

AGENDA • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT



01/23/09 | 1-3pm | SDC 1300

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:00

2) Roll Call

*President	X
*Vice President	X
*Finance	X
*Programming	X
*Public Relations	X (late)
*Director of Services	X
*Student Relations	X
*Organization Recognition	
*KGCoe	X
*SCOB	X
*CIAS	X
*GCCIS	X
*COLA	X
*COS	X
*Women's Senator	X (Representative Rose was late)
*Freshman	X (late)
*Grad	X
*CAST	X (late)
*RHA	X
*NSC	X
*NTID	X
*GLBT	X
*ACA	X
*Global Union	
*WTR	X
*CAB	
*Greek Council	X
*OCASA	
*Reporter	X
*SAAC	X
*Academic Senate	
*Staff Council	X
*Dr. Heath	X
*Colette Shaw	

3) Approval of Minutes

- a. Add Grad in roll call and correct spelling errors
 - RHA motion to approve, SAAC seconded
- 4) Speak to the Senate
 - a. Kari for Elections Review Committee
 - most changes are simply clarifications of what was there
 - bigger changes (not all listed do to inability to hear or keep up, request list from Kari)
 1. 50 copies to candidates will be black and white
 2. candidates participating cannot tear down posters
 3. signs for candidates not allowed in RITreat and SG office
 4. posting rules for other buildings must be followed
 5. SG will include in the packets information about posting
 6. clarification of postings in library
 7. clarification of internet related postings
 8. updated lists of who can vote before election (ACA, OUTspoken, etc...)
 9. chair of elections committee sets meeting time everyday during elections weeks but will meet based on need
 10. changes to SG by-laws, chair should be decided by Senate
 11. any RIT student can sit on the committee but chair will be a current senator or cabinet member
 12. person responsible for software be on committee
 - request for comments
 - CIAS: disqualification should be handled by elections committee and appeals by senate
 - consensus was that senate would have power to disqualify but after elections committee suggested it
 - Pres: next step is that Kari will go back to committee with suggestions, more changes to bylaws suggested
 - RHA: what happens if there's a dispute and election committee decides to disqualify and they have to wait until next week and the election is over
 - having elections committee meet to decide this is not realistic. Senate is ultimate power in the student body
 - KGCoe: talked about disqualification being done only by unanimous vote by elections committee and thought that was written in
 - VP: reasonable if elections committee unanimously decides
 - KGCoe: appeals go to advisors of elections committee?
 - Pres: election process should be contained to student body and not go to advisors
 - VP: send copy to senate
- 5) Cabinet Reports
 - a. President

- SG as a Whole
 1. 15 weeks into terms, SG not where he wants to be as a whole
 2. doing some things to fix this
 3. expect sitting on committees, being here, showing up to meetings on time
 4. next week Spirit Week will be pushed forward, need help during this time
 5. need help getting publications out for this
 6. all activities after Superbowl are suspended
 7. putting things into bug tracking system and will assign to Senators
 8. get back on track to accomplish things that we said we would
 9. getting aggressive with getting things accomplished
- b. Vice-President
 - Dorm Challenge
 1. great success
 2. open forum went well
 3. thank you to Kurt for helping
 - Senate
 1. office sign in sheet for sign in hours
 2. stipend change: you need to sign in to the office and do office hours, show up to senate, attend committee meeting...if not doing these things you will not be paid
 - FYE
 1. were told to attend either Wednesday's or Friday's, if did not attend Wednesday attend tonight
- c. Finance
 - Awards
 1. Pep Band got money for speakers for hockey games
 2. Men's Hockey got money, \$9,000
- d. Student Relations
 - Committees
 1. great thing that they ask for our input, important that you go
 2. don't want to hear that you are not attending
 - Scholarships
 1. working on combining RLI scholarships with SG scholarships
- e. Director of Services
 - Dorm Challenge
 1. great success, blog over 140,000 hits
 - Newspapers

