



STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

Day 09-27-2024 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

Senate Roll Call

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations

- **Present:**
- **Absent:** Dir. of Marketing, Graduate Senator, NTID Senator, OUTSpoken, Accessibility Chair
- **Excused:**
- **N/A:**

Approval of Meeting Agenda 09/27/2024

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: Student Affairs

Seconded: Director of Finance

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 09/20/2024

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: Saunders Senator

Seconded: CHST Senator

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Special Recognitions:

None

Speak to the Senate:

None

PRESENTATIONS

CLCE Presentation

Kathryne Cilano, Director of CLCE

- ROAR the Vote & Relevant Policies
 - This year is an election year in November.
 - We have not seen this much interest in a Presidential election in my 3 election seasons here!
 - ROAR the Vote is our on campus resource with the goal of getting our students interested in voting in elections
 - We are non-partisan
 - We do not represent or endorse any party, we just want students to vote and use their voice.
 - There are absentee parties to help students with absentee ballots, correct mailing addresses and stamps.
 - We recognize that students are not only the future of our democracy but also vital contributors to its present. Our campus is currently helping students harness their influences.
 - CaPs has put together a list of Resilience Through the Election Cycle
 - If you are overwhelmed, feeling certain things, it is a lot to carry and navigate, so these are tips for everyone to make sure you're staying grounded this election season.
 - Pre and Post Election resources if you feel various emotions
 - Giving this to SG to give out how you see fit as well
 - Vote.org - deadlines are approaching!
 - Policy C10: Political & Legislative Activities Policy - how does it apply to SG
 - We are a tax exempt organization, which means it cannot intervene in political campaigns on behalf of any kind of candidate or party.
 - As individual members
 - Entirely free to support whoever they want! We want you to passionately vote. You are allowed to talk about it with your peers
 - For leaders in this room, it gets tricky as an SG representative. Sometimes you are representing SG in an RIT manner.
 - RSOs vs SG vs Individual
 - RSO = Student Org
 - SG = Governing Council
 - When SGers are in their official capacity, SG is a University governance group, which means you must **refrain** from giving opinions.
 - Social media is an extension of you - be careful and think about what you are putting on your social media. Are you trying to sway or educate? Think about who might be viewing your pages.
 - You have the freedom to post whatever you want.
 - Policy C10: Political & Legislative Activities Policy for **Student Organizations**
 - Recognized student organizations may:
 - Receive permission to host partisan events

- Endorse a political party, candidate for public office
 - Participate in campaign-related activities
- May **NOT**:
 - Compensate a public official
 - Place signs
 - Use university resources or student activity fee dollars
 - Host campaign rallies
- Use of University Resources
 - Recognized Student Orgs may **NOT** use university resources for partisan activities
 - They may use for **NON**-partisan
- Questions?
 - Do you mean RSOs as
 - RSOs in their own capacity are like student organizations, you are not in Student Government unless you are hosting an event with SG money or voting in SG.

MSCHE Re-Accreditation

Michelle Snow, Student Representative on committee

- RIT is going through an interested process about getting Re-Accreditation
- In order for RIT to hand out degrees, we must be certified
- Roles Involved:
 - Chairs
 - Christine, Risa, Larry
 - Steering committee
 - Working Groups
 - Criteria subcommittees and chairs
 - Affiliate Groups
 - Other Key Members
 - Governance Groups
 - RIT's Strategic Plan
- When they come in 2026, they will also visit some of our global campuses
- Goals:
 - Meeting Standards
 - Continuous Improvement
 - Engage Institutional Community
 - Inform Strategic Plan
- 7 Standards to meet for middle state
 - Mission and Goals
 - Ethics and Integrity
 - Design and Delivery of Student Learning Experience
- Three Institutional Priorities
 - Student Success
 - Expand Research Empire
 - Well Being
 - Determined by governance group poll (Spring '24)
- Student Success
 - Providing students with a culture of care that supports completion of a degree

- Research
 - Identifying additional str
- Well Being
 - RIT strives to create a campus community that effectively
- Happening Now
 - Evidence gathering
 - Answering LOI's
 - Preparing a draft writing in Spring
 - Potential visit from Middle States contact in Spring 2025
- Questions?
 - Please reach out to me!

RIT SG Global Consortium

Alex Shuron, Sophia Pries SG President & Vice President

- RIT New York!
- Overview
 - 19000 total students
 - 11 academic colleges
 - 4th oldest co-op program in US
 - Average class size of 23 students per professor
- NTID:
 - 1100 deaf & HOH students
 - 60 real time captionists
 - 135 ASL Interpreters
- SHED
 - RIT's newest building
 - 120k square feet
 - 180 seats
 - 27 new classrooms, performing art spaces, marker spaces
- Bricks
 - 15,710,693 total bricks on campus
 - Patented brick color
- Service Student Orgs
 - Organizations that provide significant services to the RIT student community
 - College Activities Board (CAB)
- Representative Student Organizations
 - Promotes the representation of students by supporting collaboration of related clubs/organizations serving a sub-group of RIT students that share a common identity
 - List of RSOs:
 - ACA
 - GU
 - NSC
 - OUTSpoken
 - SAAC
- RIT Athletics
 - Division I and III athletic teams and a variety of intramural sports, wellness and recreation classes

- RIT Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - MGC
 - CPC
 - IFC
- Brick City Weekend:
 - Friday: Charlie Berens (comedian)
 - Saturday: Alaqua Cox (actress)
- Meet SG!
 - Office Hours 9-5
 - Popcorn Served 10-4PM
 - 1800 ounces served last year
 - ~40 total members
 - 7 office rooms
- PawPrints
 - Celebrating 10 years of service!
 - 200 signatures required to be brought up to Senate.

