



STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

Day 11-15-2024 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 02:12PM, Sophia Pries, Vice President

Senate Roll Call

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations

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

Approval of Meeting Agenda 11/15/2024

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: FPaT Chair

Seconded: Greek Senator

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 11/08/2024

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: SCB Senator

Seconded: SOIS Senator

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Special Recognitions:

None

Speak to the Senate:

None

PRESENTATIONS

PawPrints 2.0

Luke McEwen

- Rough draft of front end
 - The progress bar will be orange, promise.
- There will be more animations once they are finished.
- I wanted to highlight the search bar, but it isn't finished though.
 - Instead of taking 15 seconds to search, it will take less than a few seconds.
- Questions:
 - Greek: A lot of people don't get notified when the petition they signed gets charged or responded?
 - SCB: Going under a filter is still difficult, will it be easy to see who it's charged to?
 - The idea of it, you would click on for example, "threshold met" and "student affairs" and see the pawprints for those.
 - COS: Is this also going to be on the committee page?
 - That's not what the Committee page is for. That's just a description of them.
 - You'll be able to go to the page on the SG website
 - Greek: I think SA Chair and SCB Senator getting at it being more accessible, less clicks the better so we don't lose interest from users.
 - I think I get what you're saying. We can talk more about additional features after.
 - Ops: I think we should plan a meeting for a discussion about additional features students would like to see added to PawPrints to avoid the continuous back and forth from misunderstandings.
 - GCCIS: Is this feasible for your term? Also what does documentation look like and will the next Director of Tech be able to continue after you without issue?
 - Yes to both.
- The reason I wanted to show this to you is because PawPrints is 10 years old and I wanted to make sure to highlight that this is still relevant.

REPORTS

Senator Reports:

- Women's:
 - Advisory Board is meeting next week
 - Meeting with Commission on Women
 - Darcie Lane, Title IX coordinator meeting for next semester
- CET:
 - Working on a cram session after Thanksgiving break, hoping to get tutors
- Greek:
 - Hosting Greek Town Hall for advocating for problems with RIT staff
 - Sitting with half our budget left, so looking good for next semester!

Committee Reports:

- SA:
 - Met with James Yarrington to talk about meeting with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

- I'm still not a fan of bringing outside artists.
 - Approved by CAC (Campus Aesthetic committee)
- FPaT:
 - During last week Senate there was a question from COS, you have to select the route and if it's active the schedule will appear
- Accessibility:
 - Next meeting will have Catherine Lewis, as she is leaving soon, to have a conversation about continuing advocating for students and DSO's.
- H&D:
 - Dining is working with vendors to get chairs for their workers when things are slow. This should be completed by the end of the semester.
 - Bill Erns, Director of FMS completed a draft of "How to Use The AC".
 - SCB: Is this going to be posted anywhere?
 - Yes
 - November 20th, 5-7PM is Gracie's Forum

RSO Reports:

- GU:
 - Unification was a success! 121 registered, but we probably had closer to >200 show up!
 - 23rd of November, GU Tea Time – Thanksgiving theme 5-7PM in 1829 room in SAU
- OUTspoken:
 - Resource fair from 7-10PM on Friday November 22nd in Gordon Field House
- ACA:
 - I AM ALANA Campaign last weekend was very successful and we will continue it next semester in February.
 - Tabling for Native American Heritage was also a success!

Cabinet Reports:

- None

Pres/VP Reports:

- VP:
 - Thank you for working with us with the room change, this hopefully will not happen again (it won't).
- Pres:
 - After today, there are only 2 Senate meetings left.
 - Over the next few weeks cabinet members that oversee other members will plan 1on1s.
 - Meeting on AI, making sure there is plenty of student representation.
 - Installation of the red band train isn't too feasible for the end of this semester.
 - This will be presented during Imagine which is exciting.
 - Chairs of Faculty Senate/Staff Council
 - We share equal seating on University Council, so we're working on making more meetings with them to promote collaboration.

