

# AGENDA • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



01/09/09 | 1-3pm | SDC 1300

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:04

2) Roll Call

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

3) Approval of Minutes (12/5 and 12/12)

- a. RHA approve minutes, seconded by GLBT

- 4) Speak to the Senate
- 5) Cabinet Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
    - Dorm challenge moving
    - People should be doing office hours (4 per week)
    - sign up for one on ones, doing every other week
  - c. Finance
    - gave money out to groups, gave:
      1. \$885
      2. \$227
    - money requested for Men's Hockey Club, mostly travel, approved \$9,000 today, doing fund raising and going to other places for funding
    - RHA motion to discuss, GLBT seconded
    - if club review board is providing money to sports, need a larger budget
    - CIAS: additional \$9,000?
    - Finance: yes
    - Org. Rec.: \$1,000 dues per member, not bad
    - Finance: need a separate process for club sport teams
    - Finance: \$9,000 is about a third of what we have for this quarter, have \$28,000 for end of winter quarter
    - RHA motion to vote, SAAC seconded
    - approve:12, opposed: 2
  - d. Student Relations
    - thank you for going to FYE classes
  - e. Director of Services
    - hired new web developer, started new vote system
  - f. Organization Recognition
    - no submitted proposals
    - if you are an MSO and have not told what you are doing for spirit week, tell her or Kaitlyn
  - g. Programming
    - have days for Superbowl Party, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at Clark Gym from 5:30 to 12, have it reserved from 12pm to 12am, will have signup sheets to help
    - Tiger Idol, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, Ingle Aud, auditions
    - other dates on agenda provided
    - have judges for Tiger Idol: Dr Cooper, Karey Pine, Dr. Heath, Ed, and one other
  - h. Public Relations
    - have posters: Dorm Challenge, FYE remake, Tiger Idol audition

- 6) Senate Reports
- 7) Advisor Reports

8) Presenters

a. Dr. Haefner

- want to make calendar more available to come in for discussions
- hear to offer self up for questions and comments
- Women's: how are you weighing decisions by each group?
- Dr. Destler and Dr. Haefner will pull together leadership team to have this discussion, good issues brought up that need to be factored in
- student preference strongly for no change, co-op is a significant issue, concerns with students leaving in the winter split up
- SAAC: thought process to semester school change?
- look at quarter calendar that would address the semester issue concerns
- the change to semesters is an interesting one, experience in this issue, personally more comfortable with semesters
- the change is a huge process, involves changing everything on campus
- fear is what will that do to momentum of institute
- draining of energy for faculty and staff, wouldn't be able to reach goals that was set
- hear advantages of quarter system, many like the intensity
- Ed: dying hair orange Saturday?
- Yes
- GLBT: presentation on MyCourses, in favor of all professors using it, if we all agree, how can you help us?
- That's interesting and tricky, think faculty should have flexibility for professors to structure classes that work best for their style
- Academic Senate would have to take that on, questionable if they could even do that
- PR: reason is a lot of us would like to know how we are doing, more efficiently use our time and prioritize
- good point, faculty are reasonable to consider need of students, frame response as "this is our need..." such as 24 hour access to where I stand in the course
- faculty may come away with how they can collectively come away, frame it in terms of needs and not necessarily a solution
- Academic Senate: putting grades online is hard and time consuming, explaining the problem is better than telling us what we need to do

b. Dr. Culhane

- ImagineRIT video shown
- video available, showing on channel 4 in the community on cable

- thank you to SG for allowing Ed, Matt, and Cory on steering committee, great ideas from student leaders
- last year at this time, nervous, only had 2 months to begin planning
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, delighted with result, community spirit best ever seen
- this year, doing some things different but hoping to have same community spirit
- looking for ideas, will have interactive exhibits in field house and around campus
- main things different this year, Spring Fest is following weekend
- carnival still but rides may be more focused towards younger kids,
- ImagineRIT rides more for college students
- expect around same size, 300-400 exhibits
- student organizations submitted proposals already
- ImagineRIT for clubs to show off what they're doing, looking for hands on activities
- 17,000 people estimated last year
- show what you're doing
- starts early, 10 am till 5pm, need 500 volunteers
- one big welcome tent last year, this year 6 information booths
- green vehicle challenge, race before ImagineRIT, carry one person across course with least energy
- people were in awe of what happens at RIT last year
- YouTube contest to promote ImagineRIT, winner gets \$500 Barnes & Noble gift certificate
- SAAC: marketing, stuff going out to parents?
- just about ready to go out

## 9) New Business

### a. Freshman Senator Applications:

- Joshua Doores
  1. Electrical Engineering
  2. from Buffalo
  3. public speaking, president of leadership club for 2 years
  4. spoken with classmates to come up with small list of goals
  5. bus for club teams, all debit option for freshman, hand sanitizers, free sporting tickets for other sports
  6. know can make a difference, be an honor to represent
- Steven Christopher
  1. Eagle Scout, vice-president of honors society
  2. helping surrounding community a good thing, want to help people
  3. working on project about teachers or student teachers who don't speak english or speak broken english
  4. problem with meal options, food is pricey, add a dollar to meal option plan

