

MINUTES • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Sept. 9, 2008 | SDC 1300

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 1:05.

2. Roll call

*President	X
*Vice President	X
*Finance	X
*Programming	X
*Public Relations	X
*Director of Services	X
*Student Relations	X
*Organization Recognition	X
*Webmaster	X
*KGC OE	X
*SCOB	X
*CIAS	X
*GCCIS	X
*COLA	X
*COS	X
*Women's Senator	X
*CAST	X
*RHA	X
*NSC	
*NTID	
*GLBT	X
*ACA	
*Global Union	X
*WITR	X
*CAB	X
*Greek Council	X
*OCASA	X
*Reporter	X
Dr. Heath	X
Colette Shaw	X

3. Speak to senate

4. Welcome

5. Introductions

- a. Who are you?
- b. What is your favorite book or movie?
- c. What are you proud of?
- d. What famous historical person would you like to meet/what historical event would you like to have witnessed?

6. Senate Expectations

a. What is Senate?

- By-Laws; Emily, Matt and Ed's expectations.
- Here because of academics, grades not to be an issue. Don't fall below 2.3 GPA, monitored every quarter.
- Attendance mandatory for senators at Senate. Be on time to best of ability. Late (by an hour) counts as absent. 3 absences opens your position. Send notice if you can't come. Food ok. Laptops to a minimum, no flash games. Wear orange and brown.
- Senate, cabinet, advisors, one rep get tables, everyone else behind. Sign up for events, show up. Office hours: attendance required, in SG office, 4 hours a week, sign in sheet, post on white board in office, e-mail if can't attend, post in your college.
- Participation: MSO participate too.
- Reports: cabinet, senate, advisory what have you done, what people are interested in, do quick and interesting.
- One on ones: be on time, with Emily, call if you can't make it.
- Committees: too many last year, two committee rule per person, do best in committee.
- Professionalism: MSOs, Senate, conduct yourself professionally.
- Going green, minimum printing.
- Office/equipment: keep clean, it's shared, noise down.

b. What does it mean to be a senator?

- Faced with lots of issues, remember you are representing your constituency, not yourself. Follow what you believe, but vote for who you represent. Be passionate.
- Meet with your Dean with Matt or Emily at least once per quarter.
- Keep track of goals.
- Share what happens here with your people, keep Senate in the loop keep your people in the loop.

7. Robert's Rules of Order Presentation

- David/Santa: makes meetings run more smoothly.
 - Whoever chairs meeting is in charge.

- Speak calmly, speak to chair.
- Chair never asks for abstentions.
- Everything covered in book, contact him with questions.
- Matt question: miss a meeting, voting on something from missed meeting. How should I vote? Vote how constituency feels or if you don't feel confident about it abstain. No one should ask you to abstain.
- Packet given to Kathy to make copies and provide to anyone who wants it.
- How to vote and make a motion explained by Matt and Santa.

8. Cabinet Reports

- Updates:

- Matt: Met with Dr. Haefner and he is excited and motivated. Wants to meet regularly. Calendar system: quarters vs semesters. Maybe think about it next year. Looking to change admittance: admitted to RIT then declare major. International studies: Croatia and Dubai, improve transparency of other campuses. General education classes improvement. Looking at honors program. Notebooks went great. Club day: gave out over 100 bricks, lots of freshmen and upperclassmen. Back loop: done, cave in but done besides that, opening ceremony in future.
- Alay: Finance meeting went well. \$35,000 per quarter. MSOs send at least 1 rep to the meetings. Today gave out about \$4,000. On average looking at 7 meetings every Friday.
- Stephanie: 11 committees to sign up for. Look at them and sign up if looks interesting. Try it out
- Kirsten: organizing meeting with clubs grad assistant, contacting MSOs, club review board.
- Kari: working on fliers to advertise SG services, kits and fliers to decorate display board for your college, get to know their senator, they will be checked so use it properly. Setting up blocks of time with photographer to take pics for website. Here to help advertise events, can set up meetings and work with you. Question: CAST no display board but has TV, use that? Yes work with Kari or Gerry about that. Question: CIAS has same problem. Same response, possibly get display board.
- Gerry: set up DCE accounts for every senator, use them as much as you can for SG matters. SGTv major overhaul. Turn it into real TV station, news reports, TV programming, RIT Cribs, Sports Zone, iTunesU to be released in next few weeks, it's a store for course content, materials, senate videos. Get RIT out there. Ride Board hopefully be finished by end of quarter. New CIO for RIT, she's excited, see her as great tool on campus for wireless, e-mail. Question: Transition to new e-mail account, change SG Senate to new e-mails for senate reports? Yes.

