



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

## MEETING MINUTES

Day 2-07-2025 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

**Meeting Called to order at 02:09 PM, Sophia Pries, Vice President**

#### **Senate Roll Call**

Matt Diss, Greek Senator

#### **Approval of Meeting Agenda 2/7/2025**

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: GCCIS Senator

Seconded: ACA

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 1/31/2024**

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: CHST Senator

Seconded: NSC

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

#### **Special Recognitions:**

- None

#### **Speak to the Senate:**

- None

## PRESENTATIONS

### Government and Community Relations

Vanessa Herman, Government Community Relations VP

- Overview of Community engagement and advocacy
  - Special Event
    - Brick City Weekend
  - Technology Management
    - EMS
- Federal Advocacy
  - Student Lobby Days
  - Meet with elected officials to advocate for student needs
    - Ex. Student Aid
- State Advocacy
  - The NYS Budget is due on april 1
  - Gives GCR time to advocate for things important to our students
  - Student Lobby Days
    - SG Pres
    - SG Vice Pres
- Micron Technology
  - 100 Billion Dollar investment into NYS outside of Syracuse
  - Create thousands of employment opportunities
  - RIT is a trusted partner with Micron
    - One of Six institutions across the nation
  - RIT attended UPWARDS Program at G7 in Japan
  - Creates employment opportunities for RIT Students
- National Association Memberships
  - Examples:
    - ACE
    - NAICU
    - TSC
    - CNSF
    - CNSR
    - SUMU
    - ESC
  - RIT Joins or is invited to the organizations
- Events Team
  - Oversee special events on campus
  - Cohesive and seamless integrations of events on campus
  - Examples
    - Fringe Festival
    - Homecoming Weekend
  - External Events
    - Revenue of \$1,036,000
- Technology Team
  - Master Events Calendar
  - EMS Software
  - Ideal Logic
    - Youth compliance
    - Any individual under 18 that comes to campus

- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
  - Community members ambassadors for our campuses
  - Audit our courses on campus
- Questions:
  - President: We talk a lot about current events actively in politics. What can we say and cannot say in our positions
    - Our website has guidelines
    - We have 2 registered federal lobbyists and 15 at the state level
    - Since we are registered to lobby at federal and state level you cannot use your RIT approved email to reach out to an elected official. This must occur on your own time with your own resources.

## REPORTS

### Senator Reports:

- Womens:
  - Waiting to hear back on menstrual product dispensaries in the SAU bathrooms
  - Working on women history month event
  - Working on creating an advisory board to gain CCL Recognition
- Saunders:
  - Data week event upcoming
  - Career fair prep week with clubs before career fair
- X-Reg:
  - Shirts have arrived, have an event coming up
  - X-Reg alumni networking event/round table to give students opportunity to reach out to alumni
- GCCIS:
  - Come by the Golisano lobby Feb 26 1-2 handing out sweets and fill out a survey
- Grad:
  - Had a meeting with the dean
  - Feb 27 will be meet the grad senator event
  - Speaking at the grad showcase
  - Grad student advisory council got disbanded after covid and trying to bringing it back for next academic year
  - Research magazine to showcase the research at RIT
  - Grad school will be advertising the elections for Grad Senator
- Greek:
  - Planning 5k Fun Run / Walk on March 30

### Committee Reports:

- Accessibility
  - Met with DSO Office to get background on the DSO role in current pawprints
  - Met with EHS for more information on accessible evacuation plans
- Student Affairs
  - Met with Dean of KGCOE to gain approval for additional funding on mural project
  - Upcoming meeting with COS Dean for mural project
- Housing and Dining
  - Visiting future restaurants Next week to expand the visiting chef program

### RSO Reports:

- Global Union
  - Thank you to everyone who attended our freeze fest
  - International Student Tea Time: Career Fair prep event in the 1829 room Feb 26 11am
- NSC
  - Upcoming ski and snowboard trip to Bristol Mountain for up to 40 students
- ACA:
  - Campaign review in April
  - Photoshoot Saturday and Sunday

#### **Cabinet Reports:**

- Marketing
  - Reminder if there is anyone that needs marketing materials I have a team that can complete that for you. Fill Out the QR code in the office
- Ops:
  - Thank you to all who came to retreat, I hope you all had a great time
  - Again, everyone should be attending their office hours, committee meetings and just as importantly, your external committees.
  - We are starting to table for elections! Monday 2/10 in Gracie's Lobby and Wednesday 2/12 outside of Corner Store both from 5-7PM. This is EXTREMELY important to go to in order to get our first years interested in SG and potentially even running for positions. Please sign up to help out, it would mean a LOT to Naemy and me. Sign up sheet will be in the slack!
  - I am sending out invites to professional staff for Soiree, please send me the names of those that attend your committees!
    - For those who are going to ask, it is Friday April 18th, 6PM - 9PM at the Alumni House. Dinner will be provided.

#### **Pres/VP Reports:**

- VP:
  - Hi Guys!
  - I think PawPrints event went great and gave us an opportunity to showcase PawPrints, Committees, and SG
- President:
  - Thank you to everyone who came to the pawprints event. We had 200 attendees and 120 survey responses.
  - Reviewing everyone's positions and will be reaching out to those who need assistance.
  - Get ready for elections. Reach out to your constituents and that people should run.

#### **Advisor Reports:**

- Nicole:
  - There is nobody happier than me to see the PawPrints event actually happen

#### **Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:**

- Faculty Senate:
  - Provost has charged reimagining general education

#### **External Committee Reports:**

- None


## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

### PawPrints

Ian Aiken, Director of Student Relations

- [Require Colleges to Provide Posting Policies](#)
  - **DSR motions to charge to Student Affairs committee**
  - Seconded: Accessibility Chair
    - Discussion:
      - CHST: What was the reasoning
      - DSR: It works with all the colleges and departments across campus. More on the FMS and administrative side.
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 17
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **PawPrint is charged to Student Affairs committee**
- [Reassess The New Rock Painting Reservation Policy](#)
  - **DSR motions to charge to Student Affairs committee**
  - Seconded: CET Senator
    - Discussion:
      - None
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 16
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 1
  - **PawPrint is charged to Student Affairs committee**
- [Fix the bus system](#) 
  - **DSR motions to respond and close PawPrint with response**
  - Seconded: Director of Technology
    - Discussion:
      - None
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 16
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **PawPrint is responded and closed with response**
- Bring back the crossroads flavor/sparkling water machine
  - **DSR motions to respond and close PawPrint with response**
  - Seconded: Global Union
    - Discussion:
      - None
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 17

- No: 0
- Abstain: 0
- **PawPrint is responded and closed with response**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SGer's of the Month for January
  - Cabinet Member of the Month awarded to Director of Technology
  - Senator of the Month awarded to CHST Senator
  - Committee Chair of the Month awarded to Accessibility Chair
  - RSO of the Month awarded to OUTSpoken

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:55 PM, "Roll tech"**  
Sophia Pries, Vice President

**Minutes Submitted by**  
Matt Diss, Greek Senator