

MINUTES • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Sept. 25, 2008 | SDC 1300

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:02

2) Roll Call

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

3) Approval of Minutes

a. Frank motion to approve both minutes, Dave seconded.

4) Speak to the Senate

5) Presenter

a. Mike D'Arcangelo

- What we do: Coordinate planning of student activities, Support to Student Organizations and Clubs, Oversee SAU, Plan events, Work with diversity, Provide incentives for spirit, Provide technical support, Promote healthy advising
- Last year: recognized 176 clubs registered more than 1500 student events, opened GLBT center on campus, increased number of late night events and sponsored cultural events, tiger blast schedule of events in fall, reached peak of recognized Greek-letter organizations, coordinated efforts to identify needs and concerns for sophomore students, increased technology services to student organization administration, less paperwork
- Looking forward to 08-09: new Campus Center renovation will begin, creativity challenge, extended office hours (event registration, programming guidance, approvals, etc.), Barnes & Noble promotional days, pilot finance certification on-line, revised event registration certification online, advisor 101 training CPD
- Goals for you: become proficient in your primary job responsibilities, help shape your job and keep it manageable and prepare you for your career and life goals
- Upcoming dates: spirit night Nov 1st, night at Barnes and Noble Nov 9th or 10th, student appreciation day Dec 11th
- Horton speaker series early in the year, this is SG's event. Need people there.
- Kiersten: Not optional, expected to attend

b. Cory Gregory

- name of RSO for GLBT: OUTSpoken
- Advocate rights of GLBT students, create environment in RIT for all sexual orientations and gender expressions, representing GLBT community to SG. This eliminates the senator position and brings in the president of the MSO in his place.
- Programs offered: GLBT Speaker series, Fundraisers,
- Services: free STD/HIV testing on campus, information on GLBT culture
- OUTSpoken will assist its affiliated clubs/organizations
- Affiliates: RITGA, Student employees in GLBT, Students in GLBT Center's Gay Straight Alliance.
- Affiliates totally separate from representative
- Members have opportunity to receive e-mails about programs and services, run for e-board, etc.

- 6 e-board positions, president attends as SG rep, VP, Programming, Financial Director, Publicity Director, Webmaster
- elections 2.3 cumulative and quarterly GPA, 1 quarter of co-op allowed, good judicial standing
- election process
- advisors, one faculty/staff advisor and one administrative advisor
- administrative advisor attends everything, faculty only required to attend events and retreats
- No general body business meetings, maybe meetings for discussion, e-board once a week,
- Approximately 1,650 GLB students, need more representation
- Steph: Last year created SAAC, issues for budget for extra MSO?
- Cory: Budget for this year, ok with just senator budget. Next year, not sure.
- Kiersten: Working on that with Alay to fix it.
- Matt: Eliminating senator position so budget attached to that. Shouldn't worry too much, should work. Pass organization first, budget later.
- Jackie: Constituents, RIT knows how many constituents, how many are there GLB?
- Cory: hard to get numbers, hard to tell, some people don't want to tell. Can get numbers for RITGA, GLBT center, etc...
- Dave: Line in By-Laws to get rid of about electing GLBT senator, Graduate senator membership not in by-laws. What benefit is there for GLBT MSO?
- Cory: Brings everything together. Difference in groups, bringing them together.
- Steph: Elections, how do you allow just GLBT people to vote?
- Cory: Members of RITGA, GSA, or student employments can vote.
- Matt: Everyone votes for Women's Senator.
- Vote tabled till next week.

6) Cabinet Reports

- a. Emily: NTID Senator Search Thursday the 2nd at 5 in SG office. Committee will confer and decide, bring to Senate to elect. COS Senator and Graduate Senator to follow.
- b. Matt: Dr. Heath explains Brickcity.
 - Dr. Heath: Brickcity homecoming is a long weekend homecoming. Horton speaker is SG's signature program. Day is set up with number of programs around the speaker. Roundtable of 50 or less one on one time with speaker, speech for larger community to follow everyone needs to help usher people in and seat in appropriate places NOT AN OPTION, question and answers, presidents time. October 11th Roundtable at 10. President's lunch for Cabinet. Talk at 2-3. Even if you are not a voting member, appreciate your participation because you do have a seat on Senate, this is an SG event and you are apart of SG.

