

Minutes of Meeting

Regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate of Rochester Institute of Technology

Thursday, October 27, 2022

12:15 – 1:50 PM

1720/1730 Cybersecurity Institute

Attendance: See Below

Agenda Item No. 1: Call to Order; A. Newman (12:15)
Meeting called to order.
Agenda Item No. 2: Approval of Agenda; A. Newman (12:15)
Motion Seconded
Agenda Item No. 3: Communication Officer's Report/Approval of Minutes; L. Hall (12:16)
N/A
Agenda Item No. 4: Executive Committee Report; A. Newman (12:16)
Update: Relatively quiet last week. We've been asked to recommend a process for soliciting input on One Payroll, which is in process. ROAR Day is today and the November 3 rd meeting will be on Zoom.

Agenda Item No. 5: Staff Council Update; G. Harrington (12:17)
Update: We continued discussing OnePayroll and other accounting issues.
Agenda Item No. 6: Student Government Update; L. Dibble (12:18)
Update: We had a fall ball and discussed a variety of student programming coming up. We're working on putting out a newsletter.
Agenda Item No. 7: SHED Planning Update; C. Licata (12:20) <i>Presentation files below</i>
"Where Imagine RIT never ends..." (see attached presentation for details) Update: Lots of details on classrooms and layout of the large classrooms in particular. We're learning a lot from classes being taught in the "betaSHED." Our workshop was successful (40 faculty), training & development institute and boot camps, as well as student performance team "neighborhoods." Next 6 months focus is on: Exhibit and gallery spaces, clubs & organizations, and hire executive director Discussion:

Q (C. Kray): How will glass classrooms work? Shades?

A (C. Licata): some will have retractable shades

Q (H. Ghazle): Is there any discussion of reassignment of space in colleges based on the classrooms in the SHED?

A (C. Licata): Yes, some classrooms will be converted to research. Seven colleges submitted proposals, and the committee made recommendations in consultation with the President and Provost. Colleges have been told what they're getting, and have come back with specific plans for use of the space. Minimal renovations, because of research buildings being built in the future. Facilities will be looking at what's realistic moving forward, and the associated costs. This is going to be a 4-5y rollout.

Q (S. Malachowsky): A lot of machinery and complex designs; is there a budget for making modifications based on maintenance, unexpected issues, ongoing maintenance.

A (C. Licata): Some funds have been held back for unexpected issues.

Q (J. Moore): What exactly are your concerns? Mike has built this into his planning. We don't have a specific fund, but we expect most things will work fine because they've planned carefully.

(S. Malachowsky): Even cybersecurity has problems

A (J. Moore): We do allocate funds for ongoing issues with space and equipment

Q (J. Faber): This is more general purpose classrooms than before. How will we move classes into larger classrooms?

A (C. Licata): Joe Lofredo looking at this. Classes that are small lecture/discussion will be worked out with Joe and scheduling officers are working to be sure classes match.

Q (B. Thomas): Is it correct that there's no research space in the SHED?

A (C. Licata): Yes.

[SHED Presentation](#)

Agenda Item No. 8: Master Plan Update: D. Munson and J. Moore (12:48) *Presentation files below*

Master Plan presentation – Munson, Moore, Yarrington

Update (D. Munson): Strategic plan had 25 goals, one of which was a campus master plan; it's about the physical campus, and intended to carry us out from 25 to 50 years. Task force has been working on this. (multiple representatives from governance groups), and there's now a solid plan.

Comment (J. Moore): The draft will be available for public review in mid-November, and open to comments until end of the semester. Architects developed this plan based on history, surveys, interviews, their own observations, trends in higher ed, and our strategic plan. (See presentation for details)

Five master plan drivers: Physical campus, sustainability, academics, aesthetics, growth.

Architects felt our existing campus has "good bones." Want to focus on better transition to forested areas around campus. "Densification" of space. We do have a good bit of developable space in the central campus. They want something more like an urban campus, with a density of resources.

Comment (D. Munson): Important to understand this is a long-term plan.

Comment (J. Moore): We showed a lot of renderings that include more things like global village—mixed

use, more floors, denser. “Home bases” in college buildings. Athletics as a central part of campus—with indoor facilities, possibly another sports arena.

