


The meeting was called to order at 3:03pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Dr. Destler asked the membership to go around the table and make introductions.

MINUTES
Minutes from the May 16, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
- Dr. Destler remarked on the successful opening of the school year, great welcome events for our new students and parents.
- New rankings:
  - KGCOE now 27th in the world for Engineering
  - US News recently ranked RIT 7th in the North
  - Aviation Weekly named RIT one of the top three schools companies prefer when recruiting and hiring in critical skill areas for the aerospace and defense industries.
- Ground breaking on the Gene Polisseni Center will occur Friday October 19, during Brick City Homecoming Weekend.

TITLE IX COMPLIANCE-RELATED REVISIONS TO POLICIES C6.0 and D.18 (Ppt presentation is posted on IC DML site)
Bobby Colon
- June 16, 2011 Complaint received, September 6, 2011 Complaint settled and OCR commenced a review of RIT’s Title IX policies and procedures. January 13, 2012 RIT entered into a Resolution Agreement.
- RIT did not have a Title IX Policy, but it did have a Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment (C6.0) and a Student Conduct Policy (D18.0).
OCR requested changes
  • Changes to policies C 6.0 and D 18.0 regarding definitions related to discrimination and harassment
  • Complainant now has rights to appeal that had not been clear in previous policy
  • Claimants also have rights to go through local law enforcement agencies which will not impact outcome of RIT’s internal investigation
  • C 6.0 now split into two policies, C 6.0 which will address sexual harassment and discrimination; and C 6.1, which will address other remaining concerns
  • Dr. Destler reminded members present that if they witness any illegal or violent activity (esp. of a nature of that which occurred at Penn State) on campus their first responsibility is to contact 911, then to notify appropriate administrators.

ICEC APPROVED EDITS TO POLICIES AFFECTED BY CALENDAR CONVERSION (Ppt presentation is posted on IC DML site)
Dr. Destler

Editorial policy changes related to changing language from quarters to semesters have been approved by the Institute Council Executive Committee, and are presented to the IC for review. If at any point a member feels the change is more than editorial and requires further discussion by governance groups please speak up. The editorial changes presented regarding policies C 19.0, C22.0, D 10.0, and E 1.0 were approved.

DRAFT PLAN OF WORK-DISCUSSION AND RATIFICATION
Dr. Haefner

The draft Plan of Work for 2012-2013 academic year was presented and approved unanimously with no questions from the committee.

BRICK CITY HOMECOMING WEEKEND UPDATE (Ppt presentation is posted on IC DML site)
Michelle Seger

• This year’s Brick City Weekend is October 19-21, 2012 - one of 3 big festivals at RIT: Brick City Weekend, Homecoming, Freeze Fest, and Imagine RIT
• It is an opportunity to showcase campus to parents, alumni, and students and potentially a recruiting tool for younger siblings/family members 13-18
• Organized around big events- Alumni Ball, Horton Speaker, Hockey
• Shuttles are available to get folks from campus to downtown
• The website http://www.rit.edu/gcr/brickcity/ has over 100 different events over the weekend, each college showcasing something different
• 5k has grown substantially with over 500 participants last year
• Dinosaur BBQ will be on campus, projected to serve about 1,200 attendees
• In 2011, all events sold out in advance
• Dr. Destler requested that Michelle deliver an update on event attendance numbers at the next IC meeting (2 days before homecoming weekend.)
CAMPUS PROJECTS (Ppt presentation is posted on IC DML site)
John Moore

- Golisano Institute for Sustainability, Institute Hall, Rosica Hall and baseball fields all under construction.
- GIS will be primarily research and labs, scheduled to open December 2012. Will also feature a new quad with improved green space
- Institute Hall will be primarily classroom and labs for Chemical and Biomedical Engineering, also scheduled for completion in December 2012
- Rosica Hall will be classrooms and labs and will house the NTID imaginarium as well as research facilities, and is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2013.
- L Lot is getting a lighting upgrade this month.
- Baseball field will be completed this month
- The new Gene Polisseni Center will include a 4,500 seat arena; groundbreaking will be on the Friday of Brick City Weekend and it is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2014. This will impact parking in U lot (which has been reduced) and S Lot which is being expanded and adding 230 to the south
- IHST renovations to the north end of Slaughter Hall will include clinical labs and classroom in the former Heidelberg press area.
- FMS is also upgrading the electrical power systems-outages will be planned in advance and notice given to campus community

Q. Will new lighting be shielded for maximum efficiency?
A. Yes, per RIT policy for lighting

Q. Will the arena have handicapped access and seating?
A. Yes, handicapped seating will be available at multiple view points and multiple levels around the rink.

Q. Will captioning be available for hockey games?
A. Yes, the equipment required for captioning was included in the criteria for the bid.

Q. Will any part of U Lot remain when construction is complete?
A. Yes-90-99 spaces will remain available in U Lot

Q. Will reserved parking for Margaret’s House patrons be available now that M Lot is inaccessible due to construction?
A. A new drop-off rotary is being installed, and FMS is looking at a system of canopies to protect parents and children from inclement weather.

Q. As the Green Data Center will be part of Institute Hall, Jean Casares should attend a future IC meeting to discuss the project and benefits for campus.
A. Dr. Destler agreed with this statement, and it has been added to the Plan of Work.
Dr. Destler then spoke about funding of current and future construction projects.

- Academic Revenue Bonds (ARBs) are used to pay for capital expenses not covered by grants and gifts.
- The Bonds are then paid with predictable revenue from new buildings.
- 30-40% of the Gene Polissini Center will be paid for from gifts to RIT, the rest will be from ARB.
- 10% of the new GIS building will be paid for through ARBs, the rest through gifts.
- IHST improvements will be covered by new enrollment revenues.
- Rosica Hall will involve no RIT funding or ARBs and will be entirely funded by private gifts.
- RIT currently has a debt payment rate of 3.5%, which is low compared to other universities.

- Dr. Destler emphasized that new buildings don’t contribute to tuition increases.

POLICY UPDATES *(Ppt presentation is posted on IC DML site)*

Kathleen Martin

- 32 policies require review this academic year, double last year’s total of 16.
- Academic Senate has the bulk of policies up for review and approval.
- Vocabulary:
  - Edits—changes to policy that are non-substantive and reflect small changes (e.g., changing language from “quarters” to “semesters” or “academic terms”)
  - Revisions—changes to policy that are substantive and require a review by the appropriate governance groups and require more dialog.
- 16 of the policies are related to Calendar Conversion.
- Goal of August 26, 2013 for all governance polices to be updated for calendar conversion to semesters.
- Kathleen Martin and Sue Provenzano are available to meet with individuals and groups to facilitate the efficient approval of policy changes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. dt ogilvie mentioned that the E. Philip Saunders College of Business undergraduate business program ranking by US News improved from #69 last year to #57 this year.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

To be approved at the October 17, 2012 Institute Council meeting.