

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK  
Student Council Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 1958

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Kay Finley. Reading of the minutes was omitted since they were not available. Roll call was taken and the following were not present.

ART & DESIGN

Janet Murray  
Dave Brace

CHEMISTRY

Jim Carey

ELECTRICAL

Joe Zigadlo  
John Rico  
Tom Frantz  
Harry Standhart

MECHANICAL

Bob Miller,  
Bob DeRidder  
Art Dresdner  
Burdick  
Lloyd  
Art Pavelle

PRINTING

John Markowski  
Herbert Johnson  
Van Nowak  
Ed Cran

RETAILING

Bill Hartman  
John Stewart

S.A.C.

Candy Glassmire

VISION REPORTS

Legislative and Financial

Art Gardner pointed out that the Budget Committee had carefully investigated the needs of all organizations and recommended that Council allocate the money remaining to be expended to the athletic program

Social

Bud Lockwood announced that the Student Council and Inter-Org. pictures would be taken December 12 at 3 p.m. in the Clark Lounge.

Student Affairs

No report

DIVISION REPORTS  
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Publicity and Publications

Dick Beal again asked the representatives to contact their class members and remind them that Student Association cards are available in the main office.

OLD BUSINESS

Bob Kohler spoke in behalf of the Forensic Society and mentioned some of the additions to the debate schedule that made the \$500.00 increase over last year necessary. Dick Beal asked why two teams had to be taken, in some cases, to debates. Mr. Kohler pointed out that this happened very infrequently and that when it did it was to give the 2nd team experience. These debates are only one-day and at nearby schools. Mr. Beal felt these are not necessary and that approximately \$300.00 could be saved by eliminating them. He also felt that experience and inexperienced members could be sent on the same team. Mr. Kohler suggested that these were similar to Junior Varsity in basketball and that he felt the teams could not be split because of the fact that members worked as teams throughout the year. He felt that splitting the team would lose RIT many debates. A motion was made and passed to close discussion.

Sal Schifano announced that he discovered, upon investigation, that the Chess Club was satisfied with their allocation.

A Council member who felt the requests of Rifle Club had been excessive in the past asked this year's Budget Committee for an opinion on this. Art Gardner said that the committee felt that the recommendations were not excessive and that the budget was a reasonable one.

A breakdown of the Student Council budget was requested. These figures were given:

\$300.00	Student Council Banquet
550.00	Athletic Awards
300.00	Awards Banquet
200.00	Other Awards
14.34	President's Gavel
75.00	N.S.A. Membership Dues
300.00	Campus Charities Fund
30.00	Xmas gifts for employees
125.00	Charge for Treasurer's Service

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\$1,000

Misc. (includes trips taken by Council members, donations, office equipment, and supplies Leadership Conference)

Bob Grimm questioned the fact that Forensic gets comparatively large awards. Bob Kohler said that this policy had been approved several years ago by Council and was subject to change by Council.

Upon request the list of Student Union expenditures were given:

Heat	\$	628.00
Light & Power		152.00
Janitorial Supplies		100.00
Janitorial Services		1,155.00
Salaries Student		1,600.00
Salaries		540.00
Misc.		400.00

Sal Schifano asked why the summer session of students with half the population of the winter session and only 3 months of school should be allocated a social budget that was  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the budget available during the regular school year. Art Gardner pointed out that this finances the whole summer program of co-curricular activities and that if a comparison were to be made on this basis those in the regular 9 month school year get many times the funds available to the summer students.

Allocation of the remaining money was again discussed and Art Gardner pointed out that Coach Alexander cut his own requests to Council considerably (at the request of the budget committee) at the beginning of the year.

At this point Nick Mihael said he felt that an unsatisfactory explanation for the \$5.00 gym charge had been given and asked whether or not this was considered in the budget. Art Gardner explained that this does not go towards athletics but towards gym maintainance.

