

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Student Council Meeting Minutes
December 9, 1957

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.
by President Richard Wally.

Roll call was taken and the following members
were absent:

ART & DESIGN

David Brace
Olga Vangel

PHOTOGRAPHY

Richard Burkhardt
Tom Canon

COMMERCE

Paul Donaghue

PRINTING

Steve Tregneghi
James Howe

FOODS

James Harrity

Gary Segal
Don Lenhard

MECHANICAL

William Hall

RETAILING

Connie DeCamp

S. A. C.

Sandra Glassmire
Dan Valenza

The minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved.

The floor was turned over to Mr. Douglas
Crone and Mr. Joseph Fitzpatrick in order
that they might discuss the problem of a
suitable time to hold all-school elections.
The following are the main points of each
gentleman's argument.

Mr. Crone

Elections should be held in the Spring.

1. The budget has to be completed before
the fall quarter begins. The Vice-
President works on the budgets in the
Spring and during most of the summer.
2. The President who represents the school
at NSA conventions has not been Student
Council President at all as yet. He
should not be President Pro Tempore
when he represents the school.

- Mr. Grone (Cont'd)
3. Freshmen should not be confronted with elections when they first come to school when they have so many academic and extra-curricular activities. They do not know the candidates and cannot vote intelligently.
 4. In the Spring, when collegiate energies reach their peak, we should combine Spring Weekend with these energies to elect a Council president.
 5. Instead of choosing a Mr. Campus, we should elect a President of the Student Body for Spring Weekend.
 6. There is much unified spirit among the Greeks in the Spring.
 7. Elections in the Spring would give the freshmen and upperclassment an opportunity to pursue educational endeavors in the Fall.
 8. We should not do away with traditions; we should combine elections with the annual functions.

Mr. Fitzpatrick

Elections should be held in the Fall.

1. Spring provokes odd responses. A president and Vice-president should not be elected because of an odd response.
2. Budgets do not need to be made up in the early Fall. The constitution can be changed to meet our present situation. The budgets could be asked for in April, and the present Council could give their tentative approval in the Spring to funds that would be given out in the Fall.
3. There is nothing wrong with a Pro Tem.
4. In the proposed recommendations for school wide elections things could be done under cover. There are many loopholes in these recommendations.
5. School wide elections do not have to take place during the first month of the school year.

- Mr. Fitzpatrick (Cont'd)
6. The school is not apathetic.
 7. It is not fair to some seven hundred freshmen to be governed by officers chosen by about five hundred fifty graduates.
 8. In contrast to Mr. Crone's viewpoint, elections in the fall will not take too much of the student's time away from educational endeavors.
 9. If we elect a president and vice-president Pro Tem from the Council in the Spring, then in the fall, they will do everything in their power to win the election.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL

Ron Johnstone made the following announcements:

1. There is a block dance tentatively scheduled for Friday night following the basketball game with music, a bonfire, and hot coffee--providing we are given permission to have a bonfire.
2. There will be a coffee hour, and house warming at 90 Troup St., on December 19, 1957 from 12:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
3. At a Social Committee meeting on December 16, a theme for Spring Weekend will be decided upon. Any suggestions will be welcomed.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Art Pavelle made the following announcements:

1. Parking lot stickers for upperclassmen only will go on sale Wednesday, December 11, in E-125.
2. There will be a blood drive tomorrow, December 10, in E-125.
3. Parking lot regulations will be enforced starting December 12, 1957. Stickers will have to be on the right front window. Fines of \$5.00 must be paid or else grades will be withheld.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL

KHO TAU

A resume was presented by Roy Wilson. The main points include: The fraternity has 50 members from five departments selected with the qualifications of maturity, willingness

RHO TAU (Cont'd)

to participate and work for the organization, and interest in school affairs. Their advisor is Mr. Val Johnson, with another advisor to be obtained soon. Their constitution was ratified by IFC on November 15, 1957. In answer to questions from the floor, President Wilson gave the following replies: There is a need felt for another social fraternity, but with a more mature outlook towards some of the activities. Rho Tau will try to rid the school of apathy and support school and civic functions. Some of their present activities include charity and civic programs. At the present time, Rho Tau is not affiliated with any other organization, nor will it become affiliated with any other organizations this year because of the non-accreditation of the Institute. At no time, does the fraternity intend to become segregated.

President Nally read a letter from Inter-Fraternity Council stating that it has accepted Rho Tau as a full fledged fraternity and as a member of IFC. Bob LaTorre moved that we accept the constitution of Rho Tau. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CHESS CLUB

The resume of the Chess Club included these facts. The club was formed in November 1957, in order to further the game of chess in the Institute and to compete in inter-collegiate chess tournaments. The advisor of the group is Mr. Engert. It was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the Chess Club.

PUBLICITY AND
ADVERTISING

Student Activity cards will be handed out Tuesday, December 10, 1957 in front of E-125 at noon. The cards may be received at the Student Council office at 90 Troup St.

OLD BUSINESS

It was moved and seconded to postpone discussion of school-wide elections until next week. After some discussion, the previous question was moved, seconded, and passed. The main motion was passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following are the hours for the Student Union at 90 Troup St.

10:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Monday-Thursday
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Friday
2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

There will be a Christmas Coffee Hour and a House Warming for the Student Union on Thursday, December 19, 1957 from 12:30 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

The facilities of the Student Union, include a general lounge, a television lounge, kitchen and Mrs. Coaker's office downstairs. Upstairs are the Council offices, the Carnegie Music Room, the Used Book Exchange, and a series of meeting rooms.

There will be a meeting of the Inter-Organizational Council at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, December 10, 1957 in E-125.

Respectfully submitted,

SHARLA KLEIN
Secretary