AGENDA • SG SENATE

08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

02/20/09 | 1-3pm | CIMS 2240

1) Call to Order

   Called to order at 1:08

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
*KGCOE		x
*SCOB		x
*CIAS		
*GCCIS		
*COLA		
*COS		x
*Women's Senator		x
*Freshman		x
*Grad		x
*CAST		x
*RHA	x	
*NSC		x(late)
*NTID		x
*GLBT		x
*ACA	x	
*Global Union		x
*WITR		
*CAB		x
*Greek Council		x
*OCASA		x
*Reporter		x
*SAAC		
*Academic Senate		
*Staff Council	x	
*Dr. Heath		x
*Colette Shaw		x

3) Speak to the Senate

   a. MySA Finance Committee Appeal

- Budget passed out to everyone
- Finance: I'll let you start about the proposal you sent in and the changes between last week and now.
- MySA Pres: We have updated this budget based off of our meeting with SG. We are holding this event in Webb because we have no choice. We were told Ingle couldn't be used in Spring and it would cost more for tech crew in Webb. Our income comes from club funding. Our proposal was rejected from finance committee because we have enough in our club account. Our money comes from outside donations and was restricted to be used for club members only.
- MySA: We expect ticket sales to help cover costs. We need to get $762 from finance committee.
- Finance: What everyone has is the updated budget costs that has increased since last week. It is now $1387.38 for equipment. Based on what we had last week there was no need for assistance, but the budget now does have some need.
- VP: Mehlim said the deny was based on last weeks budget and this is a new budget.
- GLBT motion to send back to finance, RHA seconded.
- Motion passed.
- VP: Go back to Finance Committee week one and come back here if you want to appeal again.

4) Approval of Minutes
    a. 2/13
- RHA motion to approve, CAST seconded.
- Motion approved.

5) Presenters
    a. RIT Code of Ethics – Dennis Charlesworth
- Packet was passed out to senators containing details
- Dennis: There are a number of additional requirements for the 990 the institution must do. The Honor Code doesn't cover what this new policy would cover. We were looking for something more comprehensive. What happens to the Honor Code after this is a question yet to be answered. The Honor Code tends to focus mostly on general civility issues. We would like to get the code of ethical conduct passed. We expect some changes, so we would like to bring it back after the changes are made. It would apply to students, it is a broad and general policy of regulations. I think this one would be more appropriate to come back to.
- CAST: How are you going to get this information to the students since it will apply to them?
- Dennis: It will come out as a new policy would but since its important it will come out as a letter from the President to the entire

community. The people who will be most effected will be employees. The publicity of how important it is coming from the President should help get it to students. It's nothing too earth shattering, it's all pretty agreeable.

- VP: Thank you for coming. We'll look over it and you guys will come back again.

   b. FCPA Policy – Dennis Charlesworth

- Dennis: We are proposing two new changes in policy that apply to bribes abroad.
- A packet was passed out to senators containing all the details.
- Dennis: It is unique because it deals with people making decisions on your behalf. Many organizations going abroad have determined policies to protect themselves abroad. We didn't have a policy we could attach this to so we made a new one. It doesn't say students in the policy because students can't typically make decisions that would really effect the institution in this situation.
- Dennis: It deals with hiring of third parties, contracts being sent to RIT, etc.
- GLBT: Would students fall under this if they have a job on campus or are on co-op or doing research?
- Dennis: Possibly. If students are doing co-op they need training on this and employees would need to be trained on this. The training shouldn't be too complicated.
- CAST: This is a good policy, but a lot of bribing that goes on under the table. What are you doing to limit this?
- Dennis: Different parts of the statute deals with different forms of this. Everyone abroad must follow RIT's policies. Financially we keep track of money abroad the same we do here with this policy.
- VP: Does anyone see any reason we can't pass this now?
- Grad motion to vote, OCASA seconded.
- Motion passed.

6) Old Business

   a. Community Watch

- VP: I worry about a few things. First they want to be sustained out of the SG Office. I don't see how we could have storage for them. I also worry about the direction of the program. Also, do we have people who want to do this?
- PR: Do they want to be in the new space or the space we have now?
- VP: New space.
- Freshman: I think if they were going to actually do this the person on call would have a cell phone for their group. I understand they would have their own line but the person answering is going to be an adult and not a student.
- Grad: Where did the motivation for this come? Were there students interested in it?

- VP: It was student initiated.
- Pres: The point is to help other students who need help doing things. We've heard in the past about students having a hard time getting a jump while Public Safety is dealing with someone needing to go to the hospital.
- Org Rec: We talked about this last year in the Women's Committee, there are a lot of places where lighting is dim so as a women you feel unsafe. We thought of it more as a safe ride kind of thing.
- PR: I was wondering what's going to happen. I know we have an escort service already. So I'm confused as to what the difference is and if it will dissolve the escort service or something.
- Dr. Heath: I don't think so. It's adding one extra level of safety. You won't have to wait long because we have more people available.
- PR: Is it like students feel safer dealing with other students whether then Public Safety if they've been drinking or something.
- Dr. Heath: Yea.
- Global Union: I like the idea but we need more documentation on where Public Safety starts and this group ends.
- OCASA: We discussed this at the OCASA E-Board meeting. They have money put aside. Is there going to be a probationary period in case it flops or are they just going to go for it?
- Pres: I see this program falling between Public Safety and Residence Life. I see our role as getting it off the ground and running. I see us being a body getting it up and running and sustainable so in future years Public Safety and Res Life can keep it running.
- RHA: Does any other quarter schools have this? I can see it being harder for people to volunteer in our schedule then a semester.
- Women's: This is a great idea, I don't think we should worry about finding them volunteers right now.
- NSC: How would deaf students be involved?
- VP: They said they would do whatever they had to.
- OCASA motion to approve, Women's seconded
- Motion passed.
  b. MSO Budget Review Policy (tabled)
- Updated changes sent based off of Senate last week.
- Global Union: I would like to discuss the schedule. Many MSO's don't have a yearly schedule before hand and goals change quarter to quarter.
- Finance: If your needs change you can meet and discuss changes.
- Women's motion to approve, RHA seconded
- Motion passed.

7) New Business
  a. Confirmation Women's Senator

- VP: Emily will not be here next quarter so she would like to see that Rose Glasier takes over. I can appoint and then Senate would approve. Can you talk about what qualities you have?
- Rose: I'm a woman, I'm on the Women's Senator Board. I'm an RA.
- GLBT: Can you talk about leadership roles?
- Rose: I'll be a senior RA next year.
- Finance: Do you have any goals you can talk about?
- Rose: My goals are to basically continue what Emily is doing and get the Women's MSO up.
- NTID: Is one of your goals to bring more women to campus?
- VP: Can I get a motion?
- RHA motion to appoint, Grad seconded.
- Motion passed.

b. Gimmicks?
- VP: You all have a paper in front of you. Laura wrote an Editor's Note about some events we have on campus and what we can do to work on this.
- Laura: Journalism's role is to point out issues in governance groups and not necessarily change anything.
- Pres: Just an observational thing and I appreciate the comments. Things Tiger Idol, Dance for Your Rent, etc. have been around for a long time. Where we are five years ago compared to now is much different. Whether that is because of this things is arguable. But the visual school spirit has definitely changed. Someone asked me about the Dorm Challenge and whether or not this was a gimmick. I've had meetings and been told there will no longer be quint rooms, they're going to look harder at wireless in the dorms, things are going to change because of experiences they had.
- Stu Rela: I just think that its good we're going away from programming and more towards governance but I think programming helps them see us and see we're doing things.
- OCASA: A lot of people use SG as a scapegoat for their unhappiness. I think thats what happens a lot. People who are unactive want us to push them to do things.
- PR: I also think that maybe if you want to cut back on programming thats ok, but I think it helps get us out there. I think we should keep signature events like the Superbowl. I think it shows our appreciation to them.
- Org Rec: I remember a few years back, the year of the BBQ, I don't feel I knew they were doing things for me because of this but I knew who they were.
- GLBT: I think programming is ok to do but I think there needs to be educational and a purpose behind them. We have tons of clubs who can do them for fun and I think we get away from the educational purposes.

- Women's: I think everyone's making awesome points but I agree with Laura. But I don't think we need to defend ourselves. I think we need to look at why we're programming and not just do it.
- OCASA: I think a good way to get our name out there is to at least have one significant event per quarter but its not a lot of programming and still gets your name out there. Then the MSO's will pick up their programming. It can still be a mix of social and educational.
- Finance: Moving away from programming, the continuous feedback is helpful but I think the reporter being the news on campus should help foster the community.
- Global Union: I think we need to get out what we're doing more.
- Pres: We are getting a message center going where we can send out bi-weekly updates to the students about what we're doing.
- SCOB: I like Jackie's ideas about getting one event per quarter. But I want to know if what we're doing events wise is something students want. I think this all comes back to the point that there is little feedback. I think the base way to do this is to get students involved.
- Grad: As for transparency, I tend to send people to the website to find information. I think we need to keep our website updated to help students know what we're doing.
- CAST: What about getting minutes up for students to see?
- VP: They are.
- CAST: Do students know that?

c. Add/Drop Changing? – Phil Amsler
- VP: Phil wants to get our info as a group so that if they go to him with questions he can respond.
- RHA: They would like to move the Add/Drop period up closer to maybe 6 days or the Friday of week one. I know I don't feel thats enough time to decide if a class is ok.
- Grad: I would support that it shouldn't be changed.
- Org Rec: If classes are canceled because not enough people signed up people are running around trying to make classes fit in their schedule.
- GLBT: Students sometimes know they want to drop right away, but sometimes it takes a while to figure out about the class.
- SCOB: It can take a while to figure out if a class isn't what you're looking for so you drop. When it comes to adding that usually follows the dropping of a class.
- VP: Could we have a separate policy for Add and Drop.
- RHA: That came with the if you drop a class you would need to add one to keep full time status.
- Org Rec: Proactive students will attend classes and wait to see if they can get in.