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Bud Lockwood moved that Council allocate the remaining \$1,600 to the RIT athletic program. He was ruled out of order by Parliamentarian Kohler who pointed out that the motion made by Art Pavelle to increase the Forensic allocation to the extent of their request was still on the floor. This was opened for discussion.

Bob Kohler said he felt that Forensic should be allocated the additional \$250.00 since it was perhaps the only activity at RIT that got national attention for the school. The previous question was moved and passed. The main motion was voted upon and passed.

It was moved by Dick Beal and seconded by Bob Grimm to allocate the remaining funds of \$1,350.00 to the athletic department. Art Gardner mentioned that there was the possibility of a RIT soccer team within the near future. In connection with this President Finley read a letter from the RIT Alumni Association Council that expressed interest in a soccer team by the Alumni and "best wishes for success in such an undertaking."

The motion was voted upon and passed.

Sue Joyce moved to accept the remaining budgets with three changes:

- 1) an additional \$250.00 for Forensic
- 2) an additional \$250.00 for uniforms for the basketball team and:
- 3) an additional allocation of \$1,350.00 to the athletic program.

The motion was voted upon and carried

Nick Mihael asked about the interest in the Service Sorority and was told by Mr. Pram that the lack of interest indicated that this program might lapse during the year. If this were the case the remaining allocation would be returned to Council.

President Finley said that many suggestions had been made to Council concerning the investing of the surplus fund in a more profitable manner. He asked for an opinion

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from Council on this. Doug McMane asked what the nature of the investment might be. Mr. Fram pointed out that the money now in the savings account was getting  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest. He said that short term bonds (maturing within several years at  $3\frac{3}{4}\%$  could add about an additional \$300.00 to the Student Association income. He pointed out that the market fluctuates too much to consider investing the money in common or preferred stocks. According to Mr. Fram this money for investment would come from what is now in the special interest account. Bob Kohler pointed out that according to the constitution the executive committee are the treasurer would determine the investments and the procedures. Bud Lockwood moved that Council empower the executive committee to make an investigation of the total surplus fund and how this can be invested. The motion was voted upon and passed.

President Finley announced that the Administration would like to know the feeling of the students concerning closing of the library, snack bar and bookstore during school assemblies. Several students expressed feeling on the part of their constituents that indicated the library, at least, should be left open. Some felt that student who did not wish to attend the assembly would not go whether the snack bar was open or not. It was moved that Council recommend to the Administration that the library, snack bar and bookstore, and Clarke Lounge be left open during assemblies. A motion to table was made and defeated. The previous question was moved and passed. The main motion was voted upon and passed.

The question was raised as to why the Genesee Valley Skater's Club had so many parking places. President Finley pointed out that although the spaces had been moved there was only an increase of four over last year. At this point, Mr. Fram mentioned that student parking facilities would be expanded.

Nick Mihael again mentioned that he was not satisfied with the investigation of the \$5.00 gym fee. He offered to undertake this himself.

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Raelle Wolfe questioned the action taken when student representatives repeated and unnecessary cuts at Council meetings. In connection with this President Finley pointed out that there will be a check at the end of the quarter and these representatives will be relieved of their job.

Bob Barnes questioned the policy of giving tickets since one of his department members had several stuck on his window at one time on two different occasions. Spence Merz felt that occasional mistakes were made and Sue Joyce pointed out that in similar instances previously, this was shown to be the work of pranksters who had removed the tickets from their own windshield and placed them on another car.

Art Gardner moved that Council delegate the executive committee with the power to purchase a bulleting board for the main hall in Eastman where announcements of campus activities could be made every week. The motion was voted upon and passed.

President Finley announced that the executive committee felt more interest could be generated in Council if there were periodical coffee hours during the lunch period where members and students could meet to discuss pertinent topics. The expenditures would be relatively small and the money would come from Student Council budget.

Art Gardner pointed out that the plan would be abandoned if it proved to be unprofitable. Mr. Gardner moved that a program of noon coffee hours be initiated. The motion was voted upon and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER BRENNAN  
Secretary