

Faculty Senate Minutes of Meeting

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

Thursday, January 23, 2025

12:15 - 1:50 PM

Zoom

Attendance: See Below

Agenda Item No. 1: Call to Order; A. Newman (12:18)

Agenda Item No. 2: Approval of Agenda; A. Newman (12:18)

Approved by acclamation

Agenda Item No. 3: Communications Officer's Report/Approval of Minutes; S. Aldersley (12:19)

Minutes for 1/16/25 not yet available

Agenda Item No. 4: Executive Committee Report; A. Newman (12:20)

- New RIT President to be announced on 1/28
- Sam and I meeting with the Administrative Council on 1/27
- Budget hearings scheduled for mid-February: RABC chair and I invited to attend

Agenda Item No. 5: Staff Council Update; Georgeanne Hogan (12:24)

- So far SC has met once when we received a presentation from the Office of Sustainability

Agenda Item No. 6: Student Government Update; Joshua Anderson (12:25)

- At our first meeting of the semester, no new PawPrints were assigned, and three were closed.

Agenda Item No. 7: Faculty Senate Dec. 2024 Retreat Review; A. Newman (12:27)

- The main question addressed at the retreat was ‘what do we want Senate to be?’

S. Aldersley: There was a good turnout with 28 registrants who were asked to consider 8 questions as outlined in the Notes on the Senate drive. Points included: do we want to be more active or reactive? There’s not enough time for discussion on the floor; we’re asked to vote before we’ve had a chance to poll our constituents; background source material for discussion often does not appear until shortly before Senate meetings; there’s rarely time for New Business; Senate needs to get better at explaining our role to the general faculty; Senators should meet regularly with their deans, especially to ask for a regular time slot at all-college meetings so they can bring faculty up to speed with what Senate is doing; and last, how should the university evaluate the Service component in POWs.

S. Malachowsky: The cohort principle seems to be working better in some colleges than in others.

E. Williams: I would like to see Senators not being asked to vote on something that they have not had time to collect feedback on from their constituents.

[Faculty Senate Dec. 2024 Retreat Notes](#)

Agenda Item No. 8: Policy B02.0; A. Newman (12:40)

A. Newman introduced Motion #8, moving the ICC’s three subcommittees from B.2 to D.1.

E. Williams: I don’t see a marked up version in the drive for this meeting. So we should not be voting on it.

A. Newman: That is an oversight.

R. Zanibbi: Are there any members of the ICC present?

A. Newman: I have met with the chairs of the ICC and the subcommittees.

S. Aldersley: Changing the status of the GEC in particular at this time is tricky because we have already experienced how the Provost went to that committee to form the GE Task Force without the proposal ever coming to Senate. I don’t think it is a good idea to now put them at one remove from the Senate.

A. Ray: I’m a member of the ICC and I think the reason there is resistance is that the subcommittees tend to have a lot of work and the thought is that it is easier for the Senate to form the committees.

H. Ghazal: I think there is a need for more scrutiny of this issue.

F. Deese: I serve on the Writing Committee and it seems to me it’s too large of a committee for the functions it serves. Would this change also change the membership criteria?

A. Newman: Let’s go to the other motions and if we have time, we can return to this one. The next motion, #9, proposes to absorb the functions of the Academic & Student Affairs Committee (ASSA) into the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC).

J. Lanzafame: Are we also moving the four student members on the ASSA into the AAC?

S. Johnson: I’m concerned about having students voting on academic issues.

J. Capps: I think that’s a valid concern. This year the ASSA dealt with a charge concerning Incompletes

which students have a legitimate interest in, but the AAC deals with many issues that don't directly impact students.

J. Lanzafame: When I served on the AAC I actually pushed for student representation because many of the issue we discussed there did have some sort of impact on students. However, the question is, what should that representation be in terms of numbers.

S. Malachowsky: Yes. The issue is the ratio between faculty and students.

There was an extended discussion of whether students are currently on the AAC in a non-voting capacity.

J. Anderson (SG rep): If there's a small number of voting students on the combined committee, they are not going to be able to overturn a majority faculty vote.

H. Ghazle: I'd like to propose three student voting members on the combined committee.

A. Kwasinski: Having a voice and voting are two different things. If the students were non-voting, they would still have a voice.

Motion: To fold the AASA into the ASC with three student voting members.

Approved: 35:3:3

A. Newman: Earlier on in the discussion of changes to B2, the Executive Committee considered folding the Research & Scholarship Committee (RSC) into the Resource Allocation & Budget Committee (RABC), but after considerable discussion, we are withdrawing that motion.

Also, FYI, the motion to change the title of Lecturers to Teaching Professors that Senate approved last week has to be approved by the Administration before it can go into effect.

S. Aldersley: Do the changes we have approved to B2 also have to be approved by the Administration?

T. Brown: Charter changes do not need to be approved by the Administration.

J. Lanzafame: Has any consideration been given to specifying the voting rights in B2 of the new category of clinical faculty that we approved last week? And what about research faculty?

A. Newman: We will need to discuss that at a future meeting after senators have had a chance to collect feedback on what voting right clinical and research faculty should have in faculty governance.

[Policy B02.0 Presentation](#)

[Policy B02.0 Red Line Document](#)

Agenda Item No. 9: New Business; A. Newman (1:30)

S. Malachowsky: The issue of giving senior and principal lecturers the right to vote for and serve on college FEAD Committees was left pending last week. I'd like to move that we amend E7.3.C.1. to give them that right.

S. Aldersley: Second.

J. Lanzafame: Again, we will need to consider whether clinical faculty will have the same rights.

S. Malachowsky: The intention of my motion to amend the language is that any faculty eligible to receive a FEAD grant should be eligible to vote for and serve on the committee.

C. Newman: Colleges should be able to decide this issue to fit their circumstances.

I. Puchades: I don't feel ready to vote on this and I move to table it.

J. Lanzafame: Second

Motion to table

Failed: 11:23:2

Motion to amend E7.3.C.1 according to the red-line document

Approved 23:2:6

Agenda Item No. 10: Adjournment; A. Newman (1:40)

Attendance 1/23/2025

Name	Relationship to Senate	Attended	Name	Relationship to Senate	Attended
Adrion, Amy	ALT CAD Senator		Lanzafame, Joseph	COS Senator	X
Aldersley, Stephen	Communications Officer/ SOIS Senator	X	Laver, Michael	CLA Senator	X
Anselm, Martin	CET Senator	X	Lee, James	ALT CET Senator	
Barone, Keri	Treasurer/CLA Senator	X	Liu, Manlu	SCB Senator	
Boedo, Stephen	ALT KGCOE Senator		Malachowsky, Samuel	Vice Chair/ GCCIS Senator	X
Brady, Kathleen	ALT NTID Senator	X	McCalley, Carmody	ALT COS Senator	
Brown, Tamaira	Senate Coordinator	X	McLaren, Amy	CAD Senator	
Butler, Janine	NTID Senator	X	Newman, Atia	Chair/CAD Senator	X
Capps, John	CLA Senator	X	Newman, Christian	GCCIS Senator	X
Chiavaroli, Julius	ALT GIS Senator		Olles, Deana	COS Senator	X
Chung, Sorim	SCB Senator	X	Olson, Rob	ALT GCCIS Senator	
Cody, Jeremy	COS Senator	X	O'Neil, Jennifer	ALT CET Senator	
Coppenbarger, Matthew	COS Senator	X	Osgood, Robert	ALT CHST Senator	
Crawford, Denton	CAD Senator	X	Padmanabhan, Poornima	KGCOE Senator	X
Cromer, Michael	ALT COS Senator		Puchades, Ivan	KGCOE Senator	X
Cui, Feng	ALT COS Senator		Ray, Amit	CLA Senator	X
David, Prabu	Provost	Excused	Reinicke, Bryan	ALT SCB Senator	
Davis, Stacey	NTID Senator	X	Ross, Annemarie	NTID Senator	X
Deese, Franklin	CAD Senator	X	Ruhling, Michael	CLA Senator	X
Dell, Betsy	CET Senator	X	Sanders, Cynthia	ALT NTID Senator	X
DiRisio, Keli	CAD Senator	X	Shaaban, Muhammad	ALT KGCOE Senator	
Eddingsaas, Nathan	COS Senator	X	Song, Qian	SCB Senator	X
Fillip, Carol	ALT CAD Senator		Staff Council Rep	Georgeanne Hogan	X
Ghazle, Hamad	Operations Officer/CHST	X	Student Government	Joshua Anderson	X

	Senator		Rep		
Ghoneim, Hany	ALT KGCOE Senator	X	Sweeney, Kevin	ALT SCB Senator	
Hardin, Jessica	ALT CLA Senator		Thomas, Bolaji	CHST Senator	X
Hartpence, Bruce	ALT GCCIS Senator		Tobin, Karen	NTID Senator	
Hazelwood, David	NTID Senator	X	Tsouri, Gill	KGCOE Senator	X
Jadamba, Basca	COS Senator	X	Van Aardt, Jan	ALT COS Senator	
Johnson, Dan	CET Senator	X	Warp, Melissa	ALT CAD Senator	
Johnson, Scott	GCCIS Senator	X	Weeden, Elissa	GCCIS Senator	X
Kray, Christine	CLA Senator		White, Phil	ALT GCCIS Senator	
Krutz, Daniel	ALT GCCIS Senator		Williams, Eric	GIS Senator	X
Kuhl, Michael	KGCOE Senator	X	Worrell, Tracy	ALT CLA Senator	X
Kwasinski, Andres	ALT KGCOE Senator	X	Zanibbi, Richard	GCCIS Senator	X
			Zlochower, Yosef	COS Senator	X

Interpreters: Nicole Crouse-Dickerson and Jennaca Saeva

Student Assistant: Ben Bui

Presenters: N/A