REPORTS

Senator Reports:

- Women's:
 - I spoke to the head of The President's Commission on Women about a full time staff member.
 - Lily and I met with someone from a menstrual product company to talk about a sponsorship for this year.
 - Advisory board - 13 students, 1 from each college.
- CET:
 - I am working with my dean's office and SAB to increase feedback that we receive from students.
- CHST:
 - I met with my dean twice this week, we had 23 students come in this week!
 - Organizing a town hall - presentation of the campus and programs.
 - I want to give a presentation in early November.
 - Basketball Fundraiser January 18th.
 - Raffle happening this semester:
 - All proceeds will go to a selected charity!
- GCCIS:
 - Event with GCCIS clubs on November 23rd - more information to come.
- COS:
 - Food Drive Finalized November 4th - November 22nd.
- CAD:
 - Working with my dean for CAD career fair!
- SCB:
 - Career fair was successful!
 - I met with my dean to host events instead of constantly getting guest speakers.
- Greek:
 - First President Round Table:
 - A lot of great discussion on the success of Greek life at RIT.
- KGCOE:
 - Met with my dean today to talk about ideas and goals for this semester.

Committee Reports:

- Student Affairs:
 - No updates for murals
 - I'm getting data on tech crew:
 - We are setting up meetings with tech crew.
 - Farmers market:
 - An organization (FoodShare) wants to host a curbside market .
 - Swing Sets:
 - That will be responded to as a new set was put up.
- Housing & Dining:
 - RITz will not be made into a bar, but I am waiting on their marketing team on what exactly is happening.
 - I spoke to Auxiliary services and they will be bringing contractors into 175 Jefferson to access the washer/dryer room
 - ACs: Hoping to get an update soon

RSO Reports:

- ACA:
 - We changed our logo in order to show who we represent better!
 - First town hall yesterday:
 - This was for students to tell us their concerns so we can bring them back to SG.
- Global:
 - Trying to find out if we can get a Global Union lounge. We were told there was no space, but we are still meeting for a compromise.
 - Having a meeting with our affiliated clubs in order to collaborate.
- NSC:
 - NSC is hosting their first club fair where all NTID clubs will be in attendance.

Cabinet Reports:

- Ops:
 - We are signed up for times to present for RIT 365 (First year program)
 - Sign up sheet will be put in slack later
 - Tues 10/1 @ 3:30PM- 3:50PM in SAU 1510 ("The 1829 Room")
 - Wed 10/2 @ 1PM-1:50PM in Wallace A430 (May need ID card to swipe in)
 - Wed 10/2 @ 4PM-4:50PM in SAU 1510 ("The 1829 Room")
- Finance:
 - Finance Committee has only awarded \$5,000 this year, we want to be diligent about who we are giving money to so the orgs are not padding their budget and actually need the money.
 - Greek Finance: \$25,000 -> \$19,000 going quickly
 - EAFs: I want to see funds being used, start thinking about how you want to use your funds. I would like 2 sentences on what you want to do.
 - There is a "How to submit an EAF" video in our SG drive. It's a 1:30 video, super quick.

Pres/VP Reports:

- VP:
 - Sara gave us an EMS training in Senators meeting, please make sure we are attending them!
- President:
 - We've made it a 3rd of a way into the semester, global consortium is this weekend! Super excited about that. For BCH, keep filing out the VIP sign up

Advisor Reports:

- Courtney:
 - I am back more regularly! In office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. I am excited to meet more members who I haven't met before. I am looking forward to having more availability to meet with you all.
- Nicole:
 - Act right on M/W/F! This is also the point in the fall semester where the realities of life hits, you are a student first, make sure you're getting your work done, it's better to take 3 days for your work instead of crashing and burning and needing 3 weeks

Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

- Staff Council:
 - A couple constituents have concerns about electric vehicles down the quartermile
- Faculty Senate:
 - Over the last year or 2 there have been surveys on MyCourses
 - Looking at policy D8, student academic honesty.

External Committee Reports:

- University Council:
 - First meeting was last week, we are
- Student Success Steering Committee:
 - Math department MATH-173 has a low passing rate, so we are working on a better math placement test
 - ROAR and Sort, tips on how to be healthy and succeed started by COS

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Pawprints

Ian Aiken

- [Direct Shuttle To Rustic Village Apartments](#)
 - **DSR motions to respond and close with response**
 - Seconded: Saunders Senator
 - Discussion:
 - None

- Vote:
 - Yes: 16
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- **PawPrint responded to and closed**
- [Stop Giving Parking Tickets to Students Parked On the Grass](#)
 - **DSR motions to respond and close with response**
 - Seconded: Dir. of Tech
 - Discussion:
 - ACA: Could we see the other response before we vote?
 - Yes
 - **DSR removes first motion and motions to table discussion**
 - Seconded: Ops
 - Discussion:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 16
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Discussion tabled**
- [Stop taking away general parking spaces and start adding more!](#)
 - Discussion:
 - ACA: Can we put this information in the response?
 - Ops: We can link this one in the previous one
 - FPaT:
 - I wanted to add statistics
 - 9,297 spaces available
 - Greek:
 - Can we table this discussion of both PawPrints and make the same response for both?
- **Greek motions to table the discussion of remaining PawPrints for one week**
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 16
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - **Discussions are tabled and will proceed in old business next week.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tech: Come to women's hockey
 - SCB: I seconded this.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 03:42PM,
Sophia Pries, Vice President

Minutes Submitted by

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations