



**MINUTES – SENATE MEETING  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
Friday, October 5, 2007  
Student Development Center, 1:00 P.M.**

1.) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at pm by the Vice President

2.) Roll Call

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

3.) Speak to the Senate

- a. No speakers to the senate

4.) Cabinet Report

a. President's Report

- i. FlexCar is being kicked off today... props to Parking & Transportation and Paula Benway for getting it done. People are out on the QuarterMile getting people signed up
- ii. Institute Council is next Wednesday from 3-5. If you're on that committee, please plan on attending or let Ed know that you can't go.

- iii. Please be on time. I don't want another publication in the Reporter that people are showing up late.
- b. Vice President's Report
  - i. Yes, please come to meetings on time
  - ii. Please send excuses for missing meetings to the historian, not to the Vice President
  - iii. Two committees that we need a rep from SG on: 1) Student Affairs committee, meeting Mondays from 12-1. (sub-committee of Academic Senate). John Connelly from RHA volunteered. 2) Parking committee monthly Thursdays from 1-2. Jarret Whetstone from WITR volunteered. Please attend these committee meetings... it's important for us to represent the student meeting.
  - iv. Senator dinner this Sunday at China Gate. Let's plan on meeting in the back circle around 5:30. Back entrance.
  - v. President's Alumni Ball is tonight. Meet at 5:30, again in the back circle. Dress appropriately.
  - vi. Global Village – Sasha is on the committee for this, shoot her ideas if you have it. Retail is looking like the retail that we already have on campus. Maybe putting a satellite SLC in there.
- c. Rep at Large – no report
- d. Programming – Steve Wozniak is here this weekend. If there are any questions, see Kayla. Also, next weekend is Dance For Your Rent. Please sign up to help out. Also, Kayla has only received e-mails from two organizations' Programming Director... she needs all of that. Women's Senator asked: Dress code for Wozniak? President: Nice pants, a belt, and a collared shirt with your nametag. Vice President: This event is QUITE mandatory. Be there, look nice, be punctual. NSC: Are interpreters provided tomorrow? Kayla: Yes. Also, Town Hall meeting is coming up (7-8:30 WHAT DAY?)

#### 5.) Senator Report

- a. GLBT – Mike D, Jenn Kolling, and GLBT senator drafted a list of speakers to come to campus to discuss GLBT issues. The top three on that list (voted on by RITGA) are: Joe Salmanes (president of Human Rights Campaign), Dragonsani and Jennifer Mantle (Jennifer is a Deaf female and Dragonsani is transgendered), and Sheryl Swoops (WNBA Houston Comets player)
- b. Kathy – Sign-up sheet for people to work the Admissions Open House on Monday.
- c. GCCIS – Had two BBQs this week (the first was rained out...). Went really well, got some new ideas to pursue. Also has a schedule for GCCIS Town Hall meetings to post in his college. GCCIS sweatshirts are going to happen again this year.
- d. COS – First Town Hall meeting this week.
- e. Global Union – Hosting a workshop tomorrow on Henna tattoos. Room 1480 from 12:30-1:30. Also, just revamped their website. [rit.edu/GU](http://rit.edu/GU).
- f. ACA – no report, but thanks to whoever put up the display cases in the UC apartment complexes!
- g. CAST – Next week, doing a meet and greet with hospitality. Also, if you're a CAST student, please vote on a movie for movie night.

- h. RHA – The ho-down is today on the Greek lawn. Dinosaur BBQ there provided by OCASA. New rep: Sarayu.

#### 6.) Committee Report

- a. Institute Technology – meeting with Dave Pecora to talk about committee goals and working out strategy for completing some of those goals. Also having a meeting to talk about SIS, infocenter, and registration process. Looking at two advisors (Shawn Thomas and Dave Hofstedder). Also, looking to create an online system for the ride board.

