

# MINUTES • SG SENATE

## 08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Oct. 3, 2008 | Fieldhouse Reception Room

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:11

2) Roll Call

*President	X
*Vice President	X
*Finance	X
*Programming	
*Public Relations	X
*Director of Services	X
*Student Relations	X
*Organization Recognition	X
*Webmaster	
*KGOE	X
*SCOB	X
*CIAS	X
*GCCIS	X
*COLA	
*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
*SAAC	X
*Dr. Heath	X
*Colette Shaw	X

3) Approval of Minutes

a. Dave motion, Adam second. 10 votes.

4) Speak to the Senate

- a. None

5) Cabinet Reports

- a. Emily: Meet Thursday for NTID candidate, one person showed. Met John Zinc, rode buses, good results.
- b. Programming: 3328 tickets, less than 1400 left.
  - Schedule: After Senate Friday is groundbreaking for renovations. Saturday Roundtable at 11-12, be there at 10:30. Cabinet lunch with Bill Nye. Set up 12 – 1:30. Press conference for speaker. Presentation then Q&A. Reception. SG Reunion.
  - BBQ, low participation. Gerry there the whole time. Another BBQ on Tuesday to get rid of leftovers.
- c. Presidents: 225 tickets to local schools.
  - Shirts in next week, wear them to Horton.
  - Bus with John Zinc went well.
  - Discussed car and bike thefts, investigating security.
  - Academic Council seats on senate discussed
  - Met with CAB, discussed issues with Field House
  - Institute calendar meeting
  - Discussing post ten year review.
- d. Kiersten: Thanks for participating. Few new intent forms.
- e. Gerry: Tech Committee had first meeting.
  - Working on- Wireless, webcenter, iTunesU, single sign, etc.
  - Working on desktops with ITS
  - KUDOS program
  - Online version of the calendar on website
- f. Steph: first housing committee. Meets monthly.
  - Looking for people to be on Housing Committee
  - SG Committee reports to Senate once a month.
- g. Alay: \$3200 given today. EVR forms AND additional funds forms
- h. Kari: Almost done with PR for Bill Nye
  - Working on TV for CIAS, had a meeting, looking to find where funding will come from
  - Kits for display board coming after Bill Nye PR is done
  - Art supply store back in Campus Connections, way to get around this. People would rather go to art store then go to Barnes and Noble
  - Collette: Jim Fisher works for VP of Finance, can see him about question from last week

6) Senate Reports

- a. CAB: Friday Night in the RITZ, Saturday Chris Moon, Thursday Night Cinema is The Incredibles, Nas rescheduled to come can use old tickets if you already bought them or get a refund
  - WITR: Give out Nas tickets?
  - Not sure will find out
- b. Brittany: A lot of participation at women's volleyball Pink event
- c. Laura: New distribution stands.
  - First broadcast with WITR this week
  - Special issue for week 8
- d. Noella: Last night went to Dr. Hurwitz' house, discussed different things.
  - How to work together, shared purpose, unite SG, affiliation of SG Clubs and SG Clubs
  - Kiersten: Shuttle issues about not going to NTID? Leaving them out.
  - Most NTID don't take the shuttle because they leave in the bus. But does have issues with Shuttle going places and trying to get back to NTID.
- e. Frank: TV for CAST almost set up.
  - Polling students about big concerns. Weird complaints. Stealing work, assignments, tests out of folders. Came from a few different people. Have teachers hand things back in class. Added to New Business for next week.
- f. Adam: School of Film and Animation town hall.
  - New facilities but no new equipment.
  - Paint your walls competition has been canceled, Beautification Committee threatened to revoke ability to paint walls. Need to figure out acceptable rules and details.
- g. Jackie: Pizza Bomb was yesterday. Had games and free food.
  - Sunday is having a brunch at Lovin' Cup, \$3, buffet style
- h. Dave: GCCIS clubs selling raffle tickets for laptop on hockey night. Money goes back to their clubs.
  - Women in Computing working with new CIO
- i. WITR: Lovin' Cup contract working on
  - Salvatore's contract renewed
  - Mural working on
  - Adam: Art House as artists if needed
- j. Global Union: need judges for Halloween Party
  - Saturday OASIS party in Clark Gym
- k. KGCOE: Meeting with Dean canceled
  - Meeting with freshman and clubs
- l. Laura: Twist A Thon raise money for cystic fibrosis
  - ASA date auction
  - LAU Saturday night
  - Dance lessons in Ingle Sat night
  - Breast Cancer Walk
- m. Phil: Replacing murals in the tunnels
  - Ritchies challenge tomorrow

- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> RHA hockey game, white out
- n. Cory: SG Update in reporter- no GLBT Senator, MSO instead
  - Imagine RIT Committee- working on advertising, something up on a billboard
  - Trying to break record for most people signing to a song, record is four thousand something, trying to get five thousand
  - Putting up sheet with office hours for RITGA e-board, Cory, and GLBT center
- o. Women's: Women's Game attendance, starting for winter games. People will get a business card, every game you attend get a stamp, 6 stamps enters you in raffle for a gift basket
  - movie nights in Winter and Spring hopefully with CAB

## 7) Advisor Reports

- a. Colette: attended parking meeting, mostly review of what was presented in Senate.
  - Only new stuff is renewed interest in getting students involved
  - The sky is the limit, looking at anything
  - Panel for new students, more panelists than people in audience
  - Cory: e-mail for class times so can check schedule
  - sign up sheet next week
  - Dave: come up with a general script of what should be discussed
  - Matt: Winter quarter, advertise freshman senator
  - Colette: Sometimes come too late, day of or day before deadline for freshman senator
  - Alay: Students feel there is nothing to do on campus, looking to get involved
  - Colette: Work with Cabinet and get something together
- b. Heath: Construction activity
  - Construction kick off next Friday, 3pm
  - Cory: when does it open?
  - Originally Fall of '09, now seeing January '10 but hoping sooner

## 8) Old Business

- a. OUTspoken
  - Cory motion to discuss, second by Dave
  - Cory: Asked about numbers last week. 10% of population is either Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual. Got some approximate numbers of students from RITGA orientation, 120. Over 100 students going to meetings.
  - Cory: "Trial" MSO suggestion by Ed Wolf. Feels like it would just be an MSO, so why bother with trial?
  - Dave: Don't agree with Trial, senate should support group or not. Everything brought up last week about by-laws and graduate senator now in there

- Emily: guidelines for MSO's, steps to add MSO
- Matt: don't feel nervous about adding this, not really an addition just transferring. Better serving GLBT community as an MSO than a Senator.
- Jackie: More MSO's means less money to current MSO's? Women's Senator also MSO?
- Emily & Matt: Being discussed.
- Cory: Taken money from MSO's?
- Kiersten: Yes.
- Cory: Money in other funds, trying to get money from GLBT center
- Kiersten: Working on MSO budget with Alay
- Steph: Looking for guarantee about where money is coming from before you vote?
- Jackie: Brought up to make SAAC MSO, about the pool for MSO's. Will there be more money since there are more MSO's.
- Matt: Cory has money as a Senator, not a big hit. Not losing any money, MSO budget increases annually.
- Alay: Can't guarantee, can look into it for next year. There is money right now. Don't think there should be a trial period, but maybe a transition period. Get to know processes.
- Phil: All new MSO's go through transition? Limit to just senators then.
- Alay: No just for this situation.
- Phil: Should be concerned about MSO's not having money taken away. Motion for MSO's to already have an idea of where they will get their money from.
- Dave: Any MSO could get a decrease in budget when they come up for review. MSO's all have different sizes. Purpose here is should this group have the right to be an MSO, correct route. Budget people worry about budget.
- Steph: Knowing where money is coming from is important. Budget as Senator less than MSO's. Don't think one should be added without thinking through.
- Matt: Guaranteed funding for this year. Roll later, should SG allocate money. Not something for now.
- Jackie: Voting to start MSO now or next school year.
- Cory: Need to get advisors, e-board, funding. Take at least a quarter. Agree with transition period. Starting this year.
- Kiersten: Money aside, money will work out. Voting on if there is a need for OUTspoken. Not voting on if money will be taken away. Money will be addressed. This is a need for the organization.
- Dave: Should we wait to get rid of Senator until MSO is functioning?
- Cory: will be acting as representative.
- Matt: Important for group to get off the ground and get running, be ready for elections in the spring.

- Motion to accept all changes to by-laws as written on paper provided on this day, Phil seconds. 14 in favor, passes unanimously.
- b. Staff Council Seat
  - Emily: Will be a seat. Will seat have voting power?
  - Motion to discuss by Frank, seconded by Dave.
  - Frank: No voting power, separation, checks and balances.
  - Dave: Agree. Institute Council unites the three groups. SG votes on things as the voice of students. Don't understand Academic Senate and Staff Council voting seats.
  - Academic Council: Used to be strictly staff. Thought that there were certain situations that required input from all organizations and levels before making a vote. Important to know stance of other constituents there. Institute Council even a larger group. Something shouldn't be just faculty anymore.
  - Staff Council: just passed voting seats. Started working closer with SG and Academic Senate.
  - Academic Council: Three groups working closer together than ever.
  - Emily: Sign of respect.
  - Jackie: CAB, Reporter and WITR don't vote.
  - Frank: Sitting in the meetings gets your opinion out there.
  - Heath: Students should always have a vote. Not sure these councils need a vote. A seat is a good idea, but voting not necessary. Students should be the voting power. Not obligated to give a vote.
  - Gerry: SSO's do not vote because they do not represent a body at RIT. Groups that represent students on campus.
  - Emily: Working on this for next week.
  - Motion Dave to table for next week, Dave second.

## 9) New Business

- a. Post-Tenure Review
  - Skip due to time.
  - Might have a committee to review professors every 4 years.
  - Matt: Professors becoming more relaxed in their teaching. Department chair reviews every 4 years.
  - Motion to discuss by Cory, second by Dave.
  - Cory: Agree, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter having to deal with a bad professor. Either needs to change how he teaches or not teach. Need a review.
  - Alay: Agree, allows for checks and balances. Following guidelines.
  - Dave: Agree. Who would do it?
  - Matt: Dr. Hafner has discussed this. This it would look bad coming from provost, could be an issue. If students propose it, it would be received better. Dean would do the reviews.
  - Noella: If passed, professors have ten year already will have to comply or will be grandfathered in and only new rules apply to new ten years.

- Kiersten: Agree. Students feel rate your professor at the end of quarter is a joke. Review would help support idea those should be taken seriously.
- Matt: Not advocating to get rid of faculty, but they will get feedback on their teaching. Help improve faculty.
- Cory: Eisenhart Award for professors who do outstanding teaching. Used the surveys to help and went in to classrooms. Same could be done, if professor not doing well use surveys and go to class to review them.
- Kiersten: Not throwing out professors. Room for improvement to help faculty. Look for areas of improvement.
- Emily: Noticed strong support. Form committee to work on this?
- Matt: Straw vote?
- Unanimous.

b. Bug List

- Make a list of RIT peeves that you want to make changes to

c. Proposal

- \$5000 awards to be presented to Senate
- Alay presents, Senate votes

## 10) Adjournment

Phil motion to adjourn, second by Global Union.

### Announcements

- Groundbreaking Ceremony – October 10 after senate
- SG Reunion
- Horton Speaker Bill Nye
  - Roundtable
  - Presentation
  - VIP Reception