

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Student Council Minutes
March 9, 1953

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Schuckman. Roll call was taken. The minutes were read and approved.

The Lounge Committee was reminded that no signs prohibiting the eating of lunches in the Eastman Lounge have as yet been posted.

Recently Mr. Belknap, Student Council Adviser, acting on behalf of Council and with the approval of President Schuckman, placed a member of the basketball team on probation and forbade him to participate in the school's last 1952-53 game. It was felt that the student's conduct on two specific occasions, due to intoxication, made him unworthy to represent the Institute. The decision was reversed, which brought up the question of Council's right to govern student matters. The issue was discussed. A motion was made that Council approve Mr. Belknap's decision. The motion was seconded and carried.

A committee has been appointed to investigate the policies of the basketball team. The committee members are Granville Bentley, Barbara Bartenstein, Bill Clarke, and Richard Zakia, chairman.

There have been several complaints made that signs and posters have been taken from school bulletin boards shortly after they are posted. Before any action is taken, Council members have been asked to speak to the student body on the subject in an effort to keep the students from taking the signs down.

Volunteers were requested to sponsor elections of A block juniors and seniors in two departments for the 1953-54 Council. Ralph Rosati will sponsor the elections in the Mechanical Department, and Granville Bentley will sponsor those in the Electrical Department.

A letter was read to Council written by a student who feels that the title of one of the school dances, the "Black Face Ball", is insulting and indicates racial prejudice. The student asked that Council request the organization to change the title. Discussion followed. Council decided that since posters have already been made, it is too late to change the name of the dance. However, the issue will be referred to the organization sponsoring the dance, and they will be asked to consider changing the title to avoid ill feeling.

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Bill Clarke asked if the Clark Union Lounge could be kept open during the summer months to accommodate men students still living in the dormitory at this time. The question will be referred to the Lounge Committee.

A request has been made for a coin changer to be installed in the Clark Building Lounge. The matter will be referred to the Lounge Committee.

Robert Sullivan brought up the matter of ^a recent theft that occurred in the 102 Spring Street Dormitory. He stated that if the money taken from Gamma Phi is slipped under the door of room 612, Men's Dormitory, 102 Spring Street, no further action will be taken.

At 5:50 p.m. Ralph Rosati moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Viola Neri
Secretary