#### 7.) Advisors' Reports

#### 8.) New Business

#### 9.) Old Business

- a. Clubs discussion. Matt Danna presented the revised Club Recognition Guidelines and the Club Affiliation form. In these guidelines, forming clubs that are similar in intent to already-formed clubs will not be able to get affiliated status. Affiliated clubs do NOT have to be open to the general student body.
- b. Paul Solt (GCCIS Senator) asked what “not open to the public” means. Clarification from Danna: Some clubs maybe want to have a GPA requirement or something. They can't be recognized, but those clubs can now be affiliated.
- c. COB: What about Greek letter organizations? Danna: no change.
- d. Motion to vote on the changes in the guidelines by GLBT.
- e. Danna: clarification – this is a pilot for Winter. So, you're voting just on the pilot guidelines. You'll need to vote again in the Spring to make these permanent.
- f. GCCIS moves to table. Engineering motions for discussion, seconded by NTID.
- g. Engineering: not much has changed since last year (when it was approved). The only things that have changed are some formatting, and some changes to affiliation (both benefits and the point stated above).
- h. Malinchoc: clubs are waiting on this. Putting it off would be a little irresponsible.
- i. GCCIS: But this is way more text than what we were talking about last week. What here is new? Danna: nothing here is new, except for what we talked about at the last meeting. GCCIS: But EVERYTHING on this page is being highlighted as being new. I don't know where the new stuff is. Danna: it's just the stuff we talked about last week, if you want to make a motion to table this vote to next week, just make it. GCCIS: It's just really unclear. I don't even know what we decided on last week, and how do you decide whether or not a club has the same mission statement as an existing club? Is there a review process? Danna: yes. Discussion moved to discuss a specific example (NTID Computer Club).
- j. NSC: I can't pay attention to what everyone is saying AND read this at the same time. I would like time to read this. It seems important. Can we table this for next week.
- k. Motion to vote on tabling for next week: GCCIS, seconded by COB.
- l. Vote: 8 for. 5 opposed. Motion passes to table voting until next week.

- m. Malinchoc – please take a look at this, take your time with it, and be ready to vote for next week.
- n. Question from NSC: is it possible for us to get these papers before the meetings (in the future)? That way, you can give people the time to read it before the meeting (and we won't have this problem). VP says they'll work on it.

#### 10.) Speakers

- a. Staff Council. Julia Lisuzzo and Kurt Ingerick (chair of staff council, works in Housing Operations) presented to the Senate. Who is staff council? Works with 37 staff members from around the Institute as representation. Tries to keep proper representation for both salaried and hourly workers. All reps are elected to two-year terms. Website: [staffcouncil.rit.edu](http://staffcouncil.rit.edu).
  - i. 4 standing committees
    - 10. Communications – responsible for quarterly newsletter, maintenance of website, and any major news from Staff Council.
    - 11. Elections and representation – holds general elections in the Spring. Also holds elections for Executive Committee.
    - 12. Events committee
    - 13. Institute Issues and Policies – majority of these issues are HR, benefits related.
  - ii. Executive Committee
    - 10. Before Dr. Simone, staff council did not exist (it was Faculty Council... obviously excluded a lot of people from representation).
    - 11. Elected every year in June. One year terms.
    - 12. Also, turns out, Dave (one of the interpreters at SG) is an expert in parliamentary procedure.
  - iii. Staff Council's Mission
    - 10. Represents staff on campus
    - 11. Conduit for communication between administration and staff
    - 12. Initiate and review policy proposals
    - 13. Serves as an advisory body to the president
    - 14. Initiates discussion on issues – catalyst for change on campus
  - iv. Plans for the year
    - 10. Improved communications within the council. One way to do this: a more robust quarterly newsletter. Working on scheduling town hall meetings.
    - 11. Standards for accountability for manager/supervisor required training.
    - 12. Temporary staffing – RIT relies on this a lot, perhaps too much. We have some temp staff that have been here for 3 years in the same position. They should be made full-time to get the same representation and benefits.
    - 13. Monitor outsourcing – example: the bookstore.
    - 14. Shared governance – really wanting to integrate with student government and academic senate.

15. Reconnect C-shift employees with RIT. People who work the graveyard shift feel a disconnect with the community... want to fix that.
16. Send reps to Institute committees – example: Provost search.
17. 11th annual staff excellence awards on October 17th. 12th annual staff appreciation day and community picnic on May 28th.

11.) Announcements and Comments

- a. VP – When we talk about shared governance, we're talking about SG, Staff Council, and Academic Senate. Then, they all come together at Institute Council. So, shared governance is working with all of those groups to better our campus.
- b. Denise: Female Chauvinist Pigs – author is coming next wenesday, at GCCIS auditorium, from 8-10. Hosted by the Women's Center.
- c. Orange and Brown Fridays are officially kicked off for this week.
- d. The Calendar motion we made last week is being brought to institute council. Also, a draft of committee charges has been passed out as an example for the SG committees. GCCIS: Could we get the contact information for who's in charge of these committees? President: Yes, I'll get that to you.
- e. NSC: Had a discussion with their e-board. Programs hosting for the rest of the MSOs. Want to host PBJam sometime in January. Also, Orange and Brown Breakfasts. If anyone else wants to get involved, feel free.

12.) Adjournment

Motion to end meeting made by ACA  
Second by NTID.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.