1. on target
- f. Organization Recognition
- g. Programming
 - Tiger Idol Auditions
 1. extended deadline to next Tuesday
 2. need to get that out, only 8 people signed up
 3. need people to sign up and go to audition times
 - Superbowl
 1. party is Feb 1st
 2. need people to sign up for this as well
 3. giveaways and pizza taken care of
 4. SAAC: need any additional help for the party?
 5. Yes, want everyone there at 3 to help set up furniture
 6. VP: what are we doing for furniture?
 7. Talking to Carol about this
- h. Public Relations
 - need to get the PR going for Tiger Idol, get fliers
 - Programming: yes, get those out
- 6) Senate Reports
 - a. RHA
 - events, dances
 - b. NTID
 - focusing on signing in public
 - collected names and petitions to sign in public
 - having people dress with a shirt to sign in public to make deaf students feel more comfortable on campus
 - SAAC: for rest of RIT community?
 - Yes, everyone, anyone who knows sign of any skill level
 - trying to have bridge of the two communities.
 - c. Reporter
 - last night to get what you want in the reporter
 - d. Global Union
 - Asian Awareness Week next week
 - e. COLA
 - working on getting student advisory board set up, whether its a good idea or not to get COLA together more before doing this board
 - VP: talk to Heather about it, they have one in COS
 - looking at theirs as they work
 - f. SCOB
 - junior senior networking event, food, meet alumni, at Love 'n Cup
 - g. CAST

- organizing student staff soccer game
- Pres: TV in CAST?
- Working on that
- Pres: set as goal for end of quarter?
- Yes, already done that contacted him yesterday
- h. GCCIS
 - student concern
 - VP: forgetting something about academic clubs, reaching out to clubs and getting them involved in SG
- i. CIAS
 - community watch program
- j. Freshman
 - working on event for freshman, looking for info on where it should be
 - VP: meet next week, one on one
- k. COS
 - joined up with Rochester General Hospital, collaborating to do internships, co-ops and jobs
 - getting money from them to build new building, more masters/degrees
 - hoping in the future for RIT to have a medical school
 - trying to decide whether or not they want students on the committees to decide what degrees get added
 - Student Relations: can you sit on it yourself?
 - Thinking that's what would happen
 - lots of changes, lots of big projects
- l. Grad
 - intellectual property meetings
 1. revise copyright policy
 2. trying to define and close the gaps on what kind of work gets done at RIT, and what kind of patents, and who the patents belong to
 3. patent committee coming on the 13th
 - sent out e-mail to all grad students to open up communications, got a lot of replies
 - like to have business cards for grad students, a lot of universities do it, big issue is that RIT won't let them use RIT logo
 - meeting rooms at library taken up as offices, researching that
 - guest lecturers, mostly issue with getting information out
 - SCOB: working with dean to get business cards for all of SCOB students
- m. SAAC
 - today is leadership summit, going to talk to other schools about what they do for school spirit
 - planning events for spirit week
- n. Greek Community

- mock trial event
- sorry a lot of Greeks did not attend Dorm Challenge
- tonight is pre-game events, bunch of prizes during intermissions
- meetings once a month starting spring quarter

7) Advisor Reports

- Dr. Heath
 - still tired
- Kathy
 - When meeting in here or in field house, please bring ID. Must be presented at turnstile for entrance to SLC and fieldhouse.
 - bonding next week, 600 shirts that need to be folded and wrapped with wrist bands
 - VP: office hours, if there's nothing else for you to do and Kathy doesn't need any help - you can do homework

8) Presenters

- CIO Presentation
 - impressed with level of interaction of Student Government, Dorm Challenge was great
 - came here after 18 years at Paychecks managing groups of people
 - during interview process, realized lack of leadership, a lot of key missing technology at RIT, and opportunity to take RIT to the next level of technology
 - open floor for questions/comments
 - CIAS: see lots of networking cables and little white boxes
 - installing 68 miles of cable to make campus wireless, 30% completed
 - expect academic side to be done in June
 - sight surveys of residence halls and get them wireless, will do more with that in summer when we can get in the rooms
 - RHA: heard about your issue with wireless in the dorms, was under the impression that residence was going wireless. What do you mean components?
 - Common areas, lounges where available, working to get wireless
 - access about getting wireless in all residence halls
 - Pres: what about e-mail?
 - RIT can't keep up with demand for e-mail, 30 day proof of concept with Google e-mail to determine if it'll work
 - will choose a 3rd party provider, some colleges are getting rid of e-mail and offer forwarding
 - looking to outsource staff and faculty e-mail as well
 - perhaps offering vanity names to change in e-mail
 - VP: can we change e-mail address? Dislike mine
 - ability here technology wise and process wise to have identity rules is not in place

