

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK
Student Council Meeting Minutes
January 5, 1959

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

ART & DESIGN

Dave Brace
Fred Marinello

MECHANICAL

Art Dresdner
Bill Briggs

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

John McAlpin

PHOTOGRAPHY

Fred Guevara
Joel Hand
John Browne

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John Lattimore

The minutes were read and corrected as follows:

page one: eliminate Sal Schifano from absentee list.

page two: paragraph three, should read "a meeting to/held weekly at the Student Union."

page four: paragraph two, should read "Mr. Davis."

DIVISION REPORTS

Social

Bud Lockwood expressed the thanks of Council to Raelle Wolfe for her able work on the Christmas Coffee Hour as well as to the pledges of Tau Epsilon Phi who assisted at the same event. Thanks also go to Dave Brace for his assistance in making the Pep Rally a success.

There will be an Inter-Org. meeting, January 13, Tuesday, at 7:30 P.M. at 90 Troup St.

Student Affairs

Joe Zigadlo announced that parking lot stickers are still available and that Parking Lot affairs will be taken care of at the Student Union every Tuesday between 12:30 and 1:00.

OLD BUSINESS

President Finley announced that the Administration had extended smoking facilities to the Main Hall of Eastman Building on a trial basis. The success or failure of this effort will depend on the students.

Inquiry was made into the problem of getting public telephones and Mr. Gram agreed to check into this.

Bud Lockwood announced that errors had been responsible for the reported scheduling of two events in one evening. This conflict has been dissolved.

NEW BUSINESS

Nick Mihael reviewed the problem of charging all athletes \$5.00 for a gym pass. He read a petition from 37 RIT athletes charging the fee was "unfair". He followed this with a motion asking Council to underwrite this fee. In the process, Council was reminded that \$2.00 is returned at the end of the year. It was pointed out that even though, in theory, this does not include athletes on teams if they use facilities at restricted times, it is liable to restrict and limit potential team members. It was also noted that RIT has no sports scholarships and is one of the few colleges that requires an athletic fee. Art Gardner suggested that Council might direct Coach Alexander to use funds allocated by Council for the athletic program since there was not enough money available to be budgeted to this. Bob Kohler questioned the position of those who had already paid the fee. Mr. Mihael amended his motion to include a refund to all those who have paid the fee. Since it was felt by many Council members that nothing should be done until more financial facts were available Sue Joyce moved that the motion be tabled until more information became available. She also included a request that the athletic department head be contacted.

Bud Lockwood asked for suggestions on ways to improve the coffee hours. The majority of Council members felt that the recent Christmas coffee hour was a success. Raelle Wolfe suggested that for the sake of convenience any future plans might be made for

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later hours. Others felt more could be arranged for the evening hours with more specific topics of discussion.

Criticisms were voiced by Council members on the nature of the graduation convocation. President Finley asked for suggestions on ways to improve this. Considerable discussion followed and it was suggested that:

- 1) all faculty should be required to attend.
- 2) speakers be more carefully selected.
- 3) that some way be found for eliminating the necessity of two graduations for many students.
- 4) the Convocation might be held during the evening.
- 5) some form of individual recognition be found - even, if only reading the names of graduates.
- 6) a better program be arranged to acquaint the parents with RIT and the faculty.

Mr. Fram announced that this year all department heads will be on the stage in cap and gown.

Bud Lockwood will chair a committee to look into the problems. The committee will consist of:

Esther Mack
Raelle Wolfe
Bob Rudman

John Markowski
Jack Lloyd
Chuch Magin

President Finley thanked, on behalf of the Student Association, Mrs. Edward A. Halbleib who donated a subscription to National Geographic for the student body.

Bud Lockwood announced that there will be, beginning this year, a new point system for judging organizational contributions to the success of Spring Weekend. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted.

JENNIFER BRENNAN
Secretary