



STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

Day 10-25-2024 | 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 10/25/2024

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: Dir. of Tech

Seconded: Greek Senator

Yes: 14

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 10/18/2024

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: SCB Senator

Seconded: CET Senator

Yes: 15

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Vote Passed

Special Recognitions:

None

Speak to the Senate:

None

PRESENTATIONS

RIT Service Center Portal Feedback

Kathy Marcus

- We are looking for feedback on the surveys for help.rit.edu!
 - Please look over when you get the chance.
- If there are any other student organizations that should see this, please let me know so I can send it over to them.
- While I have your time, I would love to get involved with Housing and Dining Committee. I would like to be a conduit for that. We want to get the customer's (students) opinion.
- My team is here to help make the experience here better!
- Question:
 - How does this differ from mylife.rit.edu?
 - MyLife is housing and auxiliary servers, we do work with them, so some of the tickets you'll submit on our portal can be sent over to housing. The main thing for MyLife is roommate assignments and room selections.
 - We do support the parking portal as well.
- The link to the survey is in the senate agenda email!

Middle States Reaccreditation update

Larry Buckley, Associate Dean of COS

- Accreditation is extremely important in order for RIT to operate.
- It is a heavy and long process, so I hope to come back to give more updates.
- Steering Committee is Co-Chaired by Christine Licata, Larry Buckley, and
- Self-Study Design Approved on August 15th, 2024 (this is good!).
- Dr. Sean McKittrick, MSCHE Vice President for Field Relations left at the end of August (not so good).
 - However, a new VP was assigned to RIT: Mr. Bobby Nathan
- Reflect -> Innovate -> Transform
 - The theme of the reaccreditation.
 - We want to do more to show MSCHE what we do, not just the bare minimum.
 - Demonstrating compliance with 7 standards (reflect).
 - What makes RIT unique? (innovate)
- Working Groups:
 - 8 Working Groups established = 59 Faculty/Staff
 - Mission and Goals
 - Ethics and Integrity
 - Design & Delivery of Student Learning Experience
 - Support of Student Experience
 - Education Effectiveness Assessment
 - Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement
 - Governance, Leadership, and Administration
 - Evidence Inventory (newest one)
- Institutional Priorities
 - What are the core priorities of your institution?
 - 3 main things (limited to 3 by MSCHE)
 - Student Success
 - Unanimously voted by students/staff/faculty.

- Research
 - Community Well-Being
 - Came as a surprise. We put a poll out to pick our 3rd priority and the majority opinion was for this.
- Affiliate Groups Established
 - Used for each priority area.
 - They analyze the Lines of Inquiry (LOI) for each Priority Area and prepare a report.
- Important Dates:
 - Spring 2025: External Visiting Team Chair Selected.
 - Early Fall 2025: External visiting team chair visits campus.
 - August 25th, 2025: First draft of self study circulated to RIT Community for feedback.
 - March/April 2026: Site visit to RIT by external visiting team.
 - June 2026: MSCHE Action on Reaccreditation.
- Reaccreditation Update Website: www.rit.edu/reaccreditation
- Questions:
 - What does reaccreditation with honors mean?
 - They would use our self study to show other universities. It is a sense of pride for us to be the example.
 - What ranking do you expect us to be for Carnegie Classification?
 - R3 -> R2 -> R1
 - We need to be spending more research money to get to R1, we're about 3 times under.
 - It won't be a quick process to get there.
 - Faculty Senate: If we get to D2 sports, we'd be an R2-D2 school.
 - Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any extra questions!
 - Email to reach out: ljbsbi@rit.edu

REPORTS

Senator Reports:

- KGCOE:
 - Had the Sweets and Senators event with GCCIS and will be looking over the feedback from that.
 - November 5th meeting with the dean.
- GCCIS:
 - Had the chance to talk to many constituents and now have action items.
- CET:
 - SAB passed our resolution paper. Looking to see how far we can pass this.
- Women's:
 - The menstrual dispensers have been ordered!
 - Still working on SAB.

Committee Reports:

- Accessibility:
 - Great turn out for our event last Friday. Were able to tell a lot of students on campus what SG is.
- Student Affairs:
 - James Yarrington showed the 2nd draft of the proposal for the Mural project. Have not heard back about an update.

- Had a meeting about the AI PawPrint.
 - They are very open to make a policy about AI, just need to work on wording/verbiage
- Housing & Dining:
 - Contractors checked out 175 Jefferson and now are working on a quote for washers and dryers.
 - No roll-over. Talking to students about why they do not like Gracies. 500 students will meet at Gracies for free.