- current system is clunky, think Google or Microsoft e-mail will allow more options
- Pres: SIS?
- System is old, built for 3 or 4,000 people to register, using it for 16,000
- several million dollars to change this system, takes a few years
- ITS agrees SIS is not where it needs to be but difficult for old technology to do what you're used to
- COLA: Tiger Tracks? Never seems to be updated, always wrong
- need funding to fix or change processes, have a project prioritization process to determine what needs to be worked on
- SCOB: time frame on these projects
- every project has a size, SIS is extra large and a 2 – 3 year journey if we take it, wireless is medium and starting but without enough funding it wanders, wireless every 90 days has a series of deliverables
- Pres: second anniversary on iTunes U, anything on that?
- It wandered a bit, tried to clear that up and transferred it to someone to be worked on, not sure where they are with the deliverable
- iTunes U is one of the projects that has taken too long
- what other technology would you like to see?
- SIS important to organization
- SAAC: looked at illegal music problem we have on campus?
- Not sure where this is right now
- Dir. of Serv: would like to see more alignment with groups on campus working together
- technology road maps, to see about cross functionally coming together topically, looking to implement this in April
- Global Union: training session to help clubs and organizations to train for updating websites
- Dir of Serv: at large meetings where organizations get together, they bring in someone to explain how site works. Most clubs just do their own thing. Club's responsibility
- Global Union: IT Directors should know something in case something happens
- university taking a more holistic look at the Internet, difficult to navigate if you're new
- VP: RIT not really technology driven, don't have much technology in the classroom
- little money available unless you make a real push for it, technology committee really important for pushing to get things (wireless) done
- great opportunities if we can get technology pieces to pull together
- Dir of Serv: not necessarily that ITS can't do it, its just other parts around campus and getting things approved is challenging
- putting processes in place to get things going
- ITS will align to what ever everyone else wants them to do

- ITS would like to deliver more
- VP: Tiger Tracks definitely a big thing, advising in some colleges an issue and students need Tiger Tracks to audit themselves
- will look into that and come back

9) New Business

a. Discussion about election process

- SAAC motion to discuss, second by RHA
- SAAC: why do you say there's a problem?
- VP: election process is that we say there are packets to fill out, you need to get a certain amount of signatures
- VP: there are better ways to differentiate that the candidate is interested in running
- GLBT: would it be possible to do a survey if you could log online? Do it online?
- CIAS: hard enough getting people to do paper, logging online makes it harder
- Pres: the whole purpose of the signature process is to discourage people from running
- Global Union: maybe reduce numbers, percentage of constituency should vote in order to be elected
- VP: maybe all candidates interested in running should meet with current senator or president vice-president and get a written recommendation
- SAAC: maybe certain amount of faculty, staff, administrators should say yes that way you could run
- CAST: to weed out unmotivated people, have debate where senators debate and people watch and see who is running and what they are running for
- VP: maybe 50 people show up for presidential debates
- Dir. Of Serv: signatures good way for people to get platforms out and what they are running for. Good way to get people to ask you why you are running
- VP: would disagree, most people didn't care
- KGCoe: online application good idea, maybe a link to print out sheets to get signatures. Write-ins never really win over a traditional campaign
- VP: really close last year with NSC
- KGCoe: faculty recommendation ok idea but dean or vice-dean for recommendation
- VP: lots of times people go to debates and don't change their mind, just builds tension among people running
- Reporter: kind of rushed getting candidates out there because they can't get information out before week 7
- VP: something on SG site for each candidate running. Think signatures are beneficial?

- Reporter: I think so
- SAAC: allow them to submit platform to Reporter and they can publish it
- CIAS: talking about whole election process?
- VP: yes
- CIAS: how is it decided who runs for GLBT senator, open to whole community or just people in GLBT
- GLBT: with OUTspoken, members of affiliate clubs: RITGA, GLBT, GSA...their mailing list can vote
- SCOB: simple ideas good: teacher recommendation not sure about limiting to deans, e-mails sent to constituents with platform?
- VP: never used
- SCOB: how about sending it out, here's everyone's write up and here read it
- Student relations: what if our dean doesn't know you that you're active?
- VP: pause for CIO presentation
- VP: anything else to cover in elections?

b. Required ASL course on campus

- NTID motion to discuss, GLBT seconded
- NTID: trying to get more deaf involvement in committees
- GLBT: don't think it should be mandatory, people don't really like it when things are mandatory. Think it should be more available.
- KGCE: people who make curriculum's have hard enough time getting mandatory classes in students schedules
- Dir of Serv: most mandatory curriculums have to be approved by state
- GLBT: instead of Arts of Expression, took ASL 1. Perhaps publicize this
- NSC: recommend ASL be required to graduate
- NTID: tried to get ASL in there more as a foreign language
- Pres: spread out deaf students from Ellingson and mix the students more
- NTID: hard to spread out in dorms
- RHA: for a lot of people taking ASL, but before requiring it we need more professors teaching it
- NTID: need to get strobe lights in dorms that don't have them
- VP: expand ASL courses, required class students would have push back, maybe do more with FYE

10) Adjournment

- a. GLBT motion to adjourn, seconded by SAAC
- b. Adjourned at 2:55

Announcements