

# AGENDA • SG SENATE

## 08-09 STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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02/13/09 | 1-3pm | SDC 1300

1) Call to Order

Called to order at 1:40

2) Roll Call

*President	
*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	X
*GCCIS	X
*COLA	
*COS	
*Women's Senator	X
*Freshman	X
*Grad	X
*CAST	X
*RHA	X
*NSC	
*NTID	X
*GLBT	X
*ACA	X
*Global Union	X
*WITR	X
*CAB	X
*Greek Council	X
*OCASA	X
*Reporter	X
*SAAC	X
*Academic Senate	X
*Staff Council	
*Dr. Heath	X
*Colette Shaw	X

3) Speak to the Senate

4) Approval of Minutes

a. 2/16

- OCASA motion to approve, RHA seconded
- approved

5) Presenters

a. Intellectual Property Policy – Bill Bond

- VP: We're going to talk about the changes from the last time you all saw this.
- A power point presentation was passed out to everyone.
- Bill: I've been here for about eight months. This is an update from the first time I came. We were at version 12.1 when I came before, we are now at 12.9.
- Bill: 12.9 is almost final in many sections, the mark up that you see is in areas where we are still having debate.
- A list of the writing team was provided in power point.
- General concerns were listed on a slide and discussed briefly.
- Bill: Expressed Assignment has to be in writing, it used to be able to be verbally. Curriculum, Courses, and Course material have all been defined more definitively.
- The numbers after the topic refers the to location within version 12.9 of that item.
- Bill: Student ownership of IP has been and is being updated.
- Specific Concerns Addressed
- Bill: An area we are working on at the moment is the area of adjunct faculty. We are working on new language that addresses the fact that many of these faculty are working at other places as well.
- Bill: Graduate Student Ownership of IP is still being worked on. We have added a few triggers and some will remain unchanged.
- Bill: I have been called about issues dealing with assignments to RIT for a required class project.
- Listed the rewards that the student receives for inventing something.
- Bill: If students own their IP my office will work with you if you will assign rights to RIT.
- Listed Next Steps
- Bill: There is a built in grievance policy. If people don't like the decisions that are being made in the hierarchy you can appeal it.
- Bill: Any questions?
- VP: Why is it retroactive?
- Bill: The Graduate student piece is what causes it to be retroactive. The policy itself is affective the day it is signed, but for that one little piece section 5E will be affective at a later date.
- VP: I don't understand what FLSA means.
- It was defined but not caught
- VP: I don't understand why this is then.

- Bill: Before it was for all students, not just Graduates.
- Grad: It was more defined for the Graduate students.
- CAST: If someone had an invention idea but weren't sure about all of the technical aspect of it. If someone came to your office and you liked the idea, would you help them find someone to work on it?
- Bill: Assigning right to RIT is possible. I am willing to do that and have done that on many occasion. If it is ours and not the students we will help but if it is the students we're careful to not be the students lawyer.
- CAST: If the student isn't sure how to make all the technical points, can you help?
- Bill: Well we have done that before. We would give you information of where to go for that kind of help. The idea was if we were going to go after a patent then the student would assign it to us but we wanted to wait to see if it would work. We gave the student a list of contacts to go see and then had them come back when they were ready.
- Di of Serv: If the student has a financial aid package does that fall under this? An outside agency is helping pay for their college.
- Bill: It's going through RIT so yes.

#### 6) Old Business

- a. Senate to work with Governance Reps
  - VP: Did senators reach out to governance reps? Try and get that done by next week.
- b. Academic Clubs
  - Org Rec: Most of you have sent me something. If you have sent me names of the clubs follow up with contacts. I could have found the names on my own but I need their contacts.
- c. MSO Review
  - Finance: I sent out the changes. If you have any questions go ahead and ask.
  - Finance: There were a lot of references to the MSO Liaison position which doesn't exist, we replaced that with the Organization Recognition position.
  - Finance: The goals were modified along with responsibilities.
  - Finance: Some of the wording was adjusted for when there were meetings with the Organization Recognition.
  - GLBT: I think that towards the end of a quarter would be a better time to remind people what they were to be working on.
  - Global: I would suggest being able to schedule with Organization Recognition.
  - Finance: Some wording was changed when discussing budget.
  - Finance: The members of the committees were outlined, there will be two committees.

- SAAC: What would happen if the appeal wasn't taken care of by finals?
- Finance: I'm assuming Campus Life would take care of it.
- SAAC: Do you think that you could outline that in the document?
- Finance: I'll talk to Mike D about it and see about putting something into the document.
- VP: We need a motion to table it for a week. In the meantime Mehlam will send out an updated version.
- Motion to table by , SAAC seconded
- Table approved

## 7) New Business

### a. Community Watch Update

- Passed out a power point presentation and some papers.
- Community Watch is a volunteer service by students for students.
- It's not a vigilantly service, its more of a community involvement. It can be used for community service.
- Community Watch helps take away pressure from public safety.
- University of Wisconsin-Madison has a successful similar program that ours is based off of.
- We work with public safety, this is just a helping service.
- Public Safety will provide a vehicle to us
- Community Service can decline and assign to Public Safety if they feel it is unsafe
- Liabilities have been discussed with have been discussed with the SG Lawyer and Risk Management
- There are insurances built into this
- Operations Manager would be paid minimum wage, schedule volunteers and maintain equipment and be available by the phone in case of an emergency
- There will be more volunteers on the weekends during the busy time
- Qualifications is a valid drivers license and a clean criminal record, Public Safety will assist with background checks, honesty and leadership skills, and be a current student at RIT
- Training consists of Public Safety/Women's Center training
- The application process was defined and a budget provided
- Advertising would be fliers, banners, word of mouth, and Reporter Ads and a budget for this was provided
- SAAC: Did you mention where you will have your office?
- SG would be the central location for it. We aren't sure where the manager would be. We might not even have an office.
- GCCIS: What if you have deaf or hard of hearing students? How will you get in contact with them?
- We would get a device for texting or IMing them.

- GCCIS: You said the students would be receiving training, would they be receiving ASL training as well?
- That is a good point, I know we do that in RA's training.
- ACA: Would the people who report and a hearing was required from something they went to would they be at the hearing as apart of Community Watch?
- Not as Community Watch, but if they were a witness possibly. We would have to discuss this further.
- Collette: The role of this isn't to incriminate? For instance, if someone calls and needs a ride home because they are drunk the Community Watch person doesn't write them up do they?
- No, this is a help service.
- NTID: Well if you had someone who was underage and was drinking would I have to call Public Safety?
- That wouldn't be Community Watches role.
- NTID: What if they were drunk and passed out or underage?
- If they were drunk and needed help then they need medical attention. But you don't call to report someone underage, thats not your job.
- Freshman: Are you concerned that if people call and hear Public Safety that someone might hang up out of fear?
- The dispatcher would answer RIT Community Watch and not Public Safety if that phone number rang.

b. Gimmicks?

- Next week

c. Power Outage

- Motion to discuss by RHA, Grad seconded
- RHA: Aren't we supposed to get text messages about this?
- OCASA: Yea, we got e-mails but unless you have a laptop you couldn't get it.
- Greek: I think we need to work on emergency lighting. It took about five minutes for emergency lighting in KGCoe.
- CIAS: In CIAS the emergency lighting came right on so I can see there is inconsistency there.
- VP: This was requested by one of the governance groups. A professor wasn't notified at all about the outage. I'm going to send an e-mail about notifying students about emergencies because this was an emergency.
- Dir of Serv: That emergency system only works if your emergency contact is in the system.
- Everyone: Our numbers were in SIS.
- Academic Senate: There are different levels of emergency that can trigger what happens.
- VP: We're going to move on but we need to have more transparency when these emergencies happen. Can I get a straw vote to let me send an e-mail on behalf of SG?

- Straw vote passed
- SAAC: Can you make it on behalf of everyone, staff included?
- VP: I can only make it on behalf of students, not staff.

8) Committee Reports

9) Cabinet Accomplishments

- a. Director of Services
  - PAG had a meeting this morning. One thing discussed was that Park Point doesn't want to pay for bus shelters. Also, a new bus route will be coming to be approved in a few weeks.
- b. Finance
  - Gamma is doing an event during spring break about alcohol awareness, they got \$900
  - \$125 went to another group going to a conference, the money was needed to purchase a device
  - Habitat For Humanity received \$500
- c. Public Relations
  - I have more fliers, if you could get them up by the end of next week that would be best.

10) Senate & MSO Accomplishments

- a. Global Union
  - Unification was last Saturday, it was a huge success
- b. NTID
  - Matt and I went to a meeting and discussed having deaf students involved in the hiring of interpreters and student interpreters
  - Both meetings went well
- c. SCOB
  - Matthew Jones on 2/16
- d. Women's Senator
  - I will not be here next quarter, Rose will be replacing me
  - NTID: Should we have to vote on this?
  - VP: I can appoint.
- e. GCCIS
  - The GCCIS club posting board is up, being used, but not complete yet.
  - GCCIS club mailing list between club presidents is complete and in use.
- f. Graduate
  - The business cards for graduate students have been approved
  - About the IP policy, if you have questions ask me
- g. Greek Council
  - We are having the second annual Group Dance tonight
  - The hypnotist is on Tuesday at 8pm
  - Thursday is a Mardi Gra party

- h. RHA
  - Tuesday of exam week is Final Scream
- i. CAB
  - Battle of the Sexes is tonight in the RITs
  - We got 50 cent for Spring Fest
- j. WITR
  - One of our DJs retired last Friday
  - We got 1000 WITR t-shirts in
  - We are looking for a web developer
- k. OCASA
  - Coffee Break is next week, I'm saying it now because by next week you would have missed it.
  - There are going to be giveaways.
  - It starts at 10 on Thursday but I would show up around 9:30
- l. ACA
  - Unity House is having Chocolate City

#### 11) Governance Group Accomplishments

#### 12) Advisor Reports

- a. Kathy
  - Anyone waiting for new polo shirts are on the table
- b. Dr. Heath
  - I had a meeting this week about the campus center, we're starting to look at furniture and the color.
  - Many of you who are getting space there will be brought in soon to give input. Input will be gotten from NTID as well.
  - The next step is going to be artist renderings so you can see what you like.
  - RHA: How on schedule are you?
  - They are doing a great job in terms of the schedule. The word on the street is still January of 2010

#### 13) Adjournment

- a. OCASA motion to adjourn, seconded KGCOE
- b. Adjourned at 3:01

#### Announcements

- Vagina Monologues, Ingle Auditorium
  - Friday, February 13, 2009, 8-10pm
  - Saturday, February 14, 2009, 8-10pm
- Valentine's Day Ice Disco, Ice Rink, Saturday February 14, 2009, 11pm-1am
- Valentine's Day Dance, SDC 1300, Saturday February 14, 2009, 8-11pm
- 12th Annual Snowball, SAU Cafeteria, Friday, February 20, 2009, 8pm-1am

#### Next Week

Women's Senator  
Senate Goal Tracking