

Academic Support and Student Affairs Committee

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ASSA 1: Evaluate RIT's policy on junk email, with particular attention to whether junk email with a link labelled "unsubscribe" should continue to be unfiltered, given that the "unsubscribe" link could take the user anywhere.

Findings on RIT's Junk Mail Policy

- The ASSA Charge 1 sub-committee (chaired by Matthew Fluet) consulted with ITS
- ITS does regularly review and update their policies.
- Filtering messages with a link labeled “unsubscribe” or blocking email that contains a single word will generate a high amount of false positives and borders on censorship.
- If "unsubscribe" links were to become high risk, ITS's periodic review would update policy to sideline such e-mails.

RECOMMENDATION: ASSA recommends that no additional action is needed.

Committee members voted in favor of this recommendation 9-0

ASSA 2: Consider instituting an evaluation of student advisors

Findings on ASSA 2

- Students have concerns about:
 - continuity between meetings
 - not getting what they need as far as how to follow a path to their career choice
 - role of faculty advisor vs. professional advisors is not clear
 - if students have concerns about an advising session / advisor, who do they see?

Findings on ASSA 2, continued

- ASSA 2 sub-committee (chaired by Sandi Connelly) met with Lynne Mazadoorian (Director, University Advising Office, RIT) and determined the following:
 - students can give feedback any time that they want to the Assistant Dean or Department Chair/Head
 - advisors are enforcing what is decided by faculty - not making programmatic decisions, etc.
 - professional advisors are reviewed annually
 - reviews include any information from the student surveys that are conducted annually (to a subset of 3,000 students)

Findings on ASSA 2, continued

Action Plan for Student Government as outlined by the President of Student Government:

- SG will create an infographic for students outlining the roles of faculty and academic advisors as well as who to contact if they have concerns
- [The SG President] will be working with Lynne and the Advisor Delegates Committee to work on making sure each college's website very clearly outlines who to contact if students have complaints

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