



**AGENDA – SENATE MEETING
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Friday, September 7, 2007
1829 Room, 1:00 P.M.**

1.) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Sasha at 1:02pm.

2.) Roll Call

President	x
Vice President	x
Finance	x
Director of Programming	x
Director of Public Relations	x
Historian	x
MSO Liaison	x
Rep @ Large	x
CAST	x
CIAS	x
COLA	x
COS	x
GCCIS	x
GLBT	x
KGCOE	x
SCOB	x
Women's center	x
NTID	x
NSC	x
OCASA	x
RHA	x
Dr. Heath	x
Collette Shaw	x
ACA	x
CAB	x
Global Union	x
Greek Council	x
Reporter	x
WITR	x

Sasha would like to welcome our guests. Would like to go over procedures. When you speak you should be standing and if you have 3 absences your position will be open. If you are late that will count as an absence as well. If you have class or a dr. appt you can email Jessi with excuses.

3.) Speak to the Senate

4.) Cabinet Report

President- slide show about 5 min for recap of the last year. Run through a couple of our accomplishments. Welcome for Dr. Destler, Liquidated budget, helped GLBT get new, location, Flex Car, Dr. Destler with his transition, new committees, new laundry machines, free newspapers on campus- available for free for students. In the works-

getting RIT on iTunes University, another way to market RIT to students. Helping Dr. Watters develop student services center. Also working on the SAU renovation, the project is moving forward. Sasah is working to get healthier food on campus. Increasing office availability. Better common spaces and wireless in the dorms. We are changing the face of SG. Expectations- Be out in your college meeting and discussing issues. Set goals each quarter and try to reach them. Attend SG events and get involved in committees. Senators and cabinet members please work together. Have Fun! Enjoy yourself! New MSO Liason- if you have any problems or concerns contact Christie. Program quality events while working together. Work with MSO liaison to execute goals. 4 New Committees- Institute on Policies and Procedures Matt Danna is the chair for that, Community improvement and development- looking for someone to head that anything that improves campus would be a part of that committee, Technology, Freshman engagement and orientation, looking for someone to head this committee. If you are interested in getting involved in these committees there will be a sign up sheet. Transfer student engagement committee-how to get transfer students involved. More proactive governance. Working with academic senate and staff council, stronger leadership, change the old mindsets and get more people involved. Womens center: times and dates on sheet? Ed no they are not.

Vice President- Dr. Watters is taking into account what we would like to see in the student innovation center. This will be a place where majors cross and it sound really exciting. We will be doing a clipboard survey to find out what students want. Senate one-on-ones will be starting this week. Sign Up!

CAST- this Sunday Women in technology. For more info contact cast office.

Rep @ Large- chairing housing advisory board. If you are interested please sign up.

Programming- All Governance sat and Sunday of next week. If you rsvp please sign up. The 15th and 16th of this month. Send an email/reminder of all the details.

5.) Senator Report

SCOB- Friday at 4 the first college of business meeting will be held.

GCCIS- had a meeting with some of the heads of GCCIS and is looking to make this a biweekly meeting.

Womens center- first student advisory meeting, looking for any other woman who would like to join. How to Talk to Women- how to engage with women, addressing different scenarios, the new womens center is downstairs it is beautiful and would like you to visit.

NTID- this weekend is the NTID Retreat. It is a community retreat so anyone is welcome but contact the student life team.

Global Union- had 200 new students show up for Global Union Night
New member or friends list for people who are interested in learning about other cultures

6.) Committee Report

Rep @ Large- Club review meeting is in week 3.

Tech committee- meeting will be in the next two weeks, possibly after this meeting, going to address technology problems on campus

PR- every senator is responsible for their own cork boards, will let you know which board is yours, if you have flyers pr team will get that to you, please utilize sg tv, if you have questions email at sgpr@rit.edu, revamping the website, making it a consistent image, the pr committee meeting is TBA

Finance- committee meeting will be sept. 10th at 3pm. FYI copy of student government budget. Contact info is on there as well.

Ed- please sign up for committees. We need people to server on them.

7.) Advisors' Reports

None

8.) New Business

a. Approval of Finance Committee Chair

COS- qualifications, as long as senators know you have a qualified background.

Finance- involved in animae club, 1 year as treasurer, ran an annual convention working on finances, over the past 3 years has become familiar with the process, now on the other side of the experience.

CAST- Do you have new ideas for finance?

Finance- not yet but they will come....goal is how to simplify the process.

Rep @ Large- she came highly recommended from Merry.

Adam motion to vote.

RHA second

For:16

Against:0

Obtain:0

Tina- name plates say rep b/c she didn't know who rep was.

Sasha- congratulations Liz!

b. Vote on President Tempora

Ed- elect a prez of prez of pro temp. 3rd in command if sasha and I cannot attend.

Sasha- open up nominations

GLBT- paul solt

Paul- accepts nomination

Matt- Adam K

GCOE

2nd by global union

Adam- accepts

Sasha- speeches and voting next meeting

c. Approval of AALANA Collegiate Association

ACA: have revised constitution, brief presentation, focus on the preamble, says why we did what we did and where we are. See attached presentation.

Feel free to read through the constitution, we want to know your thoughts

COS- what are some practical services you do for Native American students

ACA- don't have a solid answer.

ACA Social Dir.- RIT has approximately less than 20 Native American students on campus. There will be a few programs but want to push ACA is more than a name change. Higher quality events. Even the food at events. Higher quality in social events. Make sure we are spending money on the right things, limited resources and should be used in the right way.