RSO Reports:

- ACA:
 - Working with women, gender and sexuality to get more hair care products for different hair types!
 - ALANA Wednesday was this week and it went well!
- GU:
 - Unification is coming up very soon!
 - Nov 10th 2:30-5:30 in glass box
 - Sponsored by DEI, ISS (International Student Services), and Spirituality and Religious Life
 - Working on performances, food and more.
- NSC:
 - We sold out our tickets for the haunted house in one day! We're working to get more

Cabinet Reports:

- None

Pres/VP Reports:

- President:
 - Hope everyone's semester is going well. I sent out an email about office hours, and internal/external committee responsibilities.
 - Please take the time to look at it and reach out if there are any conflicts
 - BOT was last week: many great presentations were shown. Looking to bring some to Senate
 - Munson's Halloween Party: Gru and Minions. If you want to join in, put in the slack.

Advisor Reports:

- Courtney:
 - Introduction to Jordan: new Senior Staff Specialist for CCL! Very quick learner, & RIT alumni. Will be stepping into SG to help very soon. Welcome Jordan!
- Nicole:
 - Great work for those at Brick City Events!

Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

- None

External Committee Reports:

- None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bylaw Amendments

Alex Shuron, President

- Not a ton of major changes.
- We are not voting on the amendments this week, this is just for a discussion about why these changes are needed.
- Next week it will be brought back to the RSO Round table and Senate to be voted on.
- First Change:
 - Article 1, Section 1 - Subsection B
 - Changes language from female to women
 - Removed “Office of” from Fraternity and Sorority Life.
 - Article 1, Section 1 - Subsection D
 - Sustainability was removed last year, being replaced with Wellbeing
 - Greek: Would we hire a new committee chair?
 - Yes, next semester.
 - Article 2, Section 1 - Subsection D
 - Removed sustainability.
- Nicole: Comment to make - I am pretty sure the scope change for Sustainability to FPaT was voted on, just forgot the changes in the list.

PawPrints

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations

- [Don't require students to pay for homework services for individual classes](#)
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to Academics & Co-Op Committee**
 - Seconded: Greek Senator
 - Discussion:
 - None
 - Vote:
 - Yes: 13
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - **PawPrint is charged to Academics & Co-ops Committee**
- [Extend Adobe Creative Cloud Access to all students](#)
 - **DSR motions to charge PawPrint to Student Affairs Committee**
 - Seconded: CHST Senator
 - Discussion:
 - VP: Every student is apart of Adobe Express
 - CAD has Creative Cloud
 - This would be to give minor and SOIS student
 - CET: Why Student Affairs and not CAD?
 - CAD already has it. This would go to who works on licensing.
 - Greek: Would Dir. of Tech be more fit for this?
 - Finance:
 - Why is this not going to Academics & Co-op?

- Nicole: The communication would go through student affairs.
 - VP: Would love to work on this as well.
- Vote:
 - Yes: 12
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 1
- **PawPrint is charged to Student Affairs Committee**
- [Let Gracie's Swipes Roll Over](#)
 - Discussion:
 - GCCIS: Maybe this student didn't have time to use all 50 swipes, why should they lose them?
 - SCB: Did you discuss making a smaller plan instead of 50/100 Gracies swipes?
 - The 50 swipes have higher dining dollars and the 100 swipes have lower dining dollars. Students with 50 just need to go 3 times a week, not a day.
 - Greek:
 - I think this response doesn't answer the PawPrint, but just pushing for students to use Gracies. I don't see why rolling over is an issue, but it isn't addressing the response.
 - COS:
 - Why are food insecurities mentioned in this?
 - Ops: Students tend to hoard their dining dollars/swipes because they fear they are going to run out. RIT did hire a person to cover this. You can meet with them and plan the exact times and days you can spend your dining dollars wisely.
 - GCCIS:
 - I still don't see why there isn't a small amount that can roll over.
 - Greek:
 - I don't think this is ready to be closed.
 - CET:
 - I think this still touches on a good point, but the original PawPrint should be discussed.
 - Housing & Dining:
 - They compare RIT to other schools, and there aren't a lot of schools that let anything roll over at all while we do. There may be a business side to this.
 - Finance:
 - Just because another university does something different, doesn't mean that we have to follow them. We're supposed to be a cutting edge university, not following others.
 - Nicole:
 - Those who have an issue with the response, please think about attending Housing & Dining Committee to talk to Don.
 - **Nothing was motioned, response goes back to committee to be worked on.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NSC: We have a meeting next Monday and we would love for you guys to attend and introduce yourself!
- Ops: Driver sheet for Munson's Halloween Party is in the top level of the drive. Just click on the drive and it should be there (it's not in a folder).
- Greek: Claim the food in the fridge or I'm throwing it out.
- CET: Hockey night, November 15th 2 free tickets for CET students.
- SCB: If you don't have a costume for Munson, be a minion.
- Staff Council: VOTE! We need your voices heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 03:34PM, "Roll Tech"

Sophia Pries, Vice President

Minutes Submitted by

Olivia Brinkman, Director of Operations