

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ROCHESTER 8, NEW YORK  
Student Council Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 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:

ART & DESIGN

Jan Murray  
Frederick Marinello

FOODS

Raelle Wolfe  
~~James Harrity~~

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Margaret Maloney  
Taylor

PHOTO

Carol Edwards  
~~John Brown~~

ELECTRICAL

Roger Williams  
Thomas Frantz

PRINTING

John Markowski

S. A. C.

Ronald Senungatuk

The minutes were approved as read.

DIVISION REPORTS

Social

Bud Lockwood announced a coffee hour to take the place of the regular meeting on March 9. A vote was taken on whether or not the meeting should be held at 5 or 7. Council decided that it should be held at 5 p.m. as regularly scheduled.

Publicity & Publications

Dick Beal announced a meeting on March 5th to be held at the Student Union at 12:30 concerning Spring Weekend advertising.

Kay Finley distributed the mimeographed report by the committee on Student Government Reorganization. He pointed out that this was the work of committees in past years as well as the present one and that nearly all previous reports had died on the Council floor. He asked for Council's feeling on this measure.

OLD BUSINESS

## OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

Art Pavelle moved that Council accept the report of the committee on Student Government Reorganization and authorize the committee to rewrite the present constitution.

Discussion was opened as Bob Kohler suggested that freshmen be given an indoctrination period and be allowed to vote at the beginning of their term instead of at the beginning of the spring quarter.

It was also pointed out that under the suggested form of representation three people would represent nearly 700 freshmen while five people represent a little over 300 in the senior year. It was also pointed out by members that a minimum of nine could control the governing body. It was pointed out that in theory that these things were possible but that in practice uneven representation would possibly never occur.

Art Pavelle amended his motion to include an 11th provision to be added to the original 10. This would include the provision that once each year the Senate would select from a list (of at least two and possibly more) submitted by President Ellingson its yearly advisor. The amendment was voted upon and carried.

It was suggested by Fred Guevara that general approval be given rather than immediately going into particulars.

Sue Joyce questioned the advisability of having representation on a class basis. The feeling of the committee was that this would tend to strengthen class ties and provide the motivating force to make students desire class unity.

Bud Lockwood called for consideration by section. The comments on each section discussed were as follows:

## .OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Section 2 - in answer to questions the committee pointed out that the nominating will be done by the outgoing Election Board of Control. The only requirement for this is a satisfactory grade point average.

Section 3 - the committee felt that a Senate of 16 would be sufficient and that Council has been for many years, too unweildly. They also pointed out that at many schools comparable to R.I.T. in size the governing body is seldom/ even this size.

A member pointed out that if a clique controlled senate actions, it would be the fault of the students who are responsible for electing responsible members.

Bob Kohler questioned whether or not there could be, at any single meeting, a voting majority of only 6 or 7. President Finley pointed out that attendance regulations would be very strict and total attendance except for emergency situations would be the rule.

It was also pointed out by the committee that the working emmbers in such a government would not/come from Council body but from divisions and committees.

Section 4 - Dave Young moved the freshment be allowed to vote within two weeks of being elected after a very intensive program in orientation is given to all new members. The motion was voted upon and passed. It was explained at this point that the fall quarter will allow the freshment students time to become settled academically and establish friendships among the class members.

Sections 5 and 6 - these sections are primarily to protect those on a block system. It was suggested that since it was conceivable that those on a single block could hold a majority a non voting alternate be selected to sit in on meetings.

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OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

Section 7 - The committee explained that this is mainly to cover any emergency situations.

Section 8 - Jack Lloyd pointed out that since electing representatives has become a major job the committee intends to include a new office in the constitution for this purpose.

Section 9 - This section is to assure protection to any unrepresented department that might desire a vote on an important matter pertinent to that particular department. This would be a special representative representative elected to vote on only one issue. Jack Lloyd pointed out that this was only for protection in rare instances.

The previous question was moved, voted upon and defeated.

A motion was made to limit debate on Section 10. Art Pavelle suggested that since the meeting was coming to a close, section 10 be eliminated and a vote taken on the remainder. This would facilitate starting work on the constitution immediately rather than wasting increasingly valuable time. Bob Kohler felt this whole report should be tabled for a week in order that the representatives might consult their constituents about their opinions. Jack Lloyd pointed out that the committee was going to assign the responsibility of communications (covered in section 10) to one particular senate officer. He also mentioned a system had been devised for having regular office hours for every member during the school week.

The previous question was moved.

At this point Sue Joyce made a privileged motion to adjourn until Thursday at 5 p.m. The motion was voted upon and defeated. Art Gardner moved the previous question.

A motion was made to adjourn and was passed at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

JENNIFER BRENNAN  
Secretary