

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK
Student Council Meeting Minutes
October 27, 1958

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Kay Finley. The roll was taken and the following were not present:

S.A.C.
Ron Senungetuk

The regular order of business was temporarily suspended to allow Coach Lou Alexander to explain the reasons for charging athletes (even those on varsity teams) \$5.00 for a gym pass. Coach Alexander pointed out that the \$5.00 charge was almost a necessity since the athletic department has been losing money. The present policy is to require the pass for any practice or use of the gym other than varsity practice. Of this \$5.00 two are refunded at the end of the school year. As far as Mr. Alexander knows no individual has been kept from playing on any team because of the \$5.00 charge. President Finley thanked Coach Alexander for coming before Council. Council returned to the regular order of business, and the secretary's minutes were read and corrected as follows:

page three, add the name of Sal Schifano to the Senate list as representing the Electrical Dept.

page three, eliminate the name of Art Gardner and add that of Art Pavelle to those on the list of volunteers for the Leadership Training Conference.

The secretary's minutes were approved as corrected.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL

Art Gardner read a letter to Student Council making revisions in the budget presented last week. The main changes were 1) anticipated income from Student Association fees has been raised \$350.00; 2) an income of \$500.00 has been anticipated from social events; and 3) an additional sum of \$500.00 to be obtained from interest on surplus funds. Mr. Gardner then referred to the other divisions in order to eliminate their reports prior to discussion of the budget.

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Bud Lockwood reported that plans are under way for a coffee hour to be scheduled November 4 at 7:00 in Kate Gleason.

The Spring Weekend Committees have been named. They are:

Chairman	Bud Lockwood
Ass't Chairman	Cheryl Holly
Friday Afternoon	Bill Hughs
Friday Night	Dick Bojanowski
Dance	Morris Kirchoff
Sunday afternoon	Larry Albertson
Arrangements	Linda Mary
	Jim Closser
Publicity	John Fitzgerald
Mr. Campus	Dorothy Parker
Finance	Art Gardner
Printing	Ben Goldberg
Music	Bob Grunzinger

Two areas still need to be filled. Anyone interested in heading the favors committee or replacing Larry Albertson for several weeks should see Bud Lockwood. Those interested in working in specific committees should see those chairmen.

Dick Beal announced that Student Athletic cards for the wives of students are available in the main office.

No report

Bob Miller asked Mr. Fram about installation of a phone in Eastman Bldg. Mr. Fram replied that this matter would have to be discussed with Mr. Benz, now on vacation. In this case, no report can be given until his return.

President Finley reported that Art Gardner talked to Mr. Belknap about expanding smoking facilities in Eastman. This will now be discussed with Dr. Ellingson by President Finley.

President Finley presented a recommendation to Council from the executive committee suggesting that the Administration be petitioned to grant degrees with honors. It was then moved that Council make a recommendation to the Administration to consider some plan to award degrees with honors. The motion was voted upon and passed.

The subject of the budget was opened again and President Finley announced that Mr. Draper was available from the office of Mr. Benz to answer questions.

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Art Gardner briefly discussed his revised budget. The increased Student Association income (explained under Legislative and Financial Division in these minutes) plus a \$500.00 reduction in the contingency fund would leave \$1850.00 remaining to be allocated. Mr. Gardner and his committee suggested that Council consider using this additional money for athletics. He also pointed out the committee feels that no organization has been given more than they will spend during the 1958-59 school year. In view of this, the committee felt that no money would go into surplus this year.

At this point Nick Mihael requested a breakdown of the surplus fund. Mr. Gardner explained that \$3,000 are in bonds, that earn about \$150.00 income per year. \$19,000 draw interest while the remaining sum is in a Student Association checking account. Mr. Mihael asked about income from Student Association owned coke and candy machines. It was pointed out that this amount was very small and, according to Mr. Fram the coca cola owes us approximately \$15.00 for the past 6 months. Mr. Gardner was questioned about how the figures that the budget committee used were arrived at. He explained that these came from requests made by organizations and were checked with past budgets and the treasurer's report.

At this time a letter to Council was circulated that was signed by:

Dick Nally
Bob Kohler
Art Pavelle

Bud Lockwood

Dick Beal

Past President
Past Vice President
Past Head Student Affairs
Division
Past and Present Head
Social Division
Past and Present Head of
Printing & Publicity Division

Dick Nally, the 1957-58 president, took the floor and discussed several major points that he and the co-signers of the letter felt were misleading. He pointed out that last year more money was allocated to organizations on a smaller budget with greater expenditures than are anticipated this year. Last year there would have been a substantial amount put into the surplus fund had it not been for \$3,500. that was mistakenly charged to the Student Council, rather than to the surplus fund. On this basis Mr. Nally feels that money will go into surplus this year.

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He suggested to Council an intense re-examination of budgetary procedures.

Bob Kohler presented some figures to Council and revised those necessary to accommodate those revisions made by Art Gardner's committee. These figures supported Mr. Nally's comments on the budget and pointed out that Council will not have the \$2,200 expense for Mrs. Coaker's salary. The report also suggested that there was no need for a \$1,000 contingency fund. In 1957-58 \$4.00 was taken from this fund. This group feels that with the Student Association surplus last year of \$5,275. used as a guide for the initial amount that will go into surplus this year plus the \$2,200 salary for Mrs. Coaker (eliminated this year) will cause the surplus fund this year to be increased by a minimum of approximately \$7,475. Mr. Kohler suggested that the signers of this letter felt that any surplus should be put into a Student Association checking account. It was pointed out that last year Dr. Partridge felt this could be done if no checks were honored that had been signed by organizations that had spent more money than they had been allocated in the budget.

Bob Miller questioned whether or not any shortage could be made up from the surplus fund. Mr. Fram replied that the Administration felt that Council should operate within their income and that the surplus fund should only be used for permanent additions or fixtures.

The slight discrepancy between the estimates of enrolled students was questioned and Bob Kohler reported that the figure used by the opposing group was that given and used by Dr. Ellingson in computing his own budget. Mr. Gardner said his figures came from the office of the treasurer. It was mentioned that because of transfers and drop outs this figure could not be exact and would remain unknown until the end of the school year.

All further discussion was halted until the following week when Art Gardner will be given an opportunity to discuss some of the points brought out in the dissenting report.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER BRENNAN
Secretary