NTID- noticed you wanted to include deaf and hoh students. What are you planning to provide for them?

ACA- we are in a transitional stage, still learning, have done programming with learning sign, learning the types of resources we have.

Social dir- want to make everyone feel welcome. Open to everyone. Come to our meetings and the Bananza tomorrow- 12 noon on the greek lawn. Food and games and dancing. Will be able to see a majority of the umbrella organizations.

NSA- the event is tomorrow involving different groups?

DIR- we reached out to clubs at club day and tried to get other groups involved

NSA- deaf group will be gone NTID retreat. If you want to meet with me, I can be the liaison between you and the deaf community.

Christie- job to work with MSOs but wants to work with senators who has ideas to incorporate the deaf community

ACA- we receive a stipend, the goal of positions is not just to be a leader, but to get something out of, gain something from the experience. Feel free to shoot me an email.

- i. Name change
- ii. Constitution

Motion to move name change

Motion made by SCOB

2nd by NTID

Motion to table until next week: SCOB

2nd by womens center

Sasha- look over the constitution, we will vote on that next week. Any more new business?

9.) Old Business

Sasha- several speakers here today.

Ed- 3-5 sept 12th institute council

10.) Speakers

- a. Reporter-want to explain who we are, what our goals are and how we can relate to other groups on campus. See attached presentation.

Paul- does advertising cost anything?

Reporter- yes they do

Kayla- are the archives available to students

Reporter- they will be

COS- do you think reporter has outlived its purpose and how have you adapted to new technology, how many people read reporter?

Reporter- there is a reson a magazine is on campus, we have an amazing printer on campus, rit's art school is huge, until we don't have that anymore we are going to print magazines. Working on increasing online presence. Hard to determine how many people read it. Stats from last fall 25%-9% of the mags were not picked up. Doesn't account for

one person to pick it up and bring it to their apartment. Readership survey from last year, still waiting on results. Going to try and conduct a larger one this year.

CAST- how do you determine importance of articles

Reporter- totally up to the board, look at the landscape of stories and determine which would fit best for that week.

GLBT- fee for letter

Reporter- no there is no fee

- b. FYE- Collette Shaw- given the task of remaking the fye program. Want to show you what new students will be given. See attached presentation.

NSA- likes the new changes, but doesn't know how it relates to the 6 million dollar man

Collette- was human and wanted to keep the human touch, but was part technology, aka the smartness factor.

CAST- what is expected from the student at the end

Collette- basics, who is your advisor, are you more independent, being able to solve your own problems, independence and self awareness

President- what is your role with orientation

Collette- we were one department back in the day, but now we are separate, before we may have been repeating what students were learning during orientation

CAST- do you have speakers that come to class, how many and how often?

Collette- there is no rule about speakers, but if you have too many speakers how are students learning to solve their own problems?

COS- excellent job on transitions, encourage students to become involved in clubs. Are there ways to encourage freshman to get involved?

Collette- its built into the curriculum, it also addresses the independence issue

GLBT- I am a peer mentor for FYE class, should I talk to the teacher about using powerpoint

Collette- powerpoint shouldn't be the main focus, ask her what her goals are.

Rep @ Large- like the curriculum, I think we need to have further instruction with the structure of the department. Do you want SG reps to come to FYE classes? Are we doing that again this year?

Collette- That would be great. I would love that. Its up to you guys but I think it is up to you.

NSA-IS there going to be more structure for the professors?

Collette- that is a good idea, we should think about that

DR. Heath- first class yesterday, easy to use the new curriculum because I don't know that old one, has one student that asks why she has to take that, response was would you say that to your biology instructor? I love a challenge and am excited to teach, is going to have a peer panel and will ask some of you to come in. I'm excited!

MSO- is this curriculum applied to NTID?

Collette- no it is not

- c. USA Today- Liz Ritling- Thank you for having me here today. I just wanted to make you more aware of the readership program. Talk about what it is and why it is important and what resources are available. See attached presentation. www.usatodaycollege.com

COS- explain the box, would it affect the price, if someone took all the papers

Liz- can take out as many papers as they would like. It rarely ever happens. Can use the boxes as many times as they like during they day.

CAST- will private information be leaked by using the box?

Liz- it is magnetic, no information is transferred, there is no connection to your system at all.

Ed- Dr. Watters is funding the program. If you see him please thank him.

KGCOE- Last year we had the D & C. Are we going to continue that?

Ed- D & C did not fare as well. Decided to use USA Today, New York Times.

Tina- does NY Times have a website?

Liz- not sure if you can access if for free. Not sure if you can access the secure stuff.

11.) Announcements

Send announcement to sasha to get it put on the agenda.

- a. Apple Fest this Friday, September 7th from 4-6pm in front of the LBJ Building.

Christie & Mia Sanchez – Apple fest is this afternoon at 4 which is hosted by the Student Life Team which has been successful in the past years. It's students and alumni and the RIT community. We have tables set up to represent different organization and the same time we can pass out apple treats for free! It's a great time to meet people at building 60.

- b. First Pulse Happy Hour on September 14th

Christie – it is also for NTID community. IF you are interesting setting up a table for your MSO or club, talk with Mia and she will get you some more information about that.

- c. CAB (Amy) – Tonight is a reggae band in the RITZ 7-10, free food! SUM 41, Sept. 22 Howie Mandel coming during brick city weekend, Also Rhionna.

Motions to adjourn: CAST

2nd: RHA

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm

12.) Adjournment

