

AGENDA • SG SENATE

07-08 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



04/11/08 | 1300 SDC

1) Call to order

2) Roll Call and Approval of the Minutes

President	x
Vice President	x
Finance	
Director of Programming	x
Director of Public Relations	x
Historian	x
MSO Liaison	
Rep @ Large	x
CAST	x
CIAS	x
COLA	x
COS	x
GCCIS	x
GLBT	x
KGCOE	x
SCOB	x
Women's center	x
NTID	
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
Freshman	x
SAAC	x

Motion to approve the minutes made by CIAS.

Second by OCASA.

Minutes are approved as submitted.

3) Speak to the Senate

4) Cabinet Reports

President- Commencement speaker: the commencement speakers aren't paid, we thought that we had a speaker, but that fell through. We tried to get someone else, we have someone lined up for next year. Dr. McKenzie will be great. Dr. Destler did try to

get someone. He did try, but certain circumstances didn't allow that. We have a running list of speakers.

Vice President- Had a discussion with the board about sending a group to California to have companies have students do research for them. Congratulations to Paul Stolt for being an outstanding scholar. The elections committee will be meeting after this meeting.

Rep @ Large- meetings have been ending early. Several clubs were approved.

PR- taking pictures today.

Programming-elections are next week, contact me if you are interested in helping out with elections. We also need someone for the extra mile committee. People on the committee meeting please send me your schedules. Please RSVP for the banquet. The imagine bbq will be next Wednesday. We are looking forward to it.

5) Senator Reports

NSC- sponsored election debates, lots of people came. It went well. We are going to advertise for people to vote. We will be passing out flyers for free tickets for our banquet. Went to NTID alumni association. They are confused about the by-laws. May 3rd will be a super pulse happy hour.

SCOB-had a meeting with the Dean. Open forum will be in the middle of May. Smoking committee will meet next week. Most people didn't want people smoking on the quarter mile.

GU-currently trying to resolve current international student issues.

COLA- United way had their last meeting, thanks to those who participated in the mini golf tournament.

SAAC- present to student life board of trustees, Empire 8 SAAC meeting went really well. Kids Night Out is May 9th. Community service is May 10th and 11th.

RHA- had tiger idol auditions, this Sunday is tiger idol in the Clark gym. Tomorrow is the Lacrosse bbq.

CAB- this week and next week are several events. Tomorrow there is a break dance tournament. Scarface is next week's movie. Buy tickets for Jimmy Eat World.

CAST- spoke with students in the cast building, finding out what they like and don't like.

COS-looking to design a new kind of classroom. Hope to incorporate more interaction and involvement.

Womens- there will be a craft night at 8:00 in GCCIS.

Reporter- doing this cool thing for imagine rit. Working with Xerox to make magazines, each cover different. We need models. Next week in the SAU we will be taking pictures on Monday from 11-2.

Greek Council- had elections for positions.

6) Advisor Reports

Dr. Heath- we will be having an end of the year picnic. It will be at my house on Sat. May 17th. Time is still up in the air. Time will be 4-7.

7) Presenters

- a. Dr. Ward- Global Village

8) New Business

- a. SAAC – Athlete registration- want athletes to have early registration like honors and ntid students.

Reporter- this proposal truly addresses the needs of the athletes. It shouldn't matter we are a D-3 school. This is worth thinking about.

VP- do other schools have early registration for athletes?

SAAC- other schools have early registration

President- in the long term, the board has talked about expanding our athletics, this is a step in the right direction.

SCOB- we should move forward with this

Women- it doesn't say that it is only in season. It should be more specific.

Greek Council- opening the flood gates to one group will open the flood gates to everyone else.

GCCIS- I'm concerned about electives that will fill up. Maybe we should add more electives.

KGCOE- where do we draw the line? There are periods of time that people don't want to take class. We need priorities, we are here primarily here for school.

Rep- there can be a happy medium. Maybe we could have early registration for core classes.

Reporter- the impression I get from athletes is that you have to schedule classes around practice times.

SAAC- We are the only division 3 school that gets drug tested.

SCOB- athletes are representing rit in competitions, a lot more than clubs do. Being on an athletic team is more demanding than being part of a club.

NSC- I think it would be ok if it was just for core classes and during the season they are playing.

Motion to continue discussion made by GCCIS.

Second by Freshman.

Discussion will be continued.

Freshman- I would be in favor of tabling this for another week since this is the first time we have a proposal in our hands. I would feel more comfortable seeing more options.

GCCIS- as an athlete have you had any difficulties?

SAAC- yes, I've had to miss matches for class or lab. Some courses are blocked because of status too.

Reporter- this is a broad proposal, maybe you could come up with a policy with an advisor.

President- if we do decide to go this route, it has to go through three governing groups.

KGCOE- we also haven't mentioned unmet needs. As long as they are doing their job this shouldn't be a problem.

Programming- I think it would be in our best interest to table this.

CAB- why can't we make it easier for athletes? Why can't we strive for higher divisions.

GCCIS- how often do you have games? What is the time commitment like?

SAAC- practice is about 2-3 hrs and we practice 6 days a week. Depending on the sport competitions can last up to about 4 hrs. And then there is also traveling time.

Meeting with Dr. Ward- Vice President- personally I am disappointed with sophomore housing. I want to hear what you all think.

Dr. Heath- I think some people were misled to today. We haven't decided that only sophomores can live there. We are trying to offer a new type of housing that we don't have at RIT. Typically many students would be drawn to the suites. I'm not advocating exclusive rights for anybody. We are just trying to provide something else.

Vice President- Do you have students on the sub committee?

Dr. Heath- yes, freshman students who will be sophomores.

Freshman- I don't see how it will give people more options.

Reporter- I'm disappointed about giving students luxury apartments. We aren't having apts on campus that are empty. Why aren't they focusing on bed numbers.

President- the number of graduating students from high school will be decreasing. We have to plan that whatever we construct isn't too much. International students want housing.

Vice President- in a recent meeting they said that as we have more furnished apartments, we wouldn't be able to renew from year to year. Do we want one year leases?

CAB- I wouldn't much rather be able to keep my lease.

SAAC- its fine that they want sophomores to get housing, but I would stay at my place as long as I could.

9) Old Business

- a. Graduate Senator proposal- there are several amendments to this. Look it over then we will discuss.

KGCOE- I don't know if this is the right model that we should be following.

President- the reason we left it that way is because there is a lot of turn over, graduate students come and go. This position is different from other senator positions. The flexibility is needed for this position.

Vice President- I think Cory mentioned that the people in his group would be elected. They wanted members to be elected and then the elected members would do the appointing.

President- we should invite the Dean to come to get more clarification and become more educated on this.

Motion to table by KGCOE.

Second by COLA.

Discussion will be tabled until next week.

10) Announcements and Comments

- a. Tiger Idol. 6pm, Clark Gym, 4/13/08.
- b. Programming – SG Banquet. 5-8pm, SAU Cafeteria, 4/21/08. RSVP is due today.
- c. NSC – Super Pulse Happy Hour. Contact NSC to reserve table. 12-2pm, SDC and quad, 5/3/08

Motion to end meeting by SCOB.

Second by SAAC.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.