9. Senate Reports

- Irem: Meeting with Dean next week, more vending machines, game room.
- Laura: Greek Council, NALFO, suspended a chapter until 12/10.
- Lindsey: residence hall, new website
- GLBT: Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender, need a new grad student. Gay Alliance meeting about 100 students.
- GCCIS: No dedicated open lab in IT Department anymore, meeting Monday.
- Megan: Lots of events coming. Friday Night at the RITZ at Pole Sit. Uncle Plum in Greek Lawn. Think Fast. The Kingdom. Alisa Coco in the RITZ. Hip Hop Hypnotist. Crack Tour. Jimmy Fallon. NOS coming.
- Michelle: working on constitution updates, working on going paperless at station. New equipment is nice.
- Jon: OCASA meeting with Paula Benway Director Coordinator of Parking and Transportation. Getting updates, e-mail questions. jdc9944@rit.edu
- Phil: Meal or No Meal went great, Tunnel Tours coming. BBQ the 15th.
- Global Union: Using 3 SG Vans got 200 international students from the air port. Welcome night at the RITZ for 450 International Students. Website updated www.rit.edu/gu. Changes on t-shirt, new pens. Lots of people wanted to be active participants but e-board restricts more than one nationality on it. New group to allow those participants. Cultural Club. Halloween Party being planned, on Halloween.
- COLA: Working on career fair separate for COLA. Spoke with Dean about it. Finding alumni to help with co-ops and funding.
- Noel: Met with Dr. Hurwits, will remove name and plaque from door of dorm AG Bell. Access for deaf, hard of hearing working on. Purchased an iMac for student. 6 filing cabinets for clubs/organizations. Better keys, security.
- Women's Senator: planning stages
- Adam: CIAS power saving, turn off Macs in art building after hours. Art students paint murals around art building. Tiger Tracks almost finished. Renovations school of American crafts building in back.

10. Advisor Reports

- Heath: Congrats on being back, greeting new students.
 - New campus center update: in SAU big empty hole that was a pool. Putting new campus center there. Clubs, student organizations, student government. Supposed to break ground over summer, bids from construction contractors were due yesterday. Making a quick decision on the contractor. Construction in next few weeks hopefully, can't reserve rooms in that area because of this.
 - Matt adds: clubs, groups not charged for NSC rooms while this is happening.
 - Heath: rooms open at night but Fireside may remain shut.
 - Global Union question: graduate senator? Yes looking for one soon, next week.

- Kathy: mail folder outside office with everything important.
 - Vans for SG, SG has priority with these. Need to be certified.
 - Lawyer: paid to come in to office Tuesday and Thursday's. Can schedule appointments with him.

11. New Business

a. Parking/Shuttles (BBQ)

- GLBT Motion to Discuss. GCCIS 2nd.
- Parking crisis: faculty and off campus people have priority. Shuttle system was changed but might need more. Help people see that shuttles aren't that bad.
 - Should there be a BBQ or hot cocoa at stops to make it better?
 - Explain the system, people don't understand it. Plain english publication.
 - On campus shuttle has improved, faster. Off campus still needs to improve.
 - Earlier pick ups, extend pick ups. People work and need to get to and from campus in the morning and at night.
 - Senators provide info to your own college.
 - Info at every shuttle stop.
 - Shuttle should travel both clockwise and counter-clockwise all day so rides aren't longer.
 - Which bus goes where? White, city, RIT Shuttle
 - K Lot empty usually, parking there?
 - We should uphold policies, we are representatives. Don't tell people to go around the rules. Tell people to do the right thing and you will represent any issues, do it the right way.
 - Can request passes for special events for parking that is valid for time of event. Events Coordinator for Parking and Transportation.
 - Short term parking pass available.
 - Matt brings it back to topic, what can SG do?
 - Senate take bus in small groups wearing SG or RIT bus for two hours to see how it works. First hand experience.
 - Surveys of people on the bus and how they feel
 - Trust the bus, years ago SG gave out snacks and drinks on the bus
 - Scavenger Hunt, hide SG people on bus or at certain stops as a game to get people riding
 - Park Point meeting to plan a petition for parking
 - Ride bus during office hours, send Matt feedback
 - Vice Pres motion to end discussion. Organization Recognition 2nd. 10 voted to end. Discussion ended.

b. Dorm Housing (Challenge)

- GLBT motion to discuss. GCCIS 2nd.
- Officials/Staff: Dorm Challenge.
 - Living in dorms, on meal plans, reality TV show or SGTV.

- Rooms reclassified, no more “forced”.
- Student satisfaction surveys with that room, any connection to students leaving RIT and their dorm
- Maybe send these people to the inn

12. Adjournment

- GLBT motion to adjourn. GCCIS 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Announcements

Applefest- Today!

Student Leadership Summit- September 13