

Non-Members Present: J. Bender, S. Ferris (interpreter), C. Kropp (interpreter), S. McKitrick, K. Rex, M. Smith

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Minutes
The minutes from the April 8, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

President’s Report
- Dr. Destler thanked everyone for their efforts to make the Imagine RIT festival a success
- The Saunders Online MBA program was ranked 7th in the US by The Princeton Review “Top 25 Online MBA Programs for 2015.”

Middle States Reaccreditation Process Presentation
Sean McKitrick, MSCHE
- All institutions wishing to receive Title IV money in the form of student loans and Pell grants have to receive accreditation via self-study
- MSCHE history was briefly reviewed, as well as its relationship to other accreditation organizations across the country
- Every institution should have a unique mission that is focused on quality and on students
- Student learning effectiveness is increasingly important as seen in the recent closing of several private, for-profit higher educational institutions
- One of several regional accreditors in the United States
- Commission’s emphasis is on mission, continuous quality improvement and ensuring consistent application of policies
- Reviewed new standards for accreditation and requirements for affiliation
• Shared that RIT’s plan for self-study is excellent
• Explained commission’s stance on third party provided curriculum
• Discussed competency based education programs; such programs are self-paced and credit hours are not counted
• Discussed standards, including compliance
• Members were encouraged to read the documentation and the self-study once it is ready

Dr. Destler noted that Anne Wahl and Michael Laver are the co-chairs for the project and are both present today; he acknowledged the success of their efforts so far.

Q. Where do staff members fit into the reaccreditation process?
A. The process is not a faculty-only process and involves many stakeholders, including staff.

Comment: It was mentioned that the clinical fields already use a competency based learning form.

**Event Management Software Introduction**
Meredith Smith
• Reviewed membership of special events and conference team: Lynn Rowoth, staff involved with Fringe Fest, and the First Robotics conference, who are all professional and semi-professional event planners
• Researching and purchasing the software took more than 2 years
• The new service allows for a primary dashboard and monthly reoccurring events; connects to Outlook and PeopleSoft, as well as catering and FMS systems.
• Many peer institutions have used this software for more than a decade
• Will take up to 18 months to have all information about rooms, features and contacts uploaded
• Early implementation stakeholder meetings will be scheduled soon
• Michelle Lizette is the lead on this project and should be contacted with any questions

Q. Who will have access to this system?
A. That will be decided during the early implementation process.

Q. What’s to prevent someone using this software to organize a non-RIT event?
A. For non-RIT events, special events staff can help get people into the right process and make sure they have the right legal contract, insurance, etc. to reduce risk for university.

**Proposed Changes to Policy C 1.0 Oversight Committee for Externally Funded Projects**
*(presentation available at DML)*
Ryne Raffaelle
• Reviewed the rationale for the policy changes and the role of the RIT Awards and Proposals Information Database (RAPID)*
- Reviewed compliance requirements and the role of the institute compliance committee, a subcommittee of the board of trustees
- Publication delays or special requests will now take place at the department level, not the committee level
- Specific changes recommended by governance groups include:
  - annual report should be distributed to governance groups as well as IC
  - committee should also include a rep from academic senate and staff council
  - escalation process should include notification of student government

Q. Student Government had requested participation on the research compliance committee as well as contact during escalation process. Is that included in the new proposed policy?
A. No, because some of the content discussed at the meetings would be highly sensitive, the Division of Research was advised to not include students on this committee.

Comment: students are represented on the Student Conduct Committee which also exposes students to highly sensitive and confidential information. How is this different than the Research Compliance Committee? Can this discussion be continued?

Dr. Destler requested that The Office of Legal Affairs draft a memo to clarify the justification for this recommendation. If the explanation is not satisfactory to Student Government, the issue can be revisited by Institute Council.

Q. This policy is currently in the governance policy library and will remain in the governance policy library, is that correct?
A. That is correct.

Vote concluded: 27 for, 5 against, motion passed

**Enrollment Projections** *(presentation available at DML)*
Jim Miller
- Reviewed evidence for RITs ascent in enrollments (see slide) including increased number of applications, and number of students receiving Goldwater, Fulbright and other recognitions
- FTEs are 75% larger than in 1994; more than 18,000 students are expected in fall semester
- More than 16,000 students registered for fall at Rochester campus (above number includes global campuses)
- Colleges with the largest enrollment percentages are GCCIS and COS
- The overall picture is positive
- Demographics indicate a more diverse freshman class, higher percentage of AALANA, DHH and international students than previous years
- Reviewed increase in female student enrollment in stem programs between 2007 and 2015, women account for 50% of growth in STEM since 2007
Noted that majority of transfers are entering with second year status instead of third year which had previously been the norm
Emphasized importance of maintaining brand recognition and market reach

Q. Could you speak to the level of family income diversity in the new admissions?
A. 31% of our students are considered Pell-eligible, which is the highest percentage among our competition and peers.

Student Government Accomplishments *(presentation available at DML)*
Ashley Carrington, Tyler Pierce

- Ashley shared that both she and Tyler would be graduating next week
- Distributed annual report
- Discussed new role of director of operations for SG; job includes creation of annual report to maintain consistency from year to year, position runs on the calendar year to maintain continuity
- Reviewed success of petitioning and bike share services, which are now being used by RPI and University of Rochester, respectively
- Acquired and refreshed RITPedia
- Traveled to Croatia campus, who is now incorporating PawPrints and RITPedia
- Reorganized funding for clubs and organization; gave ROTC students ability to register earlier due to their training schedule
- Reviewed rebranding of SG websites

Dr. Destler commended their efforts and stated that it has been one of the most effective student governments in recent history.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.