- NTID: I know for NTID students we have to have 12 credits. So changing it could cause a problem.

8) Committee Reports
   a. Grad
      - Report on the IP Committee.
      - Grad: We're at the end of the document so they'll be coming in soon to talk about it.

9) Cabinet Accomplishments
   a. President
      - Pres: They have set up a committee for the Rochester General Hospital relationship with RIT.
      - Pres: There will be a modest raise in tuition and a decrease in budgets.
      - Pres: There is a $12 million war chest for RIT to fall back on incase something happens.
      - Pres: Women's Hockey is currently #2 or 3 in the country and #1 in the East. Men's Hockey has won the last 14 out of 15 games.
      - Pres: We were told student e-mail will be outsourcing by May. Wireless is going on campus side, the Library is done.
   b. Vice President
      - VP: One on one's will start again next quarter with some changes going on. One of the things you can do during office hours is benchmarking. We're toying around with the idea of changing the set up of Student Government.
   c. Finance:
      - Finance: National Press Photographers Assoc got $600
      - Finance: Players got $225
      - Finance: Humans vs Zombie's got $1190 with some help about making themselves self-sustaining.
   d. Student Relations
      - Stu Rela: I'm looking at changing spirit Friday's because I have class. I might get Ritchie later unless someone else wants to walk around.
      - Stu Rela: Scholarships are out.
   e. Director of Services
      - Dir of Serv: Ed and I have been going back and forth about re-doing the website to make it flow more.
      - Dir of Serv: E-mail will be changing by May. It will most likely be G-mail.
      - Org Rec: When will the Dorm Challenge video come out?
      - Dir of Serv: By April hopefully.
   f. Public Relations
      - PR: We're looking to get the elections packet online
   g. Organization Recognition

- Org Rec: We're going to strongly encourage students attend an info session in order to do packets for elections.
- PR: By next Wednesday we're going to have a flier ready. I would like them in your display boards by the end of break.

10) Senate & MSO Accomplishments
   a. NSC
      - NSC: We're getting ready for an event in March the NTID Star Search
   b. CAST
      - CAST: I have contacted all the people about the TV and I will probably be at the Finance Committee sometime because I need three different contractors.
   c. NTID
      - NTID: We're trying to get people to sign more in order to improve their signing abilities. We also want to increase the amount of deaf faculty.
   d. KGCOE
      - KGCOE: There has been an e-mail sent out about turning in lab reports on MyCourses because of the school going green.
   e. SCOB
      - SCOB: Clubs have started using the wallpapers on computers and it is working great. We've had great turn out for events.
   f. Grad
      - Grad: There are two committees for going green and I have been invited by Dr. Watters to join it. The other committee is going to meet and see how much student representation they want.
   g. Global Union
      - Gobal Union: Unification was a great success, so we've started our own YouTube channel with the videos. The channel is a place to get information to foreign students. The Global Union E-Board might be changing their constitution in order to help incoming position holders to learn about what they need to do.
   h. Reporter
      - Reporter: My term will be up in March and I'll be bringing in the new Editor in Chief to introduce him.
   i. Freshman
      - Freshman: We're making a new packet that will have all the information freshman need out with more personalized information.
   j. WITR
      - WITR: We're having elections soon, so the new General Manager will be coming fourth week.
   k. GLBT
      - GLBT: We're doing a hand written letter campaign regarding gay marriage. We also have a speaker series for spring quarter.

11) Governance Reports
    a. Academic Senate
        - Academic Senate: I'm cutting and pasting all your comments and passing them out to Academic Senate.
        - Academic Senate: We're also looking at the plus and minus grading system so Phil will be bringing that to you later.

12) Advisor Reports
    a. Kathy
        - Kathy: Good luck on your exams!
    b. Colette
        - Colette: Academic Senators I'm going to set up a meeting after Senate sometime to continue our conversation.

13) Adjournment
    a. COS motion to adjourn, Grad seconded
    b. Adjourned at 2:43

Announcements
- GOOD LUCK WITH FINALS!
- SG Annual Banquet – Monday, May 4th, 2009, 5:30pm SAU Cafeteria

Next Meeting
- United Way Committee Update
- Entrepreneurs Hall