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ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK
Student Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 1959

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 Barnes

MECHANICAL

Art Dresdner

CHEMISTRY

Jim Carey

PHOTOGRAPHY

David Young

FOODS

Raelle Wolfe
Ken Veneron

PRINTING

Bob Grimm

RETAILING

Janet Ross
Wm Hartman

The minutes were read and approved as read.

DIVISION REPORTS

Legislative and Financial

Art Gardner announced a new system of keeping track of organizational requisitions that will enable a monthly balance to be kept at the Student Union. Next week evaluation sheets will go to all organizations that will keep the Legislative and Financial Division informed as to the status of each organization, their plans involving money for the future and how they are spending their allocation.

John Markowski, head of the constitution committee, announced that this committee had carefully examined the constitution of Tau Epsilon Phi to discover whether or not it fulfilled Council requirements and administration policy. He indicated the approval of the committee and moved that Council declare the Rho Tau constitution null and void and accept the constitution of Tau Epsilon Phi. The motion was voted on and passed.

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The committee also submitted the constitution of the Amateur Radio Association. This constitution had been subjected to the same scrutiny and was declared acceptable. John Markowski moved that Council accept the constitution of the Amateur Radio Association. This was voted upon and passed.

Social Division

Bud Lockwood announced that there would be a Council sponsored dessert and coffee hour, Thursday, January 15, at noon in E125. He asked for suggestions for topics of discussion. Some of the suggestions were:

- 1) a more effective convocation
- 2) better communication between representatives and students
- 3) general discussion of the Leadership Training Conference.

He announced an Inter-Org meeting to be held, Tuesday January 13 at the student union. The agenda includes:

- 1) Spring Weekend
- 2) resolving conflicts on the social calendar
- 3) Techmila photos

BUSINESS
President Finley checked with Mr. Benz on the telephone book and reported that the booth is in but has yet to be installed. Mr. Benz indicated that this would be done within four weeks.

He also announced that the Service Sorority is no longer functioning and that attempts will be made to try and find some other organization that will take care of the second hand bookstore.

He also discussed with Mr. Rider the problem of inadequate fire protection and was told by Mr. Rider that this problem was under investigation by the school and that some changes have already been made.

He indicated that the smoking privileges extended to main Eastman Hall were apparently successful at this point. However, the regulations are not being obeyed in many buildings and he asked that special

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attention be given to this by the student representatives - pointing out that this might cost us the privileges in the future.

Discussion was held after President Finley set before Council a suggestion made by Mr. Strader that the library and the Carnegie Music Room join forces to provide a more readily accessible spot with more records for the students. President Finley felt that this would eventually include new equipment and a system of lending records. Art Pavelle pointed out that the Carnegie Music Room was open to students and was under student jurisdiction. He also suggested that there might be some difficulties in relocating the Carnegie Music Room. Bud Lockwood moved that Council wait and do nothing until adequate equipment be secured by the Administration. Art Gardner suggested that at this point all Council need indicate was general approval or disapproval of such an idea. Bob Kohler felt that the music would not be the choice of the students and Mr. Fram answered by pointing out that students members on a record selecting committee would be welcomed. At this point Bud Lockwood withdrew his motion feeling that it gave tacit approval to the program. Art Pavelle moved that the Carnegie Music Room be left at 90 Troup Street and that the executive committee of Council look into some way of replacing its present administrators or making them operate more effectively. It was suggested by John Markowski that Mr. Strader prepare more definite proposals to submit to Council. The motion was voted upon and passed.

President Finley read a memo from Dr. Leo Smith that had been initiated upon the request of Bob Miller. Working together Dr. Smith and Mr. Miller made some suggestions as to meaningful ways Council could spend surplus money. These proposals included equipment for the library (such as books, recorders, projectors, etc.) that are needed but that will not be bought by the Administration at this time. Art Gardner spoke for the executive committee when he disapproved of the policy of spending surplus money for equipment that the Administration will soon have to underwrite rather

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than for material goods that the Administration would not buy for student use. Art Pavelle moved that other than for purely investment purposes the surplus fund may be used only for the purchase of goods that the Administration would not otherwise buy for student use. Although many students felt that the Student Association fee should not be used to "subsidize the Administration" both Mr. Fram and Bob Miller pointed out the indirect benefits to the student and to the value of the B.S. degree that would be made by any improvement to school facilities. The previous question was moved, voted upon and passed. The main motion was voted upon and passed.

Bob Miller pointed out that Council had just added one more restriction to the use of the surplus fund by students as well as eliminating almost all of the immediate possibilities for benefiting the student body. President Finley read the recommendations made by Dr. Smith and suggested that some of these could be taken care of by spending only the interest on the surplus fund. Art Pavelle moved that the executive committee check the library proposals. He withdrew the motion when he was informed that this was the way in which the recommendations had originally been initiated. Art Gardner moved that Council accept the recommendation of the executive committee not to invest the surplus fund in this area. The motion was voted upon and carried.

A student Association member asked whether or not the surplus could be directed as security to back organizational loans. Bob Kohler pointed out that this had been discussed in the past year and that a number of legal restrictions would make such a solution unlikely.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER BRENNAN
Secretary