A (D. Munson): Parking lots can become building spaces. Next 3-5 years focus will be on landscaping (which they think will attract more students and faculty..) More connectivity between spaces. Five to ten years: more research facilities, more housing developments (phase out older spaces like Riverknoll, as well as increased beds for growth.) new recreation facility to attract more students. Keep the student population closer to the core of the campus.
10-20 years: modifying roads and expanding footprint of buildings, especially to the north
20-50 years: “innovative scholarship and education will require a more flexible campus.

Q (P. White): Pushing parking further and further away from buildings; what happens for handicapped parking?

A (J. Moore): We are keeping that in mind; we also need access for service vehicles. This has been discussed with the steering committee. These diagrams are very high level.

Q (I. Puchades): What about shopping on campus? “Normally priced” groceries, for instance.

A (J. Moore) There will be retail spread throughout

A (J. Waters): More retail will be interested in being here if there’s higher density of population.

Q (A. McLaren): Food and drink are not well-integrated into current campus. People have to go off campus for food.

A (J. Moore) Higher density again will help with this. Java’s has reopened. The area around Java’s on the first floor will be “breathtaking.” As you move into the building, there will be additional food options.

Comment (J. Moore): Our natural setting doesn’t allow for us to merge

Q (S. Malachowsky): Are the tunnels being considered in the near-term?

A (J. Moore): Absolutely. We’re planning to recondition, improve, and even provide daylight.

[Master Plan Presentation](#)

Agenda Item No. 9: Graduate Council Committee Report; G. Thurston (1:20) *Presentation files below*

Charge 2 took most of their time

Charge 1, thinking about ABB, carried over because there’s more discussion that needs to happen

Charge 2: Many programs brought to GCC. Proposals were well-designed and presented; they had some questions but most needed only minor revisions. The only one that they didn't send on to Senate was the GIS program in GCCIS.

[Graduate Council Committee Report AY 2021-22](#)

Agenda Item No. 10: RABC Report; C. Hochgraf (1:25) *Presentation files below*

(See attached presentation for additional details)

Charge 1: reviewing and providing recs to faculty based on ABB. Provost said RABC needed to act as the voice of the faculty. (specific goals listed on slide)

Slides include details about::

Committee preparations, what they wanted from RIT that they didn't receive—budget allocation, revenue, costs, etc.

Provided a set of principles to Provost: transparency, timing, training, trust, transition (again, all listed on slides)

Schools that have done this, in terms of transparency, are public institutions with complete transparency of financial data. Without that information, faculty governance cannot provide meaningful input.

Recommendation: Permanent charge to collect necessary data, and prepare a report of the university's financial status. Based on publicly available info, including but not limited to audited financial statements and filings.

What is the "wisdom" of this? Budgeting is about priorities.

ABB will affect much of faculty daily life—class size, pay, travel, etc.

Va Tech discussed the problems with evaluation criteria.

Recommendation:

Faculty Senate needs to be deeply involved, but also keep a high level perspective. What are the desired outcomes of ABB? Is there a more direct path to that goal? What other possibilities for identifying inefficiencies are there?

Flexibility

Again, are there approaches other than ABB for this?

Charge 2: Revenue generation through faculty entrepreneurship activities

Recommendation: survey other campuses

Recommendation: incentivize entrepreneurship by recording in RAPID

Recommendation: regular meeting between senate and HR in the spring of each year when benefit changes are being planned.

Charge 3: review \$150m bond issuance

(slide shows what actions they took, questions they asked)

Recommended that dormitory renovations are important

Rec: RABC reporting back this year on the impact of increased debt service

Where is the money coming from (~\$5m/year on \$150)

Q (S. Malachowsky): What happened about getting information that wasn't provided?

A (C. Hochgraf): Things were provided late and redacted.

Comment (S. Aldersley): This report should have been provided at the end of the academic year. Timing is important on these things. Clark has made it clear that to make recommendations you need data, and

you need it on a timely basis. Move that the exec committee meet with RABC for mid-year report in January.

Comment (S. Malachowsky): I believe January may be a tight deadline if the Senate doesn't have a meeting in that month.

Motion (S. Aldersley): Move that the exec committee meet with RABC for mid-year report in January or February.

VOTE: Motion passed by acclamation

Comment (S. Malachowsky): Maybe we can ask RABC to present a report to Faculty Senate by February of the Spring semester every year.

[RABC Presentation](#)

Agenda Item No. 11: New Business; A. Newman (1:50)

N/A

Agenda Item No. 10: Adjournment; Newman (1:50)

Motion to adjourn

Attendance October 27, 2022

Name	Relationship to Senate	Attended		Name	Relationship to Senate	Attended
Abushagur, Mustafa	KGCOE Senator	x		Ma, Yunn-Shan	ALT CLA Senator	
Adrion, Amy	ALT CAD Senator (Fall 2022)	x		Malachowsky, Sam	Treasurer, GCCIS Senator	x
Aldersley, Stephen	SOIS Senator	x		McLaren, Amy	CAD Senator	
Anselm, Martin	CET Senator			Newman, Atia	Chair, CAD Senator	x

Babbitt, Gregory	COS Senator	x		Newman, Dina	COS Senator	x
Bamonto, Suzanne	CLA Senator			Olabisi, Joy	SCB Senator	
Barone, Keri	CLA Senator	x		Osgood, Robert	ALT CHST Senator	
Boedo, Stephen	ALT KGCOE Senator			Perez Sanchez, Alejandro	CAD Senator	
Brown, Tamaira	Senate Coordinator	x		Puchades, Ivan	KGCOE Senator	x
Butler, Janine	ALT NTID Senator			Reed, Mary Lynn	COS Senator	x
Crawford, Denton	CAD Senator	x		Reisch, Mark	ALT CAD Senator	
D'Amanda, Elisabetta	CLA Senator			Ross, Annemarie	ALT NTID Senator	
Dell, Betsy	CET Senator	x		Shaaban, Muhammad	ALT KGCOE Senator	
Deese, Franklin	CAD Senator (Fall 2022)			Sheffield, Jr., Clarence	ALT SOIS Senator	
Dibble, Leah	Student Gov't Rep	x		Song, Qian	SCB Senator	x
Eddingsaas, Nathan	COS Senator	x		Sparkman, Torrence	ALT SCB Senator	
Faber, Joshua	COS Senator	x		Thomas, Bolaji	CHST Senator	x
Gehret, Austin	NTID Senator	x		Tobin, Karen	NTID Senator	x
Ghazle, Hamad	Operations Officer, CHST	x		Tsukernik, Olga	ALT COS Senator	

	Senator					
Granberg, Ellen	Provost	Excused		Van Aardt, Jan	ALT COS Senator	
Gottlieb, Owen	ALT GCCIS Senator			Venkataraman, Jayanti	KGCOE Senator	x
Hall, Lauren	Communications Officer, CLA Senator	Excused		Villasmil, Larry	ALT CET Senator	
Hazelwood, David	NTID Senator	x		Warp, Melissa	ALT CAD Senator (Spring 2023)	
Heyman, Emily (sub - Gabrielle Harrington)	Staff Council Rep.	x		White, Phil	ALT GCCIS Senator	x
Hsieh, Jerrie	ALT SCB Senator			Williams, Eric	GIS Senator	x
Jadamba, Basca	COS Senator	x		Worrell, Tracy	ALT CLA Senator	x
Johnson, Dan	CET Senator	x		Zanibbi, Richard	GCCIS Senator	
Johnson, Scott	GCCIS Senator	x		Zlochower, Yosef	ALT COS Senator	
Jordan, Anne	Spring 2023 CAD Senator					
Kincheloe, Pamela	NTID Senator	x				
Kiser, Larry	GCCIS Senator	x				
Kray, Christine	CLA Senator	x				

Lapizco-Encinas, Blanca	KGCOE Senator	x				
Laury, Dino	NTID Senator	x				
Lawley, Elizabeth	Vice Chair, GCCIS Senator	x				
Lee, James	ALT CET Senator	x				
Liu, Manlu	SCB Senator	x				
Lutzer, Carl	COS Senator	x				

Interpreters: Nicole Crouse-Dickerson and Philip Ynzunza

Student Assistant: Paulina Hudspeth

Presenters: Christine Licata, President David Munson, John Moore, James Yarrington, George Thurston and Clark Hochgraf