



STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

Day 11-08-2024 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 02:08PM, Sophia Pries, Vice President

Senate Roll Call

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations

- **Present:**
- **Absent:**
- **Excused:**
- **N/A:**

Approval of Meeting Agenda 11/08/2024

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: GCCIS Senator

Seconded: CHST Senator

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 11/01/2024

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: Student Affairs Chair

Seconded: CET Senator

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Special Recognitions:

None

Speak to the Senate:

None

PRESENTATIONS

RIT Parking and Transportation

John Connely, Director of Parking and Transportation, & Joel Mazeika, Transportation Manager

- Everyone's favorite subject!
- I've worked with all the contractors to get workers out of our parking lots into more remote lots to then be transported to their site.
 - Moving forward, we are reverbing contracts where this language will be included where workers will NOT be allowed to park on campus lots.
- R-Lot is coming back up next semester!
 - This will help take ~61 cars out of S-lot. We will then push up the reserve parking up one to add an extra row of general.
- Wherever I can find spots, I will try my best to add them.
- When the university is open, but no classes, parking will still be enforced.
- Questions:
 - CET: How many spots without B lot?
 - 9500 spaces on campus, B lot is 900 spaces.
 - Ops: How lenient will you guys be on parking when the shuttles do not run at all last minute?
 - Park Mobile in G&H-Lot all day for \$6. \$1.50/per hour for closer spots
 - SA: You mentioned parking with large events, have you thought about making a larger lot for them and enforcing them to park there? I think it's unfair to allow them to park on campus when students should be the main priority?
 - Any events larger than 40/people must go to B-Lot. When we have a lot of events on campus at once, we have to be careful. We aren't building any parking structures, the ROI is not worth it anymore.
 - Student: When career fair is in D-lot, we are missing a lot of accessible spaces for our students, how are we going to fix this?
 - We have discussions with the event holders. In large events like graduation, we make sure we have D & U lot as only
 - SCB: New lot for Gene Pollissini?
 - That lot used to be 3 times the size before the rink was there. We commissioned a study for that area because it's wetlands. In order to develop 110 spaces, we'd have to spend several million dollars.
 - SA: Have you considered making a no-tolerance policy for B-lot parking for large events?
 - Dr. Watters wants events to generate revenue. With reasonable accommodations for events, we have 9500 spots on campus. If it's in prime-time parking, we'll say no. To put every event in B-lot just isn't very reasonable. We have the plan for our new transportation contract, but that won't be enacted until September of next year.
 - CHST: For the tickets there are some leniency, but what do you say to those who give out the tickets?
 - For whatever reason if we have 4 missing shuttles, we'll tell the team just not to enforce the parking in G & H-Lot. We have to keep in mind the true commuters that come to campus. If we allow people living right off campus to drive, it takes away from those commuters.

- President: Is there any way to develop a way to show students the capacity of a lot?
 - That technology is really expensive (the cameras and getting the power there) and there are a LOT of entrances and exits to each lot.
- COS: Is there any way to show the park mobile spots better?
 - G,H&L lots are daily decision lots and the park mobile is for the entire lot, but it is also general parking.
- Transportation:
 - We're looking for a new 10 year transportation contract, as ours ends in August.
 - RIT shuttles are free for any member of the RIT community. There are no ID requirements to board the shuttle. If a driver asks you, please alert me because they shouldn't.
 - Passio Go app is for tracking. The new UB shuttles are not equipped with our tracking.
 - "On-Campus"
 - ~7AM - 1AM, 7 Days a week.
 - Service provided around campus
 - "Off-Campus"
 - Connects with RTS on weekdays
 - RIT Van Rentals
 - Student groups must submit rental requests through EMS, no later than 14 days BEFORE your event
 - All drivers must be certified
 - Any trip exceeding more than 250 must have a minimum of 2 certified drivers
 - No driver may operate a van for more than 4 hours per day
 - The maximum travel time from RIT to destination must not exceed 8 hours.
 - Parking and Transportation Servers reserves the right to cancel a rental without notice
 - Weather related issues.
 - Mechanical issues - cars aren't safe for the road.
 - Student Driver Certifications
 - Student drivers certification are valid for 1 year from the issuance date
 - Students with licenses
 - Questions?:
 - ACA: Is there a fee for certification?
 - \$25 fee, if it's for a club, it can be covered by the budget. If you don't know where to start, go to campus life
 - SCB: Do you have stats on the Van?
 - Yes, we have a current fleet of 8, next weekend all 8 of them are booked out. They're used VERY frequently
 - Student: Are driver breaks / loading & unloading times built into the schedule?
 - Yes they are!
 - SCB: I'm glad you guys reopened the Saunder's Loop.
 - That was always the plan once Saunders revamp and SHED construction was done!
 - COS: Is there a reason why the schedules aren't on the Passio Go app?
 - That sounds like a Passio Go issue, but I will check it out and report back to the FPAT Committee with the answer.
 - Student: I see near collisions around G&H-Lot between shuttles.

- Please report it in. RIT service center is the best way. This gives me a document trail. There are cameras on the shuttle so we can review it! If it's just a car, get a plate or partial plate.

REPORTS

Senator Reports:

- Women's:
 - My payment for the menstrual product dispensers is going in
- GCCIS:
 - C-cubed is pushed to next semester
- SCB:
 - Former CEO of Barstool came in!
 - Saunders Holiday Party
 - December 5th, all are welcomed!
- CET:
 - Renovation discussions begin in February!

Committee Reports:

- Accessibility:
 - Met with Catherine Lewis, she is stepping down from her position at the end of this month.
 - We are working with her to talk to the university to make sure they know that there are accessibility struggles.
 - SCB: is there someone selected for her role?
 - Women's: We will be out sourcing. We currently do not have anyone, but her position will be covered by other staff for now.
 - Nicole: It is not uncommon for leadership turnover. It happens all the time and there is a plan!
- SA:
 - The committee approved the campus side of things for the mural project!
 - Had a meeting with the assistant dean for undergraduate studies. She had a suggestion of an outside artist for the first few murals. I personally do not like this idea, but we will talk.
 - Working with James Yarrington with wording.
 - GCCIS: I know CAD dean wanted to outsource, what about using it as hours for CAD students?
 - The original meeting was for independent study
 - There was a mural class last year that would be used for it.
 - There would be no incentive for outside artists to come, but for students it would count as a class
- H&D:
 - Gracie's Event: November 20th 5-7PM, completely free just have to RSVP
 - Official confirmation: next semester there will be 8 more washers and 10 dryers.
- FPaT:
 - SHED Light project for dimming them is in the works!
 - PawPrint about light pollution, I'm reaching out to the author to get more info!

RSO Reports:

- GU:
 - Unification is almost here!!

- I've been locked in, so it's going to be really good.
- A lot of promotion for this event.
 - First 50 people to sign up for the event get a free shirt!

Cabinet Reports:

- Ops: Please fill out the calendar form if you're holding events. People discuss them in Senate

Pres/VP Reports:

- President:
 - Week 11, a lot of stuff going on! AI meeting next week. Meeting with the MSD team, Tiffany and James soon.
 - Appendix B - please read through this and form opinions:
 - SAAC
 - Women's Senator
 - Greek Senator
 - Policy B0.5: Decision making for policy
 - Review in executive university council.

Advisor Reports:

- Courtney:
 - Use the student template when planning events in EMS.
 - If you are using a space owned by your college, make sure you are telling them how to
- Nicole:
 - National news about hateful text messages right now. RIT students have reported this and a campus wide message will be going out soon to acknowledge this.

Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

- Faculty Senate:
 - We are listening to a proposal to revise policy D5, which is grading. The policy on incomplete is up to 2 terms after to complete. Summer is included as 1
 - The revise is for 1 term excluding summer.
 - I am against this, I like the current flexibility
 - GCCIS: Was it brought up in discussion that some classes only have courses 1 semester a year?
 - Right now you get an 'i' on your transcript and 2 semesters to finish the work.

External Committee Reports:

- None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PawPrints

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations

- Light Pollution reduction
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to FPaT Committee**
 - Seconded: GCCIS Senator
 - Discussion:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **PawPrint is charged to FPaT Committee**
- Remove the Camera in PRISM
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to OUTSpoken**
 - This PawPrint was made earlier in the semester and just now reached threshold
 - Seconded: SCB Senator
 - Discussion:
 - GCCIS: Do you have a response ready?
 - OUTSpoken: Not yet.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **PawPrint is charged to OUTSpoken**
- More Than 4 Washers In 175 Jefferson
 - **DSR motions to respond and close PawPrint with response**
 - Seconded: CHST Senator
 - Discussion:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **PawPrint is responded and closed with response**
- Add Course Outcome Stats to SIS
 - **DSR motions to respond and close PawPrint with response**
 - Seconded: GCCIS Senator
 - Discussion:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 14
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - **PawPrint is responded and closed with response**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President:
 - SGers of the month!

- Cabinet: Kayla Brady (Director of Marketing)
 - Senators: Damien Hacke (CET Senator) & Ana (COS Senator)
 - Committee: Housing & Dining (Saeed)
 - RSO: Global Union
- CET:
 - CET is holding a Hockey Night November 15th!
- NSC:
 - Ebony Club is doing Hats-Giving November 16th, 7PM in the SHED
 - Last NSC Forum of the semester November 18th
- Faculty:
 - Women's Basketball is kicking off their season today!

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 03:29PM,
Sophia Pries, Vice President

Minutes Submitted by
Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations