

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Student Council Minutes
Monday, March 27, 1950

President Joseph Loughlin called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Herman Walz, a representative of the Red Cross was introduced to the Council members, and he spoke on the values of the Red Cross Blood Donor campaign. Mr. Walz stressed the need for a constant stream of donors necessary to replenish the amounts used daily for operations and emergencies in and around the Rochester area. Blood cannot be stored over a period of time as plasma can. Mr. Walz stressed the humanitarian benefits of this program is saving lives and helping our fellow man. He also pointed out that there is absolutely no charge for the blood which is used. Since only three pints of blood were given at R.I.T. by the students in the past drive, President Loughlin requested that everyone help in the drive this time. Applications will be available in all department from any of the Council's representatives. Donors will be accepted any day between 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. at the Red Cross Center at 150 Spring Street.

Al Cronig and Dick Santucci gave a report on the progress of the Lounge Committee. The new radio is in operation in Clark Union. An estimate of the prices for the furniture for the Carnegie Music room were read and approved. Judah Elieazer moved that the Council appropriate \$440.40 from the reserve funds to purchase the furniture to be used in renovating the Carnegie Music room in Clark Union. Motion seconded and carried.

Al Cronig announced that beginning April 1, Clark Union will not be open on Saturday morning but will be open as usual from 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

The Lounge Committee then showed to Council two proposed plans for the improvement of the lounge in the Clark Building. The plans included the installation of tables and booths similar to these in the Eastman Building. The planned seating arrangements ranged from 44 to 50 people capacity and the prices for these plans were from \$1237.00 to \$2186.00 depending upon the quality and construction of the materials to be used. Discussion followed on the worthiness of spending reserve funds for such improvements. The Lounge Committee asked for a vote of confidence in the work it had done thus far and the plans it was now presenting to Council. The Committee was given a vote of confidence in its work.

President Loughlin, Al Cronig and Dick Santucci will meet with Dr. Ellingson this week to present the proposed plans for the Clark Building. Lounge to the Administration for its criticism and possible aid in carrying out these plans.

Morris Miller suggested that the Music Appreciation class be asked to cooperate in keeping the Carnegie Music room in good condition. He also reported that the receipts for the installation of an exhaust ventilating system in the Eastman Lounge. Larry Weinberger made the motion that Council accept these funds to be used for such a ventilating system. Motion seconded and carried.

The President felt at this point it was necessary to clarify the report of Reserve Funds which appeared in the last issue of Sprit. It was pointed

out that Council does not have a reported \$11,500 in its Reserve Fund quoting round figures the president reported that there is approximately \$3000.00 in our current operating reserve, that there is approximately \$200,000 in past class funds which has accumulated and should be transferred to a reserve account in as much as class fees have been abolished. It was stressed that the \$11,500.00 was a misquoted figure and not to be relied upon. It was also pointed out again that Reserve Funds are not to be considered as money to be spent unwisely or without due consideration.

Gene Penler reported that 175 students have registered for the Regional N.S.A. Conference to be held next week, and that the plans for the Art Contest and Photo Salon were coming along favorably.

Tom Burke reported as Chairman of the Awards Committee, and requested the approval of Council to make some changes in the type of Awards to be given as much as the Committee felt that an Award should be not only traditional and symbolic but useful as well. Council gave its vote of approval and confidence to the Awards Committee.

Al Cronig pointed out and asked why there was not a nurse on duty at all times classes were in session. The question was tabled pending further inquiry.

Steve Andras made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Minton
Acting Secretary