5. going green, don't feel we are green yet want to work towards that
  6. have many other ideas, but knows there is a time limit
- Drew Bonasera
    1. leadership positions in high school
    2. want to go on quarter mile to get students to write down one thing they want to change about RIT
  - Tim Maher
    1. Mechanical Engineer
    2. scholarship chair person
    3. avoid problems, not try to solve
    4. goals: get students more involved was not aware of student government when arrived, meal option periods currently sending letters to director of food services to get something started
  - Mike Cantu
    1. state delagate for student council
    2. create and unite student body with freshman not only at RIT but with other schools, already talked to U of R
    3. already asked students what they wanted to change, heard about buses
    4. joined a fraternity, freshman liaison for photography house
  - Sara Christensen
    1. why am I at RIT?
    2. Fast pace, stresses of school
    3. description about position seems to fit
    4. gracies issue, revert back to old ways
  - Bryanna Baldauf
    1. Graphic Media Monitoring
    2. hot hands, something for students to keep warm
    3. reinstate RIT football team, drum up school spirit
    4. problems: finding a coach, entering the league again
    5. random polling, asking people what they think of RIT
    6. want to be involved in school the best way possible, love the opportunity to represent peers
    7. Public Relations: qualifications?
    8. VP: in the e-mail
    9. historian for national honors society, ran own photography business
  - Tom Riley
    1. served 4 years as class president
    2. implement shuttle system at break time, shuttling from airport to campus for free
    3. wireless internet, more efficient group work
    4. RHA: major?
    5. Undeclared business

- William Weintraub
  1. Born deaf
  2. food services can be improved
  3. parents raised oral, learned sign language, feel we should become one
  4. never had a leadership position
  5. finance major
- Grace Denny
  1. served as a senator of her high school
  2. hands on experience of laws and policies, meetings with governors
  3. willing to put in long hours and meet with peers
  4. worked with DA, learned that to be a great leader need to work well with others
  5. want students to know what RIT has to offer outside classes
  6. dual majoring accounting and ...
- David Pearson
  1. information security and forensics
  2. like to help people, wanted to get involved
  3. ran as and became honors program freshman representative
  4. chair housing committee for honors
  5. goals: get people involved such as freshman section of hockey game, work with housing on student issues
  6. Women's: balance?
  7. Freshman rep isn't bad meets one hour a week, housing committee isn't bad, feels has room to balance
- John Pagano
  1. information security
  2. live it, love it, or leave it
  3. want to get students to love it, get out of their rooms, get people in the gym
  4. CIAS: leadership?
  5. Facilities management, 30 people who work under him
  6. PR: crew team? Balance it?
  7. Done by 8
- Carmen Reale
  1. would like to make a difference
  2. served on high school student government
  3. goals: transportation to go home like bus station and airport, dorm problems like quints, get everyone's opinions like a freshman blog or facebook page
  4. ISO major
  5. Women's: SG blog
- Lee Polott
  1. interested in government
  2. would like to start doing something productive

3. easy to get along with
  4. goals: food places open later
- Teraisa Chloros
    - goals: school spirit, newsletter for sporting events or spirit related stuff, bike trails for safety, more space for quiet study or group meetings or friend meetings dorm side
    - 1. student advisory board for RLI, leadership certificate program, honors program, trainee on RIT Ambulance
    - 2. RHA:time balaced?
    - 3. Always been really involved, good at balancing schedule, don't like to be bored
    - 4. medical informatics pre-med
  - Vivian Liao
    1. game design
    2. interaction between deaf and hearing
    3. mentor program with majors, difficult to find upperclassmen in major
    4. not many reader books in library other then research books
    5. like to listen to other peoples opinions and ideas
    6. PR: leadership experience?
    7. Ran two clubs senior year, tech leader for community service projects
    8. PR: involved in anything on campus
    9. part of art house for fun
    10. member of several clubs
    11. WITR: aware RIT has a radio station?
    12. Believe to try something once, tried radio and would like to try other things
  - Alexandra
    1. nutritionist to work on gracies
    2. not a fan of quarter system, trimesters better
    3. create more events during the year
    4. work together
    5. PR: experience?
    6. Work at a gallery in the city, hosting events, voted freshmen rep for film and animation major
    7. film and animation major
  - Pat McVeety-Mill
    1. invovled in highschool junior year
    2. SG done so much, seems like have great ideas and power to do it
    3. don't have great ideas, but know with the freshman there must be ideas and is willing to go out and find them and channel them
    4. SCOB: experience
    5. secretary and vp positions in clubs

- Rick Maffei
  1. speech is read by GLBT
  2. apologize for not being able to attend
  3. Micro E Engineering
  4. reason for applying: want self, peers and future students to get more out of RIT
  5. goals: food services issues, more vegetarian and healthy foods, overcharging of supplies, lack of wellness classes, set up website for incoming students to bring in ideas
  6. work with peers to make sure goals are met
- Result from closed discussion: Teraisa Chloros is the new Freshmen Senator

10) Adjournment

- a. Adjourned at 3:04

Announcements