Advisor Reports:

- None

Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

- Staff Council:
 - If there's anything
 - Last meeting we spoke about the strategic plan.
 - Career Preparedness
 - Wellness (Staff & Students!)
 - Community Connection with RIT and Rochester Community
 - AI

External Committee Reports:

- None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PawPrints

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations

- [Bring Back the Crossroads Flavor/Sparkling Water Machine](#)
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to Housing and Dining Committee**
 - Seconded: GCCIS Senator
 - Discussion:
 - H&D: It was given to us by a pepsi program that they discontinued, that's why it was taken away.
 - Ops: Can we purchase our own?
 - We're working on it.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **PawPrint is charged to Housing & Dining Committee**
- [Notify Faculty of Career Days/Ban Exams During Career Day](#)
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to Academics and Co-Ops Committee**
 - Seconded: Greek
 - Discussion:
 - Faculty Senate: The provost does send an email reminding faculty about career day, doesn't mean they follow it.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 13
 - No: 1
 - Abstain: 1
 - **PawPrint is charged to Academics and Co-Ops Committee**
- [Bring Back the Downtown Weekend Bus \(TE3\)](#)
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to FPaT Committee**

- Seconded: ACA
 - Discussion:
 - CET: I emailed Joel about this PawPrint. It was brought to FPaT and it was brought up that this was paid for by Student Affairs, so it belongs there.
- **DSR amends motions to charge PawPrint to Student Affairs Committee**
- Seconded: SCB Senator
 - Discussion:
 - SCB: Please work with all of SG on this.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **PawPrint is charged to Student Affairs Committee**
- [RIT Cow!](#)
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to the Vice President**
 - Seconded: CET Senator
 - Discussion:
 - SA: I would like this to be assigned to me because I have an idea of dressing up as a cow and handing out ice cream.
 - Ops: Funnier PawPrints are typically given to the President or Vice President to work on. Dressing up as a cow has unfortunately nothing to do with Student Affairs Committee.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 13
 - No: 1
 - Abstain: 0
 - **PawPrint is charged to the Vice President**
- [No More Bradford Pears](#)
 - **DSR motions to respond and close PawPrint with response**
 - Seconded: GCCIS Senator
 - Discussion:
 - GCCIS: Are they getting rid of a ton of trees on dorm side? You might want to specify that they'll be replaced.
 - Language makes it known they'll be replaced.
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **PawPrint is responded and closed with response**
- [Dim the Giant TV Screen in The SHED](#)
 - **DSR motions to respond and close PawPrint with response**
 - Seconded: ACA
 - Discussion:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 15
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0

- **PawPrint is responded and closed with response.**
- [Establish More Wet Dining Locations On Campus](#)
 - **DSR motions to respond and close PawPrint with response**
 - Seconded: Dir. of Tech
 - Discussion:
 - GCCIS: I don't like this response.
 - Nicole: I do think as a group you should have a discussion over your PawPrint response standards. Closing a PawPrint doesn't mean that the work for it is over, but it could be. My advice is having a discussion on how you want to frame your advocacy instead of, "is this the right response or not?"
 - H&D: Yes, I don't want to give false hope.
 - GCCIS: I think this response does give false hope.
 - H&D: I am saying what dining has given me.
 - Accessibility: We do not act like other universities in our area. We are more focused on academics.
 - SCB: Can we remove the line for "RIT Dining has noted that there are some exciting plans in progress for RITZ."
 - Ops:
 - H&D: This again, is exactly what dining gave to me. If I change anything, I always make sure that I take it back to dining.
 - President: I think
 - Nicole: There is no exact right way to write a response. For this response, there is no lack of clarity, I think you don't like the response.
 - Greek: I think the suggestion from Ops is the clarification I was looking for.
 - CET: I think the "In addition" is the separation and clarity we needed.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 9
 - No: 4
 - Abstain: 2
- **PawPrint is responded and closed with response.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President: I will be sending out a form over slack to collect your schedules. Everything but Senate will most likely be changing, so please make sure to get them in.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 03:18PM,
Sophia Pries, Vice President

Minutes Submitted by

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations