

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK  
Student Council Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 1959

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by President Kay Finley. The reading of the minutes was omitted as they were not available.

DIVISION REPORTS

Social Division

It was announced that the busses to Buffalo State were a reasonable success.

The Spring Weekend committee has been meeting regularly and they are now discussing Mr. Campus. It was decided that nominations be open to any male member of the Student Association providing that he has not been a candidate in the past, and he is not in scholastic or social probation.

There were no other division reports at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Parliamentarian Bob Kohler called for some action to be taken on Eud Lockwood's motion that was tabled last week.

Speaking for the committee investigating graduation procedures, Jack Lloyd withdrew Eud Lockwood's motion with the explanation that the committee would like more time to investigate the situation at hand. He then moved that a recommendation be made to the administration for replacing the Senior Banquet with a Senior Ball. The motion was seconded.

The following opinions were expressed by the committee:

1. The banquet will outgrow itself with the increasing enrollment.
2. The married students will be able to bring their wives to the Ball.
3. A seniorball would add a degree of prestige to Graduation Weekend.
4. There are so many banquets presently, that a senior banquet has little prestige.
5. By eliminating the banquet, the graduation fee may be reduced as the expense for a dance will be considerably less than for a banquet.

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6. There will be no ticket expense for the students.
7. Some students may not be able to obtain dates for the Ball which would eliminate their attendance. Only seniors without outside dates, attend the banquet.

Discussion followed and Joe Zigadio pointed out that many people disagreed with the graduation ceremony itself, and the possibility of having a senior ball would not alter their feelings.

Answering for the committee, Jack Lloyd stated that they were aware of the many fold problem. However, because they agreed on this one point of having a senior ball, the committee felt that this was a good place to begin improving the problem. Jack added that the committee desired Council's feelings before approaching the administration.

While discussing the problem of two graduation ceremonies, it was pointed out that successful completion of the A.A.S. program is part of the formal requirements for entering the B.S. program. However, regularly attended graduation with B. S. students need not be particularly specified for the A.A.S. degree. Therefore, it was pointed out by Art Gardner that if only those students who are leaving school attend the banquet it would eliminate the problem of the banquet outgrowing itself.

Ester Mack clarified the committee's views stating that if the returning A.A.S. students attended the banquet with the B.S. students, the total students would be approximately 500 which is still a large number for a banquet. Ester also stated that the committee was aware of the problem of individual recognition at graduation.

Art Pavelle moved to refer the problem back to the committee to investigate the possibilities of eliminating compulsory attendance for the returning A.A.S. students at graduation.

During the discussion that followed, it was pointed out that perhaps the dissatisfaction may lie in the problem of having the A.A.S. people graduating twice. The motion was carried.

President Finley announced that Frank Lang and Art Gardner representing the Legislative and Financial division had gone to great lengths to check council representation in the various departments. With the

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exception of the printing department and S. A. C. there were discrepancies in representation. President Finley called for a meeting with the Senate members to resolve this problem.

Jack Lloyd called for a clarification of the job of Parliamentarian. President Finley stated that he made the arbitrary decision to allow Parliamentarian Bob Kohler speaking privileges because of his experience as Vice-President and association with council for the past three years. On this basis, President Finley decided that Bob Kohler would be able to contribute constructive information during council meetings.

A council member thought this was improper as no other member of the Student Association who is not a regular member of Council has unlimited speaking privileges similar to those granted to Mr. Kohler.

Mr. Kohler stated that every council member has the right to call some other member out of order, and it is the duty of all council members to be familiar with parliamentary procedures.

President Finley pointed out that Council can arbitrarily accept or reject the Parliamentarian's suggestions as there is no rule for all situations.

Art Gardner moved to amend the Constitution to state that the Parliamentarian can not participate in the same debate that he judges. Mr. Gardner was ruled out of order as an amendment to the Constitution must be presented in writing two weeks in advance of voting. Mr. Gardner then stated that he had discussed the matter previously with President Finley and that it was a matter of policy and no personalities are involved as someone had suggested.

Art Pavelle moved that the position of Parliamentarian be retained as it has been this year in Mr. Kohler's case. The motion was seconded.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that in the past, the rule that requests for speaking privileges be written out and given to the

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the President one week in advance has not been carried out.

John Markowski reminded Council that policy and position were being discussed and not policy and personality as some members had proposed.

Ester Mack stated that the present Parliamentarian performed an invaluable service to Council as his rulings often made one stop and think and not be swayed in a particular direction.

The previous question was moved, voted upon and passed. The main motion was then voted on and carried.

Although the recommendation for the establishment of a student loan fund was defeated last week, President Finley expressed the feelings of many members of council as agreeing with the basic idea of the fund but disagreeing with the mechanics that were set up.

Art Pavelle moved that a committee be appointed from council members representing the pros and cons of the fund. This committee shall submit a new draft to council when the situation has been thoroughly investigated. The motion was seconded and carried. Those serving on the committee will be:

~~Bob Kohler~~  
Art Pavelle  
Tom Franz

~~John Markowski~~  
Jack Lloyd  
~~Larry Guzzetta~~

Joe Zigadlo called upon council to look further into the matter of the gym fee. As there was no specific information available President Finley will look into the matter.

## NEW BUSINESS

A complaint was received on the condition of the Clark Lounge. President Finley stated that something was currently being done to improve the situation but he will also look into the matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Finley announced the senate meeting immediately following council meeting.

The second week in February is Brotherhood Week and the following events are scheduled:

Sunday, February 8 at Noon in E125 Hillel will sponsor their annual Lox and Bagel breakfast.

At 6 P.M. Newman Club will sponsor the RAA dinner in RIT chapel. There will be a speaker.

Thursday, February 12, the RAA assembly will be held with Dr. Charles Body speaking.

Tickets for the dinner and breakfast can be purchased for \$1.45.

The Blood Drive will be held February 4.

President Finley urged everyone to support these functions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

SUE JOYCE

Acting Secretary