- You are at Brickcity from 9 – 6. Roundtable, president's lunch, speaker presentation, VIP reception, SG reunion in RITreat.
 - Spoke to Bill Nye, talking for around 55 minutes. 30 minute Q/A time.
 - 2400 tickets. Special outreach initiatives. 10 comp tickets to 19 high schools. High school students bring student ID and get RIT student rice. 5 comp tickets to local student governments.
 - Rochester Independent Music Fest, Oct. 4th \$10 admission fee. Advertising for it in reporter.
 - Elections BBQ Oct. 2nd 11-2 tiger statue. Get people to register.
 - Paula Benway no long director of Parking and Transportation. New director, permanent shadow bus at stops where buses fill immediately. John Zinc bus ride Emily and Matt on Tuesday.
 - SG Shirts ordered. Wear to Horton. Name tags next week.
 - Innovation fest, video online.
 - New SG vans, hopefully brown.
 - Sponsoring a bus for voter registration on John Street.
 - Staff Council added SG as a voting member. Discuss adding seats to senate. Discuss bike path issue.
- c. Alay: \$26,000 for clubs for this quarter.
- d. Steph: List of committees in SG Office of who should be at which one. Housing committee started, first meeting next Friday. First meeting for elections committee next week.
- e. Kiersten: SG event moved for hospitality club. Working on room registration. MSO Presidents roundtable Oct 22nd coming.
- f. Gerry: Sports Zone started on SG TV. Working with ITS on desktop backgrounds, looks like will be able to do it. Focus groups with ITS to discuss my.rit.edu portal. On PAG now.
- g. Kari: Getting publicity out about Bill Nye, WITR request for an advertisement, working on desktop advertisement. Making banners this weekend. Need help putting up fliers. Independent Music fest fliers need to be put up. Advertising in local HS's for Bill Nye. CIAS and Adam discussion about TV for the school. Fliers for SG services printing soon, kits coming. Senators need to maintain their display cases. Bill Nye fliers up by next Tuesday at the latest.
- Irem: Did you give them to RA offices?
 - Kari: Took them to info desk, need to make sure it happened.
 - Michelle: Put in a request?
 - Kari: Told to send an e-mail to publicist, no response.
 - Michelle: Can come in to WITR and fill out a form.
- h. Emily: One on ones, show up or send email. Sign in during office hours in the notebook.

7) Senate Reports

- a. David Koster: Picnic went well. First executive board for college, not a strong presence but on.

- b. Laura: 150 new members in Greek community. 5th Annual Greater Rochester Leadership Summit. Want more alumni participation. Surveys in the next few weeks. Hi Kappa Phi looking to come on campus in Spring. Starting Greek on the month about people in the Greek Community.
- c. Irem: e-mails complaining about class stuff, investigating and going to talk to Dean;
- d. CAB: Freestyle Friday, Latenight Bingo tomorrow, movie 21 next Thursday with ringpops, Friday Night in the RITZ two different bands, free coupons on website.
- e. Thisie: First Town Hall meeting, one person showed up. Suggestions for something different to do.
 - Dave: Piggy back off the success of others. Ask politely if you introduce yourself at places where you know a large group of your constituents will be.
- f. Phil's Replacement: RHA getting ready for Haunted Office.
- g. Jackie: Transfer Student Coffee break went well, Oct 25th pre-licensing course, do something at Lovin' Cup. Looking to do stuff off campus.
- h. Frank: spoke at a CAST event, went well, discussed plans with Dr. Walker. SGTV almost set up in building. Fall picnic this Thursday.
- i. Dave: First town hall this morning, 50% of clubs represented. Need to do more posters.
- j. Jose: SAAC, Women's Volleyball fund raiser for breast cancer awareness 6:30 BBQ, 7 the match. \$10 for pink hair extension.
- k. Global Union: First town hall meeting Thursday, mostly housing and transportation. Foreign language hours everyday from 12-1 in their office started. Open discussion in library for globalization.
- l. Noella: interviewed NTID Gallaudet (University) chair, found someone but need to wait until they accept. Just for the event, makes everything flow easier. RIT hosts event every two years and needed Clark Gym, but was reserved and had an issue, want to work on reserving the gym far in advanced. Full certification for all the clubs financially. Met with NTID board.

8) Advisor Reports

- a. Dr. Heath: SAU update, next week action in pool area.

9) Old Business

a. Strategic Plan

- Cory motion to discuss, Jackie seconds.
- Cory: No actual values, and a lot of to be determined. Want numbers before voted on. Raising number of women, ALANA students. Issues. More qualified students being passed over for minority students.
- Emily: Don't think percentages will be changing. Not decreasing requirements to get into RIT just increasing women. Programs that are appealing to women.

- Kiersten: Finding other ways of targeting qualified students. Why are they going to other schools over us? Fixing that.
- Jackie: Explain how they're going to go about it? How will they achieve it.
- Matt: Strategic plan different from plan of action. This is just overall goals.
- Irem: Not getting every female that applies, just showing what we have available to qualified women.
- Laura: 100% participation. Quantity over quality?
- Dave: Wants 100% availability/opportunity to participate.
- Emily: Pass.
- Matt: If your only reason to not pass is the x's and the percentages that's not really something to stop you.
- Jose: Wait until clarified?
- Matt: Kurt, why no numbers?
- Kurt: Merged goals from 1994 goals, Destler's goals, board of trustees. Working on getting this moved forward. This isn't to be passed, it already was. Have students and organizations provide feedback not vote.
- Emily: E-mail feedback to Matt and it will be sent to Destler.

10) New Business

a. Bug List

- Matt: Think about things that bother you at RIT. Laundry machines broken, etc etc...set goals for SG.

b. Motion to discuss by Cory, seconded by Dave

- Cory: Should come to our meetings, but shouldn't vote. They can provide feedback but this is SG
- Dave: Not sure if its appropriate. Could be helpful if someone is officially sitting with us to answer questions.
- Matt: Kurt and Kristen coming as a nice gesture, not required. Abstains from votes if it doesn't apply, same could apply here if they don't vote on something that doesn't apply to them.
- Kiersten: Useful, won't interfere.
- Dave: They could try to block something. Adding voting seats. Address these organizations to see what their interest is. See if they think it's appropriate.
- Straw vote: Approved they can sit at the table.

11) Adjournment

Jose motion to end meeting, Dave seconded. 2:45.

Announcements

- NTID Senator Interviews – Thursday, October 2 5p.m.
- Horton Speaker Bill Nye - Saturday, October 11