



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

## MEETING MINUTES

Day 09-12--2025 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

**Meeting Called to order at 02:09 PM Ana Paolini Carrano, Vice President**

#### **Senate Roll Call**

Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations

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

#### **Approval of Meeting Agenda 09/12/2025**

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: Grad

Seconded: Greek

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 09/05/2025**

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: Marketing

Seconded: Pres

Yes: 16

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

#### **Special Recognitions:**

None

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

None

## PRESENTATIONS

### Update on Connection Hub Project - David Bagley

- BakerFIT was the starting point for the project.
- The goal is to refresh the spaces within the dorms to provide more spaces for socialization and allow campus partners, such as CLCE, Health Promotions, Academic Success Center, and SG, to use the space!
- Jemi is an associate director of residence life. She leads the campus connection initiative. The goal is to bring the vibes of the center of campus to the residence life.
- There are currently 6 connection spaces across Kate Gleason, DSP, Sol, and Ellingson
- Students are able to reserve these spaces by just walking up to the room! Students who have reservation access can reserve these spaces online.
- Aiming to keep the spaces open till 1 AM, Ellingson TV lounge is the only 24/7 space.
- Give any feedback on the spaces to the Housing and Dining chair (Damien Hacke).
- Fun fact: Dave was the former advisor of SG for 7 years!

### Meet the Marketing and Tech Services Team - Lily Chau, Alexander Kilroy

- **Marketing**
  - Lily Chau
    - Director of Marketing
    - Main point of contact for marketing initiatives
    - 4th year, Human-Centered Computing/Web and Mobile Computing
  - Sydney Harpence - Graphic Designer
    - 3rd year, Illustration
  - Courtney Schaeffer - Graphic Designer
    - 4th year, Graphic Design
    - From Buffalo
  - Sakshi Manjgowda - Content Manager
    - 4th year, Computing and Information Technologies
    - Will be managing emails for SG!
  - Giovanni DeFiore - Photographer
    - 3rd year, Photo Advertisement
  - Nori Butler - Videographer
    - 2nd Year, Biomedical Sciences
- **Tech Team**
  - Alex Kilroy
    - Director of tech services
      - Manages SG Website and PawPrints
  - Anush Venkatakrishnan - Senior Web Developer
    - Masters in Database Management
  - Lianna Pottgen - Web Developer
    - 5th year, Computer Science & MS Software Engineering
  - Anjan Maharajan - Web Developer
    - 6th year, Software Engineering & Computer Science
  - Dhruv Sharma - UI/UX Designer
    - 2nd year, MS Computer Science

- Kristin Meili Yap - UI/UX Designer
  - 4th year, New Media Interactive Development

## REPORTS

### Senator Reports:

- COLA
  - Coordinating with SAB to start next week!
- SOIS
  - Met with Dean, SOIS Open house is on 9/17!
  - Restarting a SOIS advisory council!
- KGCOE
  - Finalizing a hockey night for KGCOE at the homecoming game!
  - Met with the dean today!
  - Looking to start a student advisory board!
- CAD
  - CAD club fair on 9/12!
  - Looking to start a collaboration with Anthony Testa to encourage entrepreneurship within CAD!
  - Starting an autodesk design contest!
- X-REG
  - Working with CAB to hold a Deaf Awareness Month event with NTID clubs on 9/18 from 6-8 PM!
- Saunders
  - Confirming events for career fair prep week!

### Committee Reports:

- H & D
  - Started to take a look at potential threshold pawprints to be ready for charges.
- Accessibility
  - Second wheelchair access being added to buses this weekend!

### RSO Reports:

- GU
  - Saturday 4-7, GU BBQ with affiliates outside Grace Watson!
  - Looking to encourage first years to be GU representatives!
- OutSPOKEN
  - Hoping to open the office next week!
- ACA
  - ALANA Wednesday's start on 9/17!
  - Collaborating with CLCE to have an event at the brainery
  - 35 clubs are official affiliates this year!

### Cabinet Reports:

- N/A

### Pres/VP Reports:

- President
  - Excited to see the office full of students and ideas! Starting to plan the year-long projects

**Advisor Reports:**

- n/a

**Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:**

- Faculty Senate
  - Charges (Their version of PawPrints) finalizing next week. Can be brought to the student government by the representative if it is something we feel we should be involved in!
- Staff Council
  - Starting to COOK in the staff council. Re-working bylaws currently

**External Committee Reports:**

- N/A

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS****Appointments****First-Year Senator Appointment**

- **Name: Jacob Mahoney**
- **Pronouns: He/him/his**
- **Year: First Year**
- **Major: Business Exploration**
  - Passionate about student voices, hoping facilitate connections among first years
  - Went to a small deaf school and will lean on this experience to drive connections
  - Looking to improve the first year experience by combining mylife, eservices, and myRIT into one application to make things easier for first year students
- SOIS: How do you plan to connect with a variety of students across the variety of majors?
  - Work with the senators to get messaging out about events to bring first years together
- **Name: Owen McCarville**
- **Pronouns: He/him/his**
- **Year: First Year**
- **Major: Biomedical Engineering**
  - Was apart of student government in high school
  - Enjoys volunteer work
  - Hoping to create events to bring clubs and orgs to students.
- Greek: How do you feel that you can represent the variety of students?
  - Listening to their concerns and making sure their opinions are heard

