

Academic Senate Recap Report for AY2017-18

Listed first via the link to the Digital Archive site are the AY2017-18 agendas, Executive Committee reports in the order given, Standing Committee charges and Standing Committee final reports. Then each Standing Committee is listed and their work which came to senate. Additionally, links to the minutes pertaining to a proposal, report or presentation given by either a Standing Committee or a non-Standing Committee for more details of what took place at the meetings are included in this report. Additional policies, reports and updates from non-Standing Committees are also in the report. A listing of everything that had come to senate over the past year in AY2017-18 is at the end of the document.

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**Agendas from AY2017-18:** <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/19213>

**AS Executive Committee Reports:** <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/18948>

**AS Chair's Final Report:** [Academic Senate Accomplishments AY2017-18](#)

Note: Motions as well are included below that came from the ASEC or a suggestion to the ASEC from a senator.

- **Robert's Rules Presentations** (Daryl Johnson, AS Operations)
  - Presented in the Fall Semester at each meeting from 9/7/2017-12/14/2017
  - See minutes from 9/7/2017-12/14/2017: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/19212>
- **Membership Motion as Amended 11/16/2018** (H. Nickisher): In our role of overseeing Standing Committees, the Academic Senate requests that the Chairperson of the Academic Senate remind Chairs of Standing Committees that amending membership is a violation of proper protocol. Any changes to the membership of any Standing Committee of the Academic Senate shall be discussed on the floor of the senate first. Stakeholders, however, can and should be invited on an as-needed basis (NB: This is NOT a change of any policy.). No objections. **Approved by Unanimous Consent.**
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 2, 2017](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 16, 2017](#)
- **SRATE Motion and Charge** (D. Johnson): That the SRATE Evaluations Research Taskforce (SERT) be formed and charged as outlined in the memorandum "Formation and charge for SRATE Evaluations Research Taskforce"
  - [SRATE Evaluations Research Taskforce and Charge \(Approved 11-16-2017\)](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 16, 2017](#)
- **SOIS – Representation on Standing Committees** (C. Collison, AS Chair)
  - Motion (J. Chiavaroli, Vice Chair): ***Include SOIS to be treated as a college, as with GIS (line 46 in B2.0).***
    - Discussion ensued on 11/30/2017 and returned to senate for vote on 12/14/2017.
  - **Amended Motion Carries: *To postpone until Jim Hall is ready to report on the action.***
    - The Executive Committee will work with Jim Hall on what comes forward in the future.
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 30, 2017](#)
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of December 14, 2017](#)

- **Regarding Policy C23.0** (Provost Haefner shared this during the ASEC report) - Consensual relationships between faculty, employees, and students needs to be updated. Many universities are now prohibiting sexual relationships between faculty and undergraduates. We should consider updating our policy to reflect the latest directions, Academic Senate should take up the initiative and I recommend a committee be formed over the summer to come up with draft charges. These would then go through the normal procedures and approvals. Director of Human Resources is the responsible party.
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 29, 2018](#)
- **Academic Senate and Strategic Planning** (Chris Collison, Chair) and **Academic Senate and Committee Structure/Operations** (Jules Chiavaroli, Vice Chair)
  - [ASEC reports for Spring 2018 4-12-2018](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 12, 2018](#)
- **Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Faculty/What is Scholarship?** (Chris Collison, Chair)
  - **Suggestion:** A liaison from Academic Senate should be involved with Branding & Marketing.
  - **Motion from C. Collison:** *Establish and charge an Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of Faculty for 2018-19.* (Motion was seconded and a short discussion ensued on 4/12/2018. Senate approved Orders of the Day as there were other agenda items to cover, so this motion did not get voted on until 5/3/2018 and motion was approved.)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of May 3, 2018](#)
- **Suggestion from a senator to the ASEC:** I would like to see a process developed by the Executive Committee to bring policy changes back to the committees and senate and to go to the colleges and departments, so all are aware of these policy changes. The loop is not complete. (4/5/2018)
- **Farewells and New Senators Coming on Board** (5/3/2018)
  - [Farewells \(list of senators leaving, ASEC members leaving and Provost\) 05-03-2018](#)
  - [Farewell to Provost Jeremy Haefner \(PPt\) 5-03-2018](#)

**Minutes from AY2017-18:** [Academic Senate Minutes AY2017-18](#)

### **Standing Committee Charges for AY2017**

- [Approved SC Charges for AY2017 - Fall AY2017](#)
- Discussion can be found in minutes of 9/7, 9/21, 10/05, 10/19 and 11/2.

### **Standing Committee Final Reports:**

**Academic Affairs Committee:** [AAC Final Report AY2017-18](#)

**Academic Senate Executive Committee:** [Academic Senate Accomplishments AY2017-18](#)

**Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee:** [AS/SAC AY2017 Final Report](#)

**Faculty Affairs Committee:** [FAC AY2017 Final Report](#)

**General Education Committee:** [GEC Final Report AY2017-18](#)

**Global Education Task Force:** [GETF AY2017 Final Report](#)

**Graduate Council:** [Graduate Council - Final Report AY2017-18 \(PPt\) 5-10-2018](#)

**ICC:** [ICC Final Report for AY2017-18](#)

**Institute Writing Committee:** [IWC AY2017 Final Report](#)

**LRP&EC:** [Long Range Planning & Environment Committee Final Report AY2017](#)

**RABC:** [Resource Allocation & Budget \(RABC\) Final Report AY2017-18 \(May 3, 2018\)](#)

## Academic Affairs Committee (Joe Lanzafame, AAC Chair)

- AAC's Final Report for AY2017: [AAC Final Report AY2017-18](#)  
[Information on all the charges given are in the final report with outcomes of what occurred with each of the charges and which charges will carry over for AY2018.]
- AAC's Interim Report –
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of February 1, 2018](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 5, 2018](#)
  - Charge 5 - Review Policy D05.1 – **No Action**. First came to senate 2/01/2018 and the senate sent this back to AAC. Return to AS on 4/05/2018 and no action was accepted by AS on 4/05/2018.
  - Charge 10 – Review Policy D05.1 for possible revision to remove the upper credit boundary.
    - **Motion for D05.1.IV.B.1 - Approved as amended:** *“Must have completed a minimum of 83 ~~128~~ credit hours of work, of which not less than 45 hours must be in RIT grade-bearing courses.”*
  - Charge 1 – Review D5.1 and consider applying restrictions prohibiting suspended students from participating in other RIT sponsored activities, such as Student Government, Simone Center grants, RIT Clubs and Teams. Make recommendations for associated policy changes and bring them to senate for discussion and vote.
    - **Motion for D5.1.II.A.13 – Approved:** *Academic Suspension refers to the academic action taken that immediately removes the Student's affiliation with the university for a period of one calendar year. A student on academic suspension will be excluded from classes, university housing and all other university events open to the general public. The student's participation at university events will be limited to the participation of the general audience.*
- AAC report given on 4/5/2018 regarding charges 4-6.
  - See AAC's PPT presentation and minutes of 4/5/2018 for full details and discussion.
    - [AAC Report - Charges 4-7 \(PPT\) 4-5-2018](#)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 5, 2018](#)
  - **Charge 4:** Recommendation from AAC is to dismiss this charge.
  - **Charge 5:** No change to D05.0 is warranted.
  - **Charge 6:** Review D01.6 on Protocols for Academic Centers.
    - **Recommendation from AAC:** Bring this charge back in 2018-19 as a joint effort of Academic Affairs and Research Scholarship Committees.
  - **Charge 7:** Review D02.0 and modify as needed in order to clarify/update the amount of transfer credits allowable for an undergraduate degree.
    - **See recommendations from AAC in** [Academic Senate Minutes of April 5, 2018](#)
    - **Motion carried to send this back to the AAC.**
- **Motion from Student Government:** Academic Senate ratifies a temporary expansion of the Academic Affairs Committee for the 2018-19 academic year to include the President and the Vice President of Student Government or their delegates.
  - **Comment:** The current Academic Affairs Committee concurred 9-2, to expedite the work by working in tandem with SG and break the gridlock on the Withdrawal Policy.
    - **Motion to postpone this motion from SG carries.**

## Academic Support & Student Affairs Committee (Bobby Moakley/Liz Ruder, co-Chairs)

- AS&SAC Final Report AY2017: [AS/SAC AY2017 Final Report](#)
- Report on 3/8/2018

- [Academic Support & Student Affairs Committee AY2017 \(PPt, Charge 3 recommendations, D05.8 recommendations\)](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of March 8, 2018](#)
- Proposed Revisions for D05.8 (Grade Policy – regarding posting of grades on MyCourses only)
  - Motion (C. Marchetti) carries 15-11-2: **To approve proposed revisions to D05.8.**
  - [Academic Support & Student Affairs Committee - Proposed Revisions for D05.8](#)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 12, 2018](#)
- Motion on 5/3/2018: To **approve the proposed revisions to D08.0, D17.0 and D18.0.** No objections and motion carries by unanimous consent.
  - [Proposed Revisions to D08.0, D17.0 and D18.0 and PPt \(Approved 5-3-2018\)](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of May 3, 2018](#)

### **Faculty Affairs Committee** (Jeff Pelz/Bolaji Thomas, co-Chairs)

- FAC's Final Report AY2017: [FAC AY2017 Final Report](#)
- Policy Proposals:
  - **Policy E6.1.III - Distinguished Professor** (Charge 4)– Approved as Amended 10/19/2017
    - [Policy E 6.1.III \(Distinguished Professor\) PPT & Approved as amended \(11/19/2017\)](#)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of October 19, 2017](#)
  - **Policy E09.0 (Visiting Scholar Policy)**
    - Amended – 2/15/2018
      - [Policy E09.0 \(Original Policy and Proposed Clean copy from FAC\)](#)
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of February 15, 2018](#)
    - **Motion to postpone amended E09.0 - Approved by unanimous consent – 3/22/2018**
      - [E09.0 PPt and E22.0 - Revisions Presented 3/22/2018](#) – postponed
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 22, 2018](#)
    - **Motion carries that the Academic Senate approve Policy E9.0 with the changes of the committee included.** (3/29/2018)
      - [PPt - E09.0, E22.0 and At Large Motion from FAC \(3-29-2018\)](#)
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 29, 2018](#)
  - **Policy E22.0 (Financial Exigency)**
    - Pre-tenured changed to tenure track
    - **Approve proposed revisions to Policy E22.0. Motion approved by unanimous consent.**
    - **Approve to continue the increase in the number of at large representatives (from 3 to 4) on the Faculty Affairs Committee. Motion carries.**
      - [PPt - E09.0, E22.0 and At Large Motion from FAC \(3-29-2018\)](#)
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 29, 2018](#)

### **General Education Committee (GEC)** (Bill Middleton, Chair)

- [GEC Final Report AY2017-18](#)
- [GEC Interim Report for AY 2017 and PPt \(and supporting documents\) 4-05-2018](#)

### **Global Education Task Force** (Zack Butler, Chair)

- Global Education Task Force Final Report AY2017: [GETF AY2017 Final Report](#)
- Global Education Task Force Interim Report AY2017.
  - [Global Education Task Force Report \(PPT\) March 29, 2018](#)

- This motion came forth on 3/29 but due to time constraints senate voted to go on to the next business item, orders of the day. Motion was as follows and feedback was requested, to return to senate in the future: ***Proposed Amendment addition to D1.0. Proposals originating at an RIT Global campus will first be approved by the campus curriculum before being submitted to the appropriate department curriculum committee, department faculty, the department head and at the RIT Main campus.***

GETF returns on 4/5/2018:

- **Motion given on 3/29 regarding D1.0 carries.**
  - [Global Education Task Force Report \(PPT\) March 29, 2018](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 5, 2018](#)
- Motion regarding GETF's request approved by unanimous consent: ***GETF to be extended one additional year to maintain continuity and communication with global campuses.***
  - [GETF Report \(PPT\) - Includes amended approved motion 4-5-2018](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 5, 2018](#)

## **Graduate Council** (Michael Radin, Chair)

- Graduate Council's Final Report AY2017: <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/20999>
- Curriculum Proposals and Policies
  - **MS in Physics** – Approved 11/30/2017
    - [MS Physics Proposal \(11-30-2017\)](#) (Michael Kotlarchyk)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 30, 2017](#)
  - **MS in Health and Well-Being Management** – Approved 2/15/2018
    - [Proposed Master of Science in Health and Well-being Management](#) (Michael Radin, GC Chair; Barbara Lohse, Professor of Health Sciences)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of February 15, 2018](#)
  - **Advanced Certificate in Accounting and Financial Analytics**– Approved 03/29/2018
    - [Advanced Certificate in Accounting & Financial Analytics \(Full Proposal, Executive Summary, PPt and Letter of Recommendation from Graduate Council\)](#) (Manlu Liu)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 29, 2018](#)
  - **Proposed Advanced Certificate in Technology Entrepreneurship** – Approved 4/19/2018
    - [Advanced Certificate in Technology Entrepreneurship \(GC Letter, Full Proposal, Executive Summary\) Approved 4-19-2018](#) (Shal Khazanchi)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 19, 2018](#)
  - **Policy D12.0 (Graduation Requirements)** – Presentation & Discussion 3/29/2018 (Bruce Smith, GC sub-committee)
    - **This charge is to be moved forward for AY2018.**
    - [Proposed Revisions to D12.0 - Graduate Council Sub-Committee \(3-29-2018\)](#)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 29, 2018](#)
- PPt & full report to Senate on 5/10/2018 (Charges and Recommendations).
  - <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/20999>
  - **Minutes of 5/10/2018** – *To be posted upon approval on 9/6/2018*
  - GC Charge 1: Review Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Policy D12.0 VIII
    - **Recommendation:** Do not include standardized language in the policy, but continue to allow each college to decide on an approved format on thesis or dissertation.
  - GC Charge 2: Review Policy D12.0 (Graduation Requirements) and address the need to clarify the Role of Defense Chair in this policy. Carry over from 2016-17.
    - **Recommendation:** Carry over to next year (AY2018) and revisit D12.V1.b.



- GC Charge 3: Investigate the variation across all RIT graduation programs in interpretation of the policy to require a Program GPA (currently 3.0) required for graduation, and how the Program GPA is calculated. Review all related policy to determine if modification is required based on these findings.
  - **Recommendation and Motion:** To amend policy D5.0.VIII (See minutes of 5/10/2018 for full details and discussion at senate).
    - **Motion did not carry to approve the changes to D5.0.VIII.**
    - *Recommend this charge to come forth again in AY2018.*
    - **Minutes of 5/10/2018 – To be posted upon approval on 9/6/2018**
- GC Charge 7: Review Policy D12.0 (Graduation Requirements) – see PPT for details and minutes of 5/10/2018
  - **Recommendation:** To amend policy D12.0.V.C as follows (*changes in italics*): A minimum of 30 credit hours is required for the Master's degree. At least 70% of the semester credit hours of graduate level coursework and research (courses numbered 600-900) are required to be earned in residence at the university. *If the amount of recommended transfer credits exceed 30%, the transfer credits must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Education. In no case, shall the approved transfer credits exceed 50% of the required coursework for the degree.*
    - **Motion:** To approve recommended changes to Policy D12.0.V.C, regarding transfer credits from outside RIT.
    - **Motion is not approved 12-14-9.**
- Charges 4-6 not presented due to time constraints but are found in the PPT.
  - <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/20999>
- **FAC Report not approved and will go to newly elected Executive Committee.**

## **ICC** (Sylvia Perez-Hardy, Chair)

- **ICC's Final Report AY2017:** [ICC Final Report for AY2017-18](#)
- **ICC Report given on 4/5/2018:** [ICC Report \(PPT - 4-5-2018\)](#)
- **Approved BS Curriculum Proposal**
  - [Proposed BS Degree in Integrated Science & Entrepreneurship \(Full Proposal, Executive Summary & ICC Letter of Recommendation\)](#) (Roger Dube, Assistant Dean, Undergrad Research & Interdisciplinary Programs)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 2, 2017](#)
- **Approved Bachelor of Architecture** (Sylvia Perez-Hardy, ICC Chair; Dennis Andrejko, Head, Dept. of Architecture)
  - [Bachelor of Architecture Degree Program - Full Proposal \(05-03-2018\)](#) (Dennis Andrejko, Head, Architecture Department)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of May 3, 2018](#)
- **Approved AS Curriculum Proposals:**
  - [Proposed NTID AS Degree Program in Applied Science and ICC's Letter of Recommendation 10-05-2017](#) (Matthew Lynn, Chair of NTID Dept. of Science and Mathematics)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of October 5, 2017](#)
  - [Proposed AAS in Business Administration \(NTID\) -Executive Summary, Full Proposal, Letter of Recommendation from ICC](#) (Mark Pfuntner, Interim Dept. Chair, NTID Business Studies)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of February 1, 2018](#)
- **Motion:** General Framework motion approved - (See minutes of 11/16/2017)

- [Academic Senate Minutes of November 16, 2017](#)

**Institute Writing Committee – IWC** (Andrea Hickerson, Yossi Nygate, co-Chairs, David Martins, IW Director)

- [IWC AY2017 Final Report](#)
- [IWC PPT Presentation for AY2017-18 \(4-19-2018\)](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of April 19, 2018](#)

**Long Range Planning & Environment Committee** (dt ogilvie, Chair)

- [Long Range Planning & Environment Committee Final Report AY2017](#)
- Charge 1: On hold because of new president.
- Charge 2: Regarding paper consumption.
  - **Recommendation:** That we use paper with 30% recycled content.
  - **Motion** (C. Hull): *Move that the Academic Senate pass a resolution, recommending that the University adopt a minimum standard of 30% post-consumer waste recycled content for all copy paper the University purchases, to better reflect RIT's commitment to sustainability and its leadership in print and imaging sciences.*
    - **Motion carries.**
- Charge 3: Regarding meat consumption.
- Charge 4: Regarding Faculty Governance.
  - **Recommendation:** That the work on this continue after more information is gathered and after the Summit.
- Charge 5: Regarding Gender Inclusivity.
  - **Recommendation:** A more thorough study is needed. Challenges for such a study are listed in the power point presentation.
    - [Long Range Planning & Environment Committee Final Report AY2017](#)
- **Report is accepted and charges will be rolled into AY2018 charges.**

**Resource Allocation & Budget Committee (RABC)** (Steve Zilora, Chair)

- [Resource Allocation & Budget \(RABC\) Final Report AY2017-18 \(May 3, 2018\)](#)
- New Charge for RABC approved 11/2/2017 (C. Collison)
  - *I move to charge the RABC to build a 3-5 member steering committee, who will fully articulate the scope and membership of the Ad Hoc Committee to address the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, overload and benchmarking for faculty compensation.*
- **Motion** from C. Hull was approved on 5/3/2018
  - *The Senate commends the work done by the RABC on the budget model and charges the RABC for AY2018-19 to return with a specific ABB model for the senate's consideration.*
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of May 3, 2018](#)

## **Additional Policies, Reports, Updates, Additional Motions**

### **Academic Governance Summit and Ad Hoc Organizing Committee Update**

(Eileen Feeney Bushnell/Hossein Shahmohamad, co-chairs)

- [Academic Governance Summit Motion and Proposal - Motion approved 9-21-2017](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of September 21, 2017](#)
- [Academic Governance Ad Hoc Organizing Committee Report \(3/8/2018\)](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of March 8, 2018](#)

### **ASEC Elections**

- Motion to close ASEC Nominations by April 15 carries.
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 12, 2018](#)
- **ASEC Elections and Endorsement of At Large Standing Committee members**
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 19, 2018](#)
  - **ASEC Election Results for AY2018-19**  
Heidi Nickisher, Chair  
Jayanti Venkataraman, Vice Chair  
Daryl Johnson, Operations Officer  
Michael Ruhling, Communications Officer  
Owen Gottlieb, Treasurer

**Brand Research and Strategy** (Kin Seipel, Assistant VP, Marketing & Branding; Dr. John Trierweiler, VP & Chief Marketing Officer, Marketing & Communications)

- [Brand Research and Strategy \(PPt\) 5-10-2018](#)
- Minutes of 5/10/2018 – *Will be posted once minutes are approved on 9/6/2018.*

### **Calendar 2023-2024** (Joe Loffredo)

- [Calendar PPt Presentation for 2023-2024 \(Endorsed 3-29-2018\)](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of March 29, 2018](#)
- **Six-Day Exam Schedule** (See Minutes of 3/29/2018)
  - **Motion** (Clyde Hull): *To have a committee convened to discuss the six-day exam schedule. Motion does not carry.*
  - **Motion** (Farid Barquet, SG President): *Endorse a six-day exam period beginning next year. Approved by unanimous consent.*
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 29, 2018](#)

### **Compensation Update** (Judy Bender, AVP, HR)

- [2017 Compensation Update - PPt \(11/30/2017\)](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of November 30, 2017](#)

### **Eisenhart Policy E12.0** (Dan Bogaard, Coordinator)

- **Motion to accept the changes to E12.1 carries: *III. Eligibility. Faculty Administrators with the responsibility of supervision or assessment of faculty, other than for the purposes of peer review, classroom observations, or serving on mid-tenure, tenure or promotion committees, are not eligible.***
- [PPt and Policy E 12.1 with track changes - Proposed Revisions \(4-05-2018\)](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of April 5, 2018](#)



## **Future of Faculty Presentation and Discussion** (Brian Landi, Fernando Naveda, Kristen Waterstram-Rich)

- [Future of Faculty PPT Presentation \(2/01/2018\)](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of February 1, 2018](#)

## **Graduate Enrollment Taskforce Update** (Dr. Twyla Cummings, Dean of Graduate Education)

- [Graduate Enrollment Taskforce Update \(PPT\) 3-22-2018](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of March 22, 2018](#)

## **Motions or Suggestions (Additional ones made by others other than from the Standing Committees)**

- See details in the minutes of four motions made on November 16, 2017 minutes. Here are the four topics that came forth and **all four motions were approved on 11/16/2017.**
  - **Membership on Committees** (J. Chiavaroli, H. Nickisher) (First came to senate 11/2/2017 and there was a full discussion. Returned 11/16/2017 and was approved.)
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 2, 2017](#) and [Academic Senate Minutes of November 16, 2017](#)
    - **SRATE Motion and Charge** (D. Johnson) – See details under ASEC Reports & Motions
    - **Policy D01.4** – General Education Framework – Accepting the revisions to Table 1 and the preceding description of Table 1. (From ICC) (Approved 11/16/2017)
      - [The General Education Framework \(D01.4\) - Approved 11-16-2017](#)
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 16, 2017](#)
    - **AS made a request to the President to initiate an audit regarding sexual harassment complaints and sexual assault; and that these findings be presented to the Academic Senate for discussion and potential action.** (Tim Engström, 11/16/2018). See minutes for details.
      - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 16, 2017](#)
  - Motion from J. Ettlie was presented on 11/30/2017 (no time for discussion) and was postponed on 12/14/17; returned to senate 2/1/2018 and again on 2/15/2018 as a revised motion: ***I move that the FAC investigate and present the costs and benefits of adopting a new title/status for teaching faculty typically called ~~elinieal~~ faculty “professors of practice”.. Present a recommendation for further action based on presented costs and benefits.*** **Motion carried.**
  - Also, an additional RSC charge was presented but this was dismissed on 2/15/18 as RSC proposes their own charges. See minutes when this was brought forth.
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of November 30, 2017](#), [Academic Senate Minutes of December 14, 2017](#), [Academic Senate Minutes of February 1, 2018](#) and [Academic Senate Minutes of February 15, 2018](#)
    - Two Charges from John Ettlie – Only FAC charge was approved, the second one was dismissed. [Proposed charges for two Standing Committees](#)
  - Motion from T. Engström: ***That the executive committee bring to the senate an agenda item, including the use of existing data from 2 years ago, to discuss college governing structures.*** **Motion carried on 12/14/2017.**
    - [Academic Senate Minutes of December 14, 2017](#)

- Motion from C. Lutzer: *For the senate to build an Ad Hoc committee charged with exploring legal/accounting pathways that will legally shelter the RIT community from taxes associated with tuition benefits. The Ad Hoc Committee will be formed initially by self-nominated “champions” who will 1) identify themselves to the Academic Senate Chair and Executive Committee, 2) add members to their committee as necessary, 3) gather information on the specifics of the problem from RIT administrators, accountants, legal counsel, and other stakeholders and influences, and 4) return to Senate with the results of their investigations and with recommendations.*

**Motion carried.**

- [Academic Senate Minutes of December 14, 2017](#)
- **Policy B05.0 is approved as amended.** (S. Provenzano and N. Boulais.)
  - [Policy B 05.0 \(with track changes, clean copy and PPT\) Approved 2/15/2018](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of February 15, 2018](#)
- **Motion** (Carol Marchetti, COS Senator and amended by Owen Gottlieb, GCCIS Senator): (AAC New Charge): *Draft Policy to require that all media for courses be captioned in accordance with guidelines provided by the Provost and the Department of Justice. Specify a process to address student concerns regarding captioned materials. And to consider implementation implications and edge cases (media heavy courses, assignments that include viewing videos).*
  - **Amended motion approved 3/01/2018** – [Academic Senate Minutes of March 1, 2018](#)
- Motion (M. Kempinski): *Charge Faculty Affairs Committee to review policies regarding dispute resolution, disciplinary action, and promotion deliberation; to strike language that allows pre-tenured faculty to pass judgment over non-tenure track faculty. Seconded. Objection.*  
(This never was discussed due to time constraints and never returned to senate in AY2017-18.)

**Policy C11.0 – Policy on Freedom of Speech and Expression** (Sue Provenzano, AVP, Office of the Provost and Nicole Boulais, AVP, Student Affairs)

- [Policy C 11.0 - Freedom of Speech & Expression \(Edited version approved by AS & the PPT\) 4-12-2018](#)

Discussion ensued at these meetings and Policy C11.0 was endorsed on 4-12-2018.

- [Academic Senate Minutes of February 15, 2018](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of March 8, 2018](#)
- [Academic Senate Minutes of April 12, 2018](#)

**Policy C13.0 – Service Animal, Assistance Animal and Pet Policy** – Motion to endorse carries on 3/8/2018

- [Policy C 13.0 - Service Animal, Assistance Animal and Pet Policy \(Document, PPT\) Endorsed 3/8/2018](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 8, 2018](#)

**Policy D18.0 and 18.2** (Joe Johnson, Director, Center for Student Conflict and Resolution)

- **Motion to endorse the amendments to D18.0 and D18.2 did not carry on 4/19/2018.**
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of April 19, 2018](#)
- Additional feedback came from AS and SC to put back into the policy the request for use of video recording. **Motion to endorse this final draft of D18.0 and D18.2 carries on 5/10/2018.**
  - [Policies D 18.0 and D 18.2 \(Endorsed by AS 5-10-2018\)](#)
  - Minutes of 5/10/2018 – *Will be posted once minutes are approved on 9/6/2018.*

## **Protecting Freedom of Speech – First Amendment**

- Ppt presentation given on 12/14/2017 (Bobby Colon, Chief Legal Officer)
  - [Protecting Freedom of Speech - First Amendment Ppt Presentation](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of December 14, 2017](#)

## **Provost Search Discussion** (Greg Esposito and John Muckle from Isaacson, Miller)

- [Academic Senate Minutes of March 1, 2018](#)

## **RIT Scheduling Information** (Jeremy Haefner, Provost; Chris Collison, AS Chair)

- [Class Meeting Patterns - Considerations \(Ppt presented on 9/7/2017\)](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of September 7, 2017](#) - Senators asked to get feedback from their colleges and to return to senate with this information.
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of September 21, 2017](#) - Feedback from each college was shared.

## **SG Motion**

- Motion is *postponed* on 5/10/2018: *Academic Senate ratifies a temporary expansion of the Academic Affairs Committee for the 2018-2019 academic year to include the President and Vice President of Student Government, or their Student Government delegates.*  
[Comment: The current AAC concurred 9-2 to expedite work in tandem with Student Government in breaking the gridlock on the withdrawal policy.]

## **SG Resolution – Establishment of a Socially Responsible Investment Advisory**

### **Committee** (Farid Barquet, Zachary Evans)– Vote to endorse approved by senate on 3/22/2018.

- [SG Resolution - Establishment of a Socially Responsible Investment Advisory Committee \(Endorsed by AS 3-22-2018\)](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 22, 2018](#)

## **Staff Grievance Policy E30.0** (Amy Galiana, Associate Director for HR)

- [Policy E 30.0 \(Staff Grievance Policy - Ppt and document\) Endorsed by AS 5-10-2018](#)
  - Motion to endorse Policy E30.0 as revised by Staff Council carries.
    - This policy will come to University Council in the Fall 2018 for final approval.
  - Minutes of 5/10/2018 – *Will be posted once minutes are approved on 9/6/2018.*

## **Strategic Plan Revision Update** (Kit Mayberry, VP for Strategic Planning and Special Initiatives; President David Munson)

- Motion approved to endorse revised Strategic Plan:
  - [Revised Strategic Plan](#)
  - [Academic Senate Minutes of March 1, 2018](#)

## **Treasurer's Report for FY2016 presented 9/7/2017** (Dr. Elèna Sommers, AS Treasurer) <https://digitalarchive.rit.edu/xmlui/handle/1850/19794>

## **LIST OF REPORTS & AGENDA ITEMS AY2017 IN ALPHA ORDER**

Note: This is a summary listing of what came to senate in AY2017-18 and for more details of some of these items see the information listed above.

**Academic Affairs Committee** – See details and final report above.

**Academic Senate Executive Committee Reports (Includes AS Chair’s Report, Robert’s Rules, Strategic Planning, Committee Structure/Operations, Ad Hoc Committee on Future of Faculty)** – See details and final report above.

**Academic Governance Summit and Ad Hoc Organizing Committee Update** – See details above.

**Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee** – See details and final report above.

**Ad Hoc Governance Organizing Committee Update** – See details above.

**At Large Committee Members** (Approved April 19, 2018)

**Brand Research and Strategy** - See details above.

**Calendar (2023-2024)** – See details above.

**Compensation Update 2017** – See details above.

**Curriculum** (See above under ICC and Graduate Council)

**Executive Committee Elections** (04/19/2018)

**Faculty Affairs Committee** – See details and final report above.

**Farewells to Senators** (5/03/2018)

**Four President’s Distinguished Public Service Award** (Overview)

**Freedom of Speech Policy C11.0** – See details above.

**Future of Faculty Presentation** – See details above.

**General Education Committee** – See details and final report above.

**Global (International) Education Task Force** – See details and final report above.

**Graduate Council** – See above details above and final report.

**Graduate Enrollment Taskforce Update** – See details above.

**ICC** – See details and final report above.

**IWC (Institute Writing Committee)** – See details and final report above.

**Long Range Planning & Environment Committee reports** – See details and final report above.

**Motions** (Outside of curriculum or SC policy motions. Any motions from Standing Committees are listed under the respective Standing Committees.) – See details above.

**Nominations Committee Update** (Dr. Hossein Shahmohamad, Chair))

**Ombuds Office Update** (Lee Twyman)

**Policies** (See above under FAC, AAC, AS/SAC, non-Standing Committee reports etc.)

**Protecting Freedom of Speech – First Amendment** (Bobby Colon)

**Provost Search Discussion** [Isaacson, Miller (IM)] (3/01/2018) – See details above.

**Provost's Farewell** (5/03/2018)

**Resource Allocation & Budget Committee** – See details and final report above

**RIT Scheduling Information** – See details above.

**RIT United Way Campaign**

**Robert's Rules Presentations** (Daryl Johnson, AS Operations Officer) – See details above.

**SG Motion** (F. Barquet) – See details above.

**SG Resolution** (Farid Barquet, SG President; Evan Zachary, SG Senator) – See details above.

**SOIS – Representation on Standing Committees** (see under Executive Committee items)

**Staff Grievance Policy** (Amy Galiana, Associate Director, HR) – See details above.

**Standing Committee Charges for AY2017** (Fully approved by 11/2/2017) – See details above.

**Standing Committee Final Reports** – See details above

**Strategic Plan Revision Process Update** (Kit Mayberry and President Munson on 3/1/2018) – See details above.

**Treasurer's AS Financial Report for FY2017** – See details above.

## **AS ELECTIONS FOR AY2018**

The Executive Committee Elections took place on April 19, 2018 and the newly elected ASEC members for AY2018 are:

**Chair: Dr. Heidi Nickisher**

**Vice Chair: Dr. Jayanti Venkataraman**

**Operations Officer: Daryl Johnson**

**Communications Office: Dr. Michael Ruhling**

**Treasurer: Dr. Owen Gottlieb**

College Elections for Standing Committees and some Institute committees took place in Winter/Spring AY2017-18.

The AS website has been updated. Once charges for AY2018 are approved by the Academic Senate in early Fall 2018, these will be posted on the Digital Archive site and on the senate website.

Link to AS website: <http://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/academicsenate>