

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK
Student Council Meeting Minutes
December 15, 1958

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M.
by President Kay Finley. Roll call was taken
and the following were not present.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Bob Worth

MECHANICAL
Bob Miller
John Beusch
Jim Willis
Briggs

ELECTRICAL
~~Sal Schifano~~

PHOTOGRAPHY
Bob Kohler
Joel Hand
Browne
Young

S. A. C.
Sue Joyce
Dan Jackson

The minutes were read and corrected as follows:

Page one - the Christmas Coffee Hour will be
held in E125 from 12-3 rather than
in Kate Gleason.

Page two - swimming hours at Monroe are from
7:30 - 9:30

Page three the keynote speaker was Dr. Richard
Siggelkow

" " The Service Sorority allocation in
\$85.00 rather than the stated \$100.00

DIVISION REPORTS

Legislative and Financial

Art Gardner distributed the revised budget
showing the changes Council had made. These
include \$1600.00 to go to the athletic dept.
(\$250.00 of this for new basketball uniforms)
and an additional \$250.00 to Forensic. Mr.
Gardner felt that this budget included as many
controls as ~~many controls~~ of keeping the surplus
down.

Legislative and Financial(Cont'd)

John Markowski and his constitution committee asked that Council declare several campus groups defunct that had not been operating for 2 or 3 years. It was then moved that Council declare the Dance Club, the Swimming Club and the RIT Vets Club defunct. The motion was voted upon and passed. Mr. Markowski then submitted three constitutions that had been carefully examined by his committee to see if they are in keeping with the Student Council constitution as well as with Administration policy. The constitutions were submitted by the Men's Dorm, the Student Christian Fellowship and the Womens Residence. (the last two were revised constitutions.) Since they were found to be in order it was moved by John Markowski that these be accepted by Council. The motion was voted upon and passed.

*inter on
Sun Jan 13
7:30*

SOCIAL DIVISION

Bud Lockwood announced that the Christmas Coffee Hour will be held Thursday afternoon, December 18, from 12-3 in E125.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Joe Zigadlo announced that ^{even} Tuesday afternoon, ~~December 16,~~ from 12:30 - 1 all problems involving parking lot stickers will be resolved at a meeting to be held at the Student Union. He announced that parking regulations will begin to be enforced Tuesday, December 16.

An appeal was made to RIT by the Korean Foundation for support. Mr. Zigadlo read a letter from Mr. Belknap enumerating the reasons why it was felt that the Student Association should not support this group. Since this also was the feeling of a Student Committee the Student Affairs Division announced that this group would not be supported by RIT students.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLICATIONS

Dick Beal distributed the remaining Student Association block cards. Block stickers for Mechanical will be available soon.

OLD BUSINESS

President Finley announced that the Administration had requested a council member to sit in on a committee on instructor evaluation. As president of Council, Mr. Finley will do this and report frequently to Council.

John Markowski asked whether or not the Service Sorority was going to handle the used book store. President Finley announced that he is looking into this and that no other arrangements for running the store can be made until the service group is contacted.

President Finley announced that Dr. Ellingson had been consulted about a proposal to extend smoking privileges to

OLD BUSINESS
(Cont'd)

the main hall of Eastman. This was approved and the date for starting will be announced later. President Finley emphasized that this will be on a trial basis only and that responsible observation of the privileges by students will determine its' success or failure.

NEW BUSINESS

John Lloyd suggested that Council investigate fire hazards that had been brought to his attention by his constituents. These hazards included:

1. faulty exits at the north end of Eastman.
(the single exit has doors that opened inward rather than outward)
2. fire escapes in the annex that are not labeled from inside the building.
3. old fire hoses in Bevier.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Lloyd that directions of what to do in case of fire be placed inside each classroom. President Finley pointed out that this had been investigated earlier this year. However, in the light of recent developments, he agree to look into it for council members.

Joe Zigadlo brought up a problem concerning a conflict of scheduled events between a basketball game and an organizational social program. He felt that little administration help ^{in resolving} this conflict without a vote of Council. Bud Lockwood pointed out that when the social calendars were made up all dates occupied by basketball games had been eliminated. Other events were then free to be scheduled. In this particular case the basketball game was scheduled after the social calendar had been made. Mr. Lockwood pointed out that Coach Alexander would be willing to change the time of the game if he were certain that the majority of students were in favor of this. Fred Guevara moved that Bud Lockwood talk to Coach Alexander and Mr. Belknap in order to find a solution to this problem and that Council indicate their feeling that the social event should have precedence over the basketball game. The motion was voted upon and passed.

Mary Alice Bahler asked Council to look into the reasons why many of the block students were not receiving Reporters. President Finley will do this.

NEW BUSINESS
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Joe Zigadlo mentioned that one of the games of the inter-fraternity basketball league was stopped because of an Administration Christmas party at the gym. Since both events had been scheduled Mr. Zigadlo suggested that some arrangement be made in the future to notify student groups in situations similiar to this. Mr. Fram offered to check into this.

Bud Lockwood announced a Reporter sponsored press conference with ~~Dr.~~ ^{MR.} Davis, Tuesday, December 16 in E125.

President Finley pointed out that there are members of the Council administration who feel that the present arrangement and constitution of Council are unwieldly and ineffective. He asked for suggestions concerning solutions of this problem. Some of these included:

- 1) More effective communication with students (perhaps made compulsory in constitution)
- 2) cutting down council membership with a smaller, more workable body.
- 3) a plan for having two councils - (a junior and senior) - one for upperclassmen and one for underclassmen, It was also suggested that seniority in this case depend on the number of years a student spent in student government.
- 4) a suggestion that the student council advisor be on the Policy Committee.

Art Gardner reported that this had been discussed with Mr. Belknap who felt that very little of import to the student council happened at these meetings. He did, however, suggest that the student advisor be seated on the Student Personnel Committee. At this point President Finley asked for volunteers to study this. John Markowski suggested that the Senate assume this responsibility. President Finley pointed out that Senate would soon be busy handling elections. Volunteers for this committee were:

Bob Grimm
~~Jim Harrity~~ *on block*
 John Lloyd
 John O'Connor

Fred Guevara
 Nick Lepenko
 Tom Frantz

NEW BUSINESS

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Ways were discussed to immediately solve some of Council's problems. It was pointed out that the Student News Letter helped greatly but that it's ineffective distribution could be improved.

It was suggested that one hour per week be set aside in every department for a departmental meeting where the departmental heads and council representatives can meet for an exchange of ideas and information. It was moved by Bob Barnes that President Finley be delegated to contact department heads about inaugurating such a plan. After debate about the feasibility of this plan the previous question was moved, voted upon and passed. The main motion was voted upon and carried. A motion was made to hold these meetings with the whole student body in the gym once a month. Although the idea behind this was felt to be basically a good one the general feeling was that this was too ambitious since meetings within the department had not yet been discussed or improved. It was also felt that with some few changes the school wide assembly program might be made to fulfill this purpose. The previous question was moved, voted upon and defeated.

The President asked for volunteers to help the secretary assemble additional constitutions since many council members had requested these. There was one volunteer (Janet Murray A & D) so various members of the executive committee agreed to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER BRENNAN
Secretary