- OutSPOKEN: How do plan to get people out of their dorms
  - Planning to have activities to get people moving, free stuff and food is good motivator
- **Name: Darren Stry**
- **Pronouns: he/him/his**
- **Year: First Year**
- **Major: Engineering Exploration**
  - Varsity captain athlete in high school and eagle scout
  - Loves to meet new people and encourage them to find themselves
  - Hoping to create volunteer opportunities for students
- DSR: How do you plan to do advocacy for first years?
  - Leadership is to lead by example so hoping to be a role model for first years
- SOIS: How do you plan to connect with the variety of people that are in their first years?
  - Hoping to create events to help students de-stress and find their place
- **Cathy Williams**
- **Pronouns: she/her/hers**
- **Year: First Year**
- **Major: Cybersecurity**
  - Founded an initiative at home
  - Looking to encourage students
  - Wants to give students a voice
- Accessibility: Do you have any plans for events you'd like to hold?
  - NTID was a bit of shock to a lot of first year students so wanting to plan an event to help soften this shock and encourage students to learn ASL
- Outspoken: How do you plan to get students out of their dorm?
  - Hoping to plan another club fair to help students to find their niche later on in the year

#### **CLOSED PAPER VOTE**

- **Cathy William will be the first year senator for the 2025-26 year!**

#### **Women's Senator Appointment**

- **Name: Amelia Fries**
- **Pronouns: She/her/hers**
- **Year: Fourth Year**
- **Major: Computer Engineering Technology**
  - Cares about women advocacy due to the lack of women in her major
  - Serves on presidents commission for women
  - GCCIS: How do you plan to create events to bring together women on campus?
    - Apart of a lot of women organization, looking to have a women's retreat to connect women across majors
- **Candidate Name: Anandi Raojas**
- **Pronouns: she/her/hers**
- **Year: Second Year**

- **Major: Computational Biology**
  - Serves as event manager for muslim club on campus to bring students of minorities together
  - Previously president in high school so knows how to connect with students through student government
  - Hoping to create a map to connect women with resources to help them during their time at RIT as well connect with alumni
- GCCIS: How do you plan to create events to bring women identifying students together?
  - I'd like to create a mentorship program for women's
- OUTSpoken: How would you set up the mentorship program for across campus
  - Want to allow students who want to find this resource providing it
- **Name: Anisette Wiggins**
- **Pronouns: She/her/hers**
- **Year: Third Year**
- **Major: Diagnostic Medical Sonography**
  - Previously a part of unity house e-board taught her a lot about event planning and budgeting.
  - Wants to create a women's voice group to help recognize women on campus
  - Heritage month collaborations. Wants to work with women clubs who represent minorities to help them table and celebrate them in their month

#### **CLOSED PAPER VOTE**

- **Anisette Wiggins will be the Women's Senator for the 2025-26 year!**

#### **Student Affairs Committee Chair Appointment**

- **Name: Sameeha Khan**
- **Pronouns: She/her/his**
- **Year: Fourth Year**
- **Major: Global Business Management**
  - Previous part of the RIT Dubai campus and was a part of consortium (event that brings SG from our global campuses together)
  - Was apart of Student Government at RIT Dubai
  - Collab & Incl: How comfortable are you with difficult topics?
    - Learned through marketing how to communicate difficult topics in Dubai
  - Accessibility: Is there anything you didn't get to mention in your 2 minutes that you would like us to know?
    - Wants to build strong communication, encourage student engagement
- **Name: Noah Manning**
- **Pronouns: He/him/his**
- **Year: Fifth Year**
- **Major: Physics/Astrophysics**
  - Residence advisor
  - Learned a lot about students' needs through this role. Was an advocate for his residence by attending the H & D committee.

- Wants to advocate for students to get involved and share their concerns
- Would like to get more students involved with the the committee as official seats
- Collab & inc: how do you handle difficult topics
  - As an RA has to deal with it as a part of the role.
- **CLOSED PAPER VOTE**
  - **Noah Manning will be the Student Affairs Committee Chair for the 2025-26 year!**

## **PawPrints**

Trishelle Hoopes, Director of Student Relations

- **Charges**
- Have regularly cleaned, functional laundry facilities
  - **DSR motions to charge to Housing & Dining**
  - Seconded: SOIS
    - Discussion on Motion: n/a
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 16
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **Charged to Housing & Dining**
    - Discussion on Pawprint:
      - H&D: Discussed this in their meeting today, aware of the issue and who needs to be contacted to
- **Responses**
  - Keep Dining Commons Open and Commons cannot be closed for good
    - **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this response**
      - Seconded: Greek
    - Vote:
      - Yes: 16
      - No: 0
      - Abstain: 0
    - **PawPrint will be closed with this response.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- President: Out of office hours are starting to be scheduled soon! Committee Chairs and Cabinet will be joining you to table!! IF you cannot find a time that fits your schedule please let us know
- VP: external committee meetings will be sent out soon

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 PM, "Roll Tech"**

Ana Paolini Carrano, Vice President

**Minutes Submitted by**

Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations