

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
Student Council Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 1955

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.  
by President Richard Anderson

The roll call was taken and the following  
members were absent:

COMMERCE

Lee Johnson  
David Weston

MECHANICAL

James Forman

PHOTO-PRINTING

David Schuckman

The minutes of the previous meeting were read  
and approved

The following is a list of the members who were  
not present when the Student Council Techmila  
pictures were taken.

Shirley Seitz  
Joan Pfaff  
Jessie Maffuid  
Jean Paris

Cathy Wright  
Carl Clark  
Roberta Brown

LOUNGE COMMITTEE

The Lounge committee reported that the work on  
the ping pong tables would be completed near the  
end of this week and that the work on the other  
two tables will be started.

BLOOD BANK

Bette Bassett reported that the Blood Drive will  
take place on May 18. More details will be  
available next week at which time volunteers  
will be solicited.

The members were asked to think about their own  
family and relations in connection with the blood  
drive. If they know of any incident where a life  
was saved or of any great incident where the need  
of blood was urgent, please tell it to the committee  
so they can relate it in their plea for blood  
donors. The members are asked to report by next  
Monday.

RALLY

The Spring Weekend Committee reported that school  
will be dismissed at 12:00 on Friday, April 22,  
and that the Pep Rally will begin at 1:00. This  
will take place on Spring St., and the street will  
be blocked off at Plymouth and Washington Sts.  
The rally is going to be under the direction of  
Jerry Uelsmann, and the band will be on the city's  
new platform. There will be skits and floats.

presented by the different organizations.

FRIDAY NIGHT  
CARNIVAL

At the carnival, Friday night there will be 13 booths compared with the 10 of last year. The dance was in the lounge last year, but this year tentative plans have been made to hold it in the assembly hall.

PICNIC

There is going to be a new event Saturday afternoon. There is a picnic planned for Genesee Valley Park. Bring your own lunch and there will be refreshments sold there. There will be a motorcade leaving Kate Gleason at 1:00 P.M. with a police escort to bind it together.

SPRING WEEKEND

Saturday night you can dance to the Commanders at the Collegiate Club. Tickets are being sold at the book store exclusively, and the ballots for Mr. Campus will be handed out at the door when you turn in your ticket. They will be counted during the evening, and the trophy for Mr. Campus and the Spring Weekend trophy will be then awarded. All four of the contestants for Mr. Campus will receive a gift this year.

1. A watch and a plaque
2. Portable radio
- 3.4 Cuff links and tie bar

Sunday will be open house in both the Men's dorm and Kate Gleason Hall.

Student Council is sponsoring this event which comes once a year. It is our big weekend so let's make it a success by pushing it and getting everyone to go. A report will be submitted to council after the event has taken place.

Student Council

Last year in May, Student Council had a banquet for all the members. This year as last the President will hand over the gavel to the President Pro-temp at a similar banquet. They day has been set for Thursday, but the time and the place will be decided later. The committee for this affair is:

Jessie Maffuid  
Carl Clark  
Al Rossetto

Rod Brower  
Shirley Seitz  
John Honan

There will be more details reported next week.

## MASQUERS GUILD

The Masquers' Guild, a new organization this year, received an allotment of \$100 from Student Council, to defray the expenses of their planned productions. Although the dramatics club has successfully sponsored minor productions, the officers feel that a major production would not be practical this year. Because they feel that the club could not adequately use the Student Council allotment this year, they returned the allotment. They hope that a request for an allotment next year will be accepted.

## CONSTITUTIONS

Inter-Sorority Council and Inter-Fraternity Council submitted a letter to Council also. The subject of this was the submission of organization constitution; request for change. As it is outlined in the Student Council constitution, it is required that all organizations submit current copies of their constitution to the Constitution committee for review and filing purposes. The two Councils feel that this is not a very practical way to handle this because the procedure now followed permits individuals of other organizations to become familiar with private details. Their feelings are that the Institute's and Student Council's primary concern with other organizations constitutions is to insure that there are no religious or racial prejudice clauses in effect and there is no conflict with current Institute policies. In recognition of these facts it was felt that the following procedures will make adequate coverage of the situation:

1. An affidavit stating that the organization has no religious or racial discrimination clauses in it's constitution or by-laws either written or unwritten.
2. The organization shall have no section or parts of their constitution that shall conflict with any Institute policy,
3. This statement shall be signed by the President, Parliamentary and Faculty advisor of the organization.
4. Additional information may be secured by questions of the following nature:

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Example:

- a. Does your organization hold election prior to (date as stated in Student Council constitution) (yes or no)

If at anytime the accuracy of the above statements might be questioned, the organization constitution may be reviewed by the Student Council faculty advisor in conference with the organization's faculty advisor.

They recommend that violators of the signed affidavit subject the organization and its constitution to disciplinary action by Student Council.

The Chair turned this matter over to the Executive Committee and the Constitution Committee.

POLICY COMMITTEE

A letter has been sent to the Policy committee concerning the tardiness and absent rules.

PARKING LOT

It was brought to Council's attention that boys were seen playing ball in the Student's parking lot. Over the weekend the windshield of a car parked on Spring Street was broken by a ball, and there is no reason why this could not happen in the parking lot as well. The R I T lot is not covered by insurance for this type of thing.

Al Rossetto made a motion that Council disapproves of any type of athletic event in the parking lot and if they continue council will be forced to take disciplinary action. This was seconded by John Honan. Signs will be put up on the bulletin board concerning the same matter.

The idea of a large sign to be put in the parking lot will be turned over to the Parking lot committee. Al Rossetto and the committee will work together and work with the Executive committee concerning such action on Institute property.

CARNEGIE MUSIC ROOM

Dick Osburn, chairman of the Carnegie Music Room committee, presented council with the prices for a new amplifier and a new speaker. The equipment in the room at the present time is in very poor condition.

Amplifier \$108.00      Speaker \$195.00  
54.45

These were considered good prices as the merchandise can be obtained directly from Chicago.

The chair recommended that the committee check into it further and obtain more prices. It was also requested that the committee get a price from Stromberg Carlson and then report back next week.

The chair stated that a request had been made by Irwin Feinstein to speak at the next Student Council meeting. He is a member of the Photographic department.

Mr. Belknap reported on a recent talk with Dr. Ellingson. There were five questions put before the Council for them to consider.

1. Would Council like to have Dr. Ellingson come in and talk with them concerning the different questions about school? The Council took an affirmative stand and are in hopes that he will be able to attend the meeting May 1. It is hoped that there will be full attendance at this meeting.
2. It was decided that there will have to be a drain for the new hard top that if going to be put on the parking lot. The lot slants from East to West towards Clarissa so drainage is necessary to avoid water and ice on the street. The paving job and the drain together would come to a low of \$4,000 or a high of \$8,500. The administration has stated that they will split the expenses 50-50 with Student Council, so that will mean it will be about \$3,000 for the Administration and \$3,00 for Student Council for a medium job.
3. Another topic was Student Council Funds. It was suggested that the Student Association fee be increased and paid according to a different quarter system to simplify book-keeping. The first suggestion was \$10 per quarter for full time and part time. The second that it be \$10 per quarter for full time and \$15 per school quarter for the cooperative.
4. Medical insurance at the Institute is now optional and the prices are \$22 for men and \$8 for women. The possibility has been discussed that the Institute take over the Medical insurance program, and the price would be \$10 per quarter while in school.

This would be \$30 for the full time and \$20 for the co-operatives. The later will be taken care of while on work blocks as long as they are on the premises or in the city. Students will receive greater coverage and a full time doctor will be on duty and will also be on call. This plan would not be optional.

5. It is hoped that before this year's Council terminates that they will decide something definite concerning the parking problem. It was suggested that a possible solution would be restricting freshman from the use of the student parking lot. They would be able to have cars but the school would not be responsible for parking space.

These questions were presented so that Council could think about them and get opinions and be able to discuss them at the next meeting.

The motion for adjournment was made at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERTA BROWN  
Secretary