

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK  
Student Council Meeting Minutes  
November 3, 1958

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Kay Finley. The roll call was taken and the following were not present.

ART & DESIGN  
Janet Murray

PHOTOGRAPHY  
Carol Edwards

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
Peggy Maloney

PRINTING  
Matt Burnias  
John Markowski

CHEMISTRY  
Douglas McMane  
Jim Carey

S. A. C.  
Sue Joyce  
Ron Senungetuk

ELECTRICAL  
Roger Williams  
Harvey Standhart  
Spencer Merz

The secretary's minutes were approved as read.

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCIAL

Art Gardner presented Council with a mimeographed report on points that had been in debate during the previous meeting. He suggested that the reports of the other divisions be made in order to give Council time to examine these and to be able to devote the rest of the meeting to discussion of the budget.

There will be a coffee hour Tuesday, November 4, at 7:00 in the Blue Room of K.G. At this time Council officers will be available to discuss with you the means for making the efforts of the '58-59 Council productive and meaningful.

Mary Alice Rath volunteered to write the Techmila copy for Student Council and Inter-Org.

Joe Zigadlo asked Council to support the World University Service. This Service supplies funds for foreign students and has recently helped university students during both the Hungarian and Lebanese crises. It was moved by Bud Lockwood to delegate the Student Affairs Division to devise a program for obtaining funds for this group. The motion was voted upon and passed.

DIVISION REPORT

SOCIAL DIVISION

STUDENT AFFAIRS

## PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS

Dick Beal announced that Student Association cards are now obtainable through class representative. All students were urged to pick them up by the end of the week.

The activity cards for wives are still available in the main office.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fram announced that additional pay telephones should be installed in Eastman within six weeks.

President Finley announced unofficially R.I.T. has been accepted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Art Gardner then took the floor to discuss points on the mimeographed report he had distributed at the beginning of the meeting. He examined and discussed point by point the report distributed the previous week by those in Council who were in opposition to the budget his committee had prepared. He showed figures that would indicate a removal from surplus of approximately \$1,000 during the '57-58 school year. He also pointed out that the number of students figure given by Dr. Ellingson to this group was one that was to be used for publicity rather than for exactly planning a budget. The estimate by this group of income (other than that from Student Association fees) also had to be changed from \$595.00 to \$650.00 as well as discounting several invalid statements. In comparison to last year then Mr. Gardner arrived step by step at these figures.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expended</u>
1957-58	\$ 12,099.79	\$ 61,588.92
1958-59	7,962.00	60,612.00

Mr. Gardner pointed out that since his committee lets all receipts remain with the organizations, it is possible that additional receipts could be acquired and thus raising total expenditures. He again emphasized that the budget representing the administration of Council is not a speculative one and did attempt to eliminate the chance of any surplus at the end of the year.

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At this point Dick Nelly took the floor to discuss the opposition report. In talking with Mr. Benz (ass't to the Comptroller) about the budget, Mr. Nelly asserted that the \$63,663.00 figure his group had estimated for total expenditures was felt to be a "reasonable figure" by Mr. Benz. He also pointed out that the surplus fund was depleted last year by unpaid bills from the 1956-57 Council as well as by a charge to Council that legitimately should have been charged to surplus. He emphasized the fact that Mr. Benz would use as a basis for computing the budget 2100 students paying the Student Association fee. He felt that this was valid, because of the fact that the Student Association fee was paid for during the first two quarters and that the greater percentage of any drop outs would have been paid, if not the total fee, at least half by this time.

Bob Kohler then discussed a mimeographed sheet the opposition to the 1958-59 budget had circulated. In general these reaffirmed Mr. Nelly's statements. He asserted that Mr. Benz felt it was a questionable accounting procedure to deduct the receipts of individual organizations before money was allocated to them. He also pointed out that Mr. Benz felt that \$63,663.00 would allow Council to operate safely putting a minimum into surplus.

Art Gardner called Mr. Draper to the floor. Mr. Draper felt that in talking to Mr. Kohler and Mr. Nelly, Mr. Benz had been dealing with estimates and round figures and had arbitrarily used the \$2,100 figure. Mr. Fram emphasized this and reported that upon discuss with Mr. Benz, the latter had indicated that a conservative expenditure estimate of \$60,000 and a liberal estimate of \$62,000 depending upon the estimated income from sources other than Student Association fees.

Art Gardner again pointed out that while the 1957-58 Council did spend \$61,688.92, it was on the basis of a \$12,099.79 anticipated income. This year we are spending \$60,612.00 on anticipated receipts of \$7,962.00.

Bud Lockwood moved that Council should invite Mr. Benz to appear before Council in the capacity as advisor to clarify several issues. Discussion followed and it was mentioned that the facts and figures given by both factions were confusing to

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the uninitiated. The previous question was moved, voted upon and passed. The main motion was voted upon and carried. It was suggested that both groups together might meet with Mr. Benz to resolve differences in the budget.

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

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER BRENNAN  
Secretary