from school.

2. Two instances of placing fraternities on probation without going before Inter-Org.
3. Lack of attendance at Council Meetings and instances of leaving meetings in the middle of heated debate.

The Executive Committee (President, Vice-President and Secretary are going to speak with Dr. Ellingson in order to determine what the policies of the Institute are with regard to organizations and the Administration and Student Council and the Administration.

The previous question was moved, seconded and passed. The main motion to petition the Administration for a change in advisor was passed by a vote of 27 to 9 in a roll call vote.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be an Inter-Org meeting, Tuesday evening to discuss the beer ban and the winter social calendar.

Student Activity cards will be distributed again this week from 12:00 to 12:45 in the Student Council office on Thursday, October 31, 1957.

Parking lot stickers for the Graflex lot will be sold next Monday, November 4, 1957, in front of E-125 at noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SHARLA KLEIN, secretary  
STUDENT COUNCIL