STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

Day 11-01-2024 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 02:13PM, Sophia Pries, Vice President

Senate Roll Call
Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations
- **Present:**
- **Absent:**
- **Excused:**
- **N/A:**

Approval of Meeting Agenda 11/01/2024
Motioned By: VP
So Moved: CHST Senator
Seconded: CET Senator
Yes: 15
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Vote Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 10/25/2024
Motioned by: VP
So Moved: Greek Senator
Seconded: SCB Senator
Yes: 15
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Vote Passed

Special Recognitions:
None

Speak to the Senate:
None

PRESENTATIONS

<u>RIT Libraries</u>

Emily Sherwood, University Librarian
- (Re)Imagine the Library
- Quick Stats:
  - ~50 staff members and 75 students
  - >111,000 print books in wallace and 171,000 items in BLG 99
  - 98,000 electronic journals subscriptions
  - 550,000 electronic books
  - >200 databases
  - InterLibrary Loan (ILL) Program
    - Yale just joined in, so a lot more resources are now available!
- RIT Archives holds one of the largest Deaf history and culture collections in the United States!
- Events:
  - Halloween at RIT Libraries, ~300 attended!
  - Destress Fest, Dec 10th, 10am - 3pm, 1st floor of Wallace
  - Resource of the Month for Nov
  - Research working sessions, Dec 3rd & 4th
  - Open Education Resources event in collaboration with Academics and Co-Op Committee (Spring semester)
- Resources & Services:
  - Youtube Channel
  - Resources of the Month
  - LinkedIn Learning
  - Adobe Creative Campus (Adobe Express Premium)
- Library Services:
  - Study Rooms (32)
  - Laptop Loans
  - Study spaces
  - Librarian consultations
  - InfoGuides by class, subject, research, etc
  - AI Literacy in assignments, research, etc
  - Citation help
- Discussion:
  - DSR: I want to hear the direction with OER's and what you're going to do with those
    - One thing we're interested in doing is highlighting the work done already. Faculty showing faculty that it IS possible.
  - Greek: One issue brought up is the lack of charging spaces, especially on the 1st floor. There are so many tables and spaces to meet, but nowhere to charge.
    - The last institution I was in, I implemented access to charging from above where students could pull it down. Please keep advocating for these changes with FMS!

<u>Artificial Intelligence Taskforce</u>

Chris Collison, Director of AI Hub and Initiatives
- AI is here to stay:

- - Jobs becoming obsolete - 1880's lighting street lamps to 2024 where they automatically turn on.
    - Typewriters turned photocopiers.
- AI is transforming how we work
  - It automates routines tasks, frees time for higher level work
- Legal, Complaint & Ethical Use:
  - A call to personal principles
  - Augmented *Learning*
  - Adobe Express Premium - Licensed Images
  - Sustainable use - Carbon neutrality
- What is AI?
  - It started with Machine Learning - linear regression
  - Now using features and labels
  - Deep Learning -> Neural networks, computer vision
  - Transformers, large language models
- Agentic AI:
  - Central LLM Brain
  - Reasoning
  - Planning
- AI Hub Goals
  - AI in Education:
    - Long Term: Learning AI
      - AI Guarantee: All students get an AI experience
      - AI for non-majors
      - Social/Ethical Impact
    - Short Term: Teaching with AI
      - TutorBot
    - Learning AI while Teaching AI:
      - Customizable Agentic Systems
  - AI in Research:
    - AI applications across diverse disciplines
    - Pushing boundaries in real-world applications
    - Ethical considerations and human-machine interaction
  - AI in Infrastructure/Operations
    - Compute/Enterprise Licenses
    - Rapid Prototyping and Assessment (Make or Buy)
    - Risk Assessment
- Student Opportunities
  - Participate in Pilot
  - Ask Faculty for Development Opportunities
    - Involved in making/creating
  - Join AI Club etc.
  - November: Building small advisory groups
- In Closing:
  - AI is an enabler:
    - AI amplifies human abilities rather than replacing them.
- Questions:
  - How do you plan to protect personal/individual creativity?
    - How do we choose to share it? There are guidelines to protect personal

creativity already (uploading a copyrighted song on youtube). There is a switch to turn on not allowing AI to train using your input. There are ways to protect various things. Be mindful of how we upload/share. AI gives us the opportunity to be more mindful about how we're using/sharing information.
- ○ What is RIT's step on introducing a policy on AI? Each college has different needs and if they look those needs up, are they actually learning anything?
  - ■ I use AI, but I'm not pretending I was not using it. In the focus groups, some faculty say not to use it at all and some say yes but with restrictions. There are a lot of conversations happening right now to decide that policy.
- ○ If you use AI to train AI, how are you not going to garbage in, garbage out?
  - ■ You have to play with it. If you ask for it to write an essay without giving ANY information, you're going to get garbage. But if you give it information you have already gathered and ask AI how to organize it / what you need to be doing with a template, etc.. that is how you won't get garbage.
- ○ In a learning environment, how do you encourage people to actually look at the information they're getting instead of just the answer?
  - ■ If a student uses AI to write an essay and get an A while another doesn't and gets a B, it's not fair. In class, if I'm going too quickly for a student to keep up, they can use AI to fill in the gaps. If I really want to learn it, I'm going to read the paragraph given / watch the youtube video.

REPORTS

Senator Reports:
- Women's:
  - ○ Me and Lily are working on buying the dispensers in the next week, we're getting that stored out.
  - ○ Women's Advisory is meeting in November.
- COS:
  - ○ I've been working on my PawPrint and I've been working with marketing in my college. The atrium is owned by a family so it needs to get approved.
  - ○ FoodDrive competition starts next week!

Committee Reports:
- None

RSO Reports:
- OUTSpoken:
  - ○ Our office is temporarily closed until further notice, so we're working to get that information out
  - ○ We are still open though! If anyone needs information/resources they can reach out to any of our Eboard members
- Global:
  - ○ Unification:
    - ■ 9 performances, singing, dancing, drums, jazz. Please come on the 10th (information on the SG calendar)!

Cabinet Reports:
- Marketing:
  - ○ My team and I are working on the new interfaces.

- ○ Internal committee branding! Will be sent out when done.
    - ○ Senators, please help me out by going to your deans and finding where your SG cases are.
- ● Ops:
    - ○ Thanks to everyone who went to Munson's party last night. It was the best turn out they've seen in a while and it was very nice to send them off with a great last Halloween party!

Pres/VP Reports:
- ● VP:
    - ○ I contacted Geremey Gersh to work on printing on campus!
- ● President:
    - ○ Saw that today's date is November 1st.. Wow.
    - ○ Happy 2/3rds through the semester.
    - ○ Trash cans are coming in this week!
        - ■ We just have to rework the branding.
        - ■ Should be fully operational by the end of this semester.
    - ○ Working with Luke on the website
    - ○ Working with Liv on a project board for Student Government if you want to hop in on work someone else is doing.
    - ○ Have a good weekend!

Advisor Reports:
- ● Courtney:
    - ○ Popcorn light bulb is on order!

Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

- ● None

External Committee Reports:

OLD BUSINESS
None

NEW BUSINESS
Bylaws Voting
Alex Shuron, President
- ● The amendments were sent out in the Senate agenda email.
- ● None of them changed.
- ● **President motions to approve the amendment to Article 1 - Section 1 - Subsection Ba.**
    - ○ Second: Greek Senator
    - ○ Discussion:
        - ■ None
    - ○ Vote:
        - ■ Yes: 13
        - ■ No: 0
        - ■ Abstain: 1
    - ○ **Changes to amendment are approved.**

- **President motions to approve the amendment to Article 1 - Section 1 - Subsection Da.**
  - Second: CHST Senator
  - Discussion:
    - Since these changes were not brought up to Senate before, can we vote on them?
      - The intention is still the same, so you can vote on them.
    - Does this change the acronym?
      - FPTaS - yes
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 14
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **Changes to amendment are approved.**
- **President motions to approve the amendment to Article 2 - Section 1 - Subsection Da.**
  - Second: Global Union
  - Discussion:
    - None
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 14
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **Changes to amendment are approved.**

PawPrints

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations
- I misspoke the motion when I said 3 parking PawPrints instead of 4.
- **DSR motions to respond to all open Parking PawPrints with the general response written by Lily.**
  - Second: Director of Tech
  - Discussion:
    - None
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 14
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **All open parking PawPrints will be responded with the general response.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ACA: I am ALANA Photoshoot next week! If you identify as ALANA, please sign up on our instagram.
- Nicole: I am very excited that there was a pasta bake PawPrint because the year isn't kicked off until there is one.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 03:17PM, "Roll Tech"
Sophia Pries, Vice President

Minutes Submitted by

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations