



STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

Day 08-30-2024 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 02:10 PM, Sophia Pries, Vice President

Senate Roll Call

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations

- **Present:**
- **Absent:** SAAC, Faculty Senate, Staff Council
- **Excused:**
- **N/A:**

Approval of Meeting Agenda 08/30/2024

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: Director of Student Relations

Seconded: Student Affairs

Discussion:

- Motion to remove Housing & Dining Appointment

Yes: 12

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 04/26/2024

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: Greek Senator

Seconded: Student Affairs

Yes: 12

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Special Recognitions:

None

Speak to the Senate:

None

PRESENTATIONS

Overview of Student Government

Alex Shuron, Student Government President, Sophia Pries, Student Government Vice President

- Student Government is one of 3 governance groups that sit on University Council
 - Faculty Senate
 - Staff Council
 - Student Government (us)
- Our Group is broken up into Cabinet, Senators, Committee Chairs, Representative Student Organizations (RSOs)
 - Other groups: Marketing, Finance Committee, Tech Team
- Daily duties include office hours, internal committees, external committees, senate
 - Office hours are being reevaluated this weekend
- Our main form of communication is slack
 - We also have SG Emails and the SG Drive
 - Transition documents are in the drive

Robert's Rules of Order

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations

- The author Henry Martyn Robert
- Quorum is $\frac{2}{3}$'s of voting members which is 14 members when we are at full capacity of 20 voting positions.
 - If a voting member is absent, they are required to send a proxy to senate.
 - A proxy is a member of their college
- There are 3 options for voting:
 - Yes
 - No
 - Abstain
 - An Abstain is when a member does not want to give opinion
- When making a motion, a member must say, "I motion/move to"
 - This requires a second which is followed by a brief discussion
 - Incidentals are motions that are settled immediately
 - Ex: Points of Order and Points of Information
 - Used for when rules need to be enforced and when questions

REPORTS

Senator Reports:

- Greek: Greek Finance was held today, and will start taking applications soon. Greek Convocation is later today where I will be talking.
- Women's: Lighting the way was yesterday, this was for women and non-binary identifying. Im working on contacting Title IX to either put together a workshop or training on Title IX in order to have more transparency.

Committee Reports:

None

RSO Reports:

- OUTSpoken: We are working on filling vacancies. We are partnering with The Women, Gender, & Sexuality Resource Center to provide tickets to Pride Night at the Red Wings game on September 17th. The poster will be posted in the slack.
- ACA: Alanapalooza in Gordon Field House tomorrow, 8/31 5PM - 10PM, please attend!
- Global: We are also filling vacancies. The Tiger Club fair went very well, and we handed out a lot of candy!

Cabinet Reports:

- Finance: I sent out a link to the finance certification over the summer. This needs to be done by next Friday. This takes 10-15 minutes and you are unable to submit an EAF until you do so. Finance committee is scheduled and there are no current requests.

Pres/VP Reports:

- President: Welcome back! Please ask questions as you need to, we are here to help you achieve your goals.

Advisor Reports:

- Courtney: Welcome to SG! I am slowly returning back to office, and that office is in the SG suite, which is behind the popcorn machine. I will be in office occasionally in September, more in October. You will see me in different places, Nicole will be where I am not. Please feel free to swing by our offices and we will be reachable on slack!

Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

- None

External Committee Reports:

- None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PawPrints Demo

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations

- What is PawPrints?
 - Created in 2014 by SG to improve engagement of RIT Students. These are student made petitions in order to change something about RIT
- 200 signatures are required in order to bring a PawPrint up to Senate.
- Rules:
 - Anyone is allowed to work on/be charged a PawPrint
 - SG holds the right to remove any petitions that are not in compliance with the policy
- GCCIS: If I see a PawPrint that is about my college, is it a conflict of interest if I tell people to sign it?

- Ops: If you see a PawPrint that doesn't have 200 signatures that you want to work on, it can still be brought up to Senate to get charged to you.
- Courtney: More humorous PawPrints will typically get charged to the President and Vice President

Appointments

Sophia Pries, Vice President

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations

- Parliamentarian
 - Nominations: Alex Kilroy, GCCIS Senator
 - Yes: 9
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 4
 - **Vote Passed**
- President Pro-Tempore
 - Nominations: Matt Diss, Greek Senator
 - Yes: 9
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 4
 - **Vote Passed**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SG Retreat is planned for the evening of September 20th and the morning of September 21st.
 - Our fun activity is tentatively planned for LASERTRON.
 - There are multiple activities to do here, so please let me know if you cannot or do not want to participate in axe throwing or laser tag.
 - Our formal activity room is to be scheduled
 - We will be having a presentation by Kareem Hayes, Associate Director, CLCE
 - We will also have a vision board activity for you all to map out your goals for the year and how you want to go about it!
 - You must let me know immediately if you cannot attend one or both days. We use the budget for this so we do not want to over allocate and you just decide not to show up.
- Student Government is required to put together a standard board for when there are impeachments in Senate.
 - This is comprised of an RSO that does not normally attend Senate and any member of SG

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 02:54 PM, "Roll Tech"

Sophia Pries, Vice President

Minutes Submitted by

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations