1) Call to Order
   Called to order at 1:04

2) Roll Call
   *President
   *Vice President
   *Finance
   *Programming
   *Public Relations
   *Director of Services
   *Student Relations
   *Organization Recognition
   *Webmaster
   *KGCOE
   *SCOB
   *CIAS
   *GCCIS
   *COLA
   *COS
   *Women's Senator
   *CAST
   *RHA
   *NSC
   *NTID
   *GLBT
   *ACA
   *Global Union
   *WITR
   *CAB
   *Greek Council
   *OCASA
   *Reporter
   *SAAC
   *Dr. Heath
   *Colette Shaw
   *Academic Senate
   *Staff Council

3) Approval of Minutes
   a. Next week
4) Speak to the Senate

5) Cabinet Reports
   a. President
      - announcement from Kiersten- MSO Roundtable next week 6pm in 1829, dinner served
      - giving lifts to Dr. Heath's around 5
      - Inaugural event activities in Clark Gym
      - Endowment report from Jim Watters
      - Global Village in Fall 2010
      - Kathy Martin heading up institute policy and procedures committee
      - Dr. Destler out of town this week
      - Bill Nye reviews- very positive
      - accepting Freshman Senator applications- in SG office or onlinedue January 7th
      - students from Croatia- introduced themselves
   b. Vice-President
      - Women's Senator acting as VP today while Matt is away for work
   c. Finance
      - last week- 3 groups came Caribbean Association got $700, Pep Band got $641
      - this morning- ZTA requesting to bring a speaker to address women's issues, event open to public and broad, $5500
   d. Student Relations
      - new committee, Parking Appeals Board, need 2 people
      - FYE issues, contact her
   e. Director of Services
      - meeting about e-mail earlier this week, have three venders
      - hired two more developers for Ride Board
      - full approval for full wireless coverage on academic side, starting in the next month or two, dorms are in discussion, Cisco vendor
   f. Organization Recognition
   g. Programming
   h. Public Relations
      - hiring people, good group to choose from
      - Dr. Destler photo shoot went well
      - Freshman Senator fliers, up by next Tuesday

6) Senate Reports
   a. GLBT
      - first e-board meeting this week
   b. SCOB
      - first e-board meeting this Tuesday
   c. Global Union
      - planning for 3 major events for January and start of February
d. NSC
   - several events coming up: Winter Wonderland, e-board meeting Monday at 6

e. RHA
   - ordered white out shirts
   - SDC reserved February for Valentine's day formal

f. KGCOE
   - looking forward to calendar stuff
   - something for graduation

g. ACA
   - study program starting back up
   - fashion show

h. SAAC
   - thanks for not showing up at yesterday's holiday luncheon :) 
   - formal is tonight at 8, funds going to Rochester Red Cross

i. CAB
   - tonight Friday Night at the RITZ, Last Comic Standing with comedy troop, mini golf tomorrow
   - Nas is coming January 23rd
   - Monday in SAU from 10-2 can rap your favorite holiday song, giving Nas tickets to 9 best raps

j. COLA
   - vending machines not put up yet
   - town hall meeting Wednesday
   - Green Committee e-mail going out tonight
   - next week meeting with Dean to get teachers to use MyCourses

k. OCASA
   - last weekend was Chocolate on Ice 
   - ski trip sign ups were Wednesday, sold out

l. GCCIS
   - concern raised over announcement of Software Engineering and Computer Science merging, trying to find out what this means
   - FYE feedback session, has someone filling in for calendar issues

m. Greek Council
   - president's meeting was last week
   - new vice president
   - started Greek of the month award
   - Greek Week, week 1 of spring quarter
   - Greek Senior ball ideas
   - PKP approved to become an interest group
   - CVC working on recruitment ideas
   - next week is Gamma Bowl
   - looking for graduate assistant for next year

n. CIAS
   - sudden student outcry for AA batteries, working on getting them in vending machines
- working to get clubs in CIAS to pair together for projects
- visited 11 FYE classes and got 9 freshman interested in freshman senator

o. Reporter

- online exclusive articles
- video up

7) Advisor Reports

a. Dr. Heath

- signed up to visit FYE classes, make sure you reach out to instructor in advance, not all bring laptops so need to know if you need one
- Reimagine FYE sessions are coming up
- glass windows in Fireside Lounge down, construction on target
- looking forward to party tonight from 4-6, rumored Santa is interpreting

8) Presenters

a. Dr. Mary-Beth Cooper

- Student Survey
  1. number of years ago at another institution, did quality of life survey
  2. students participate in a number of surveys
  3. students tend to say surveys are long, feel like no one is reading it
  4. retention rates are a concern, longer students are here the less they like it, can be bitterness, must be missing something
  5. decided to draft own survey of student life survey made by students
  6. had students that she knew who loved RIT bring their friend who hates it most to a dinner, most interesting dinner
  7. love forums, love opportunity for students to complain
  8. wants to find out what the gap of student experience that tells RIT what to change
  9. depressed when hears students best RIT experience was on co-op, away from RIT
  10. took leaders of student organizations and spent 6 months working on questions
  11. students have to write the survey
  12. had students on a team write most the questions for this survey
  13. Women’s senator will be communicating with SG
  14. SAAC: think it sounds cool, like the idea of making things better
15. Pres: hope you find really discontent people, they tend to raise really good points, would help
16. RHA: can we help? Would love to look at this
17. Women's: will bring it to office
18. OCASA: concern about unhappy students skipping
19. survey will be online and available to anyone
20. COLA: thought about an initiative to get people to take survey
21. haven't gotten to that stage, but important when we do get there to find good incentive, one year gave away parking spot
22. PR: parking space is great idea, big issue, people would probably kill each other for a parking spot
23. CIAS: reserve pass or set aside spot
24. pick you up for a whole year
25. COLA: get a golf cart
26. want people to feel hopeful about this

- Academic Calendar
  1. every year, representatives look at current calendar and make decisions for two years out
  2. usually make minor adjustments to the familiar layout
  3. this year, wanted to look at calendar more rigorously
  4. originally this was going to be a normal adjustment
  5. had a lot of complaints
  6. charged with coming up with adjustment for split Winter quarter
  7. semester changes not on the table, sticking with quarters
  8. will take suggestion back and discuss one final calendar, final calendar needed by February
  9. Proposal #1 is current calendar, #2 - #3 are adjustments
  10. #2 starts on a Tuesday, issues with a lot of people, early start
  11. #3 start late, thanksgiving is 3 days, 3 week holiday break
  12. spring break is later, commencement later
  13. #2 and #3 identical after holiday break, modeled after other schools
  14. KGCOE: other schools in #2 and #3, have a co-op?
  15. List of schools put up, other schools have co-ops most big co-op schools have the late start
  16. one quarter school changing to semesters in Ohio because of the fact all Ohio schools have to change now, everyone was upset
  17. bringing information back to calendar committee, one proposed model will go to council and voted on
  18. GLBT: work in admissions, mentioned next years calendar for the one week Thanksgiving break, make sure everyone knows about the changes. Minor holidays important, like
labor day, tough in a ten week system, dislike the 5 week break, not long enough to start working somewhere, like the three week break, other students spoken to like it as well
19. PR: one of these models will be picked for next year?
20. Fall 2010
21. PR: transfer student from semester school, understand that isn't happening, awkward start and stop for art students is hard, professors treating 3 weeks before week as a quarter and 7 weeks after as a quarter. Get projects over breaks. Friend transfer student would trade a week of thanksgiving for a 3 week holiday break. Proposal #3
22. CAST: brought up at town hall meeting. Against changing calendar, co-op students have issues with summer co-ops. Students wouldn't mind loosing a week from Thanksgiving and getting three at holiday.
23. SAAC: three weeks at christmas could let people go home, wouldn't complain with a five week break, but most would have issues with co-ops. Don't pay RIT tuition for short classes at that time.
24. Student athlete thought about those
25. SAAC: basketball and hockey, have to stay here for the 5 weeks doing nothing
26. OCASA: concern with getting out even later, 05-06 schedule one week for thanksgiving and three weeks for Christmas. Start later and then get out later already, doesn't need to get even later. Students said that calendar shouldn't change, just take a week away from Thanksgiving and add it on at Christmas
27. issues with students who were suspended on that, students were back and in classes when they found out
28. Student Relations: co-ops won't hire at certain times, students might have to decide to leave classes and fail or co-op
29. decisions and assumptions that we don't know what will happen with this changes, different reactions as to what will happen to students with co-ops, contacting employers to find out how they feel
30. study abroad, option #3 allows students to study abroad more
31. Greek: spoke to constituents, problem with recruiting for Greeks
32. Organization Recognition: schools might not be inclined to wait as much as employers for research, happy with calendar now but do agree Thanksgiving is long.
33. Women's: September 22 is late
34. SCOB: concern with co-ops and part time jobs, when schools get out before us those jobs are already filled. Break right before finals could have bad results
35. RHA: Rochester gets hot, no air conditioning in dorms, school in June would be miserable, June is too late
36. KGCOE: spoke to each department, departments had own meeting and reported back. Co-ops big issue in engineering. A lot of companies students co-op at said they can't wait. Told calendar change will effect retention rates, many students came to RIT for co-ops. Faculty against it. Many said nothing wrong with present calendar. Athlete, spring break is when traveling is, what will happen for changes? As an international student, like being able to travel for Thanksgiving.
37. SAAC: by September 22nd most of Fall seasons are done, as it is students get here 2 to 3 weeks before classes start anyway
38. looking at how changes will effect sports
39. will be utility cost changes
40. PR: September 22nd late and getting out in June late, possibly look at shifting it?
41. Points will be considered, hard to not split winter with those things
42. Pres: preference for first calendar. Shortened thanksgiving. Rank calendars or vote on one.
43. SAAC: official vote or straw?
44. Pres: would like official
45. RHA motion to rank, Greek council seconded
46. GLBT: only one vote?
47. Colette: vote on each one, each person gets one vote
48. Pres: no weight thing, vote once for a calendar, that will be the ranking
49. #1: in favor - 16
50. #2: in favor - 0
51. #3: in favor - 0
52. Pres: feedback will be brought back and discussed, Dr. Destler will take information and feedback very seriously
53. Women's: other two said?
54. Academic: #3 won in both Academic and Staff
55. COLA: if Thanksgiving changes, who would want #1?
56. Pres: vote on yearly basis, not up for vote this year
57. thank you for your input, will be back

9) New Business
a. Croatia Conversation
   - Pres: students toured US, after Rochester going back to DC then Florida, interested in what we do, one of their Father's is on the board of trustees for RIT
   - big group, won't ask too many questions just explain why they are here
   - Croatia is small country on Mediterranean sea, RIT has own college in Dubrovnik
   - in Croatia education system is changing, student union participates in those changes, power raised in last few years in making feelings of situations known on these changes in education system
   - interested in curricular activities
   - what influence does SG have in changes in curriculum and activities, quality control system (of learning)
   - GCCIS: access to Dean's office, can talk to Department heads, try to be a platform students can use to have access to these people, open forum to connect to people they would not normally be able to
   - Pres: have a staff council representative, chair of academic senate here too, SG has reps on their councils, good relationship with other governing basis, monthly basis have one big meeting with all these
   - how big is student interest in participating in meetings for SG?
   - CAB: important for CAB to stay connected, CAB needs SG for support, don't think can answer this
   - Global Union: how SG works, apart from MSO's, have 190 different clubs, Global Union gets information for international clubs to SG, students may not come to meetings themselves but they bring their questions to the MSO's who bring it to SG

b. ZTA Event funding
   - Dr. Laurie, talking on women's issues
   - finance committee approved $5500
   - GLBT motion to discuss, seconded by GCCIS
   - GLBT: campus speak program, go to women's speaker?
   - Is going to other places, this is just to get the speaker here, other costs covered in other ways
   - Women's: usually plan for events in budget, but sometimes they need help
   - Student Services: asked for what and got what?
   - Asked for and got $5500
   - RHA motion to vote, OCASA seconded
   - In favor- 9, Opposed- 0
   - Motion passed

10) Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn by OCASA, seconded by SAAC
   b. Adjourned at 2:49