



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

## MEETING MINUTES

Day 10-03-2025 | 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 10/03/2025**

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: SCB

Seconded: OUTSpoken

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstain: 1

**Vote Passed**

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 09/19/2025**

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: SCB

Seconded: OUTspoken

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

#### **Special Recognitions:**

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

None

## PRESENTATIONS

### Student Government Budget Overview - Kate Seeman

- SG budget is split up into many different areas:
  - Operating covers stipends/wages, general office supplies
  - Spirit fund covers things such as merchandise
    - SG also provides a van for clubs and organizations to rent for travel! The budget used for this is for van maintenance.
  - Senate budget is for Senators and Committee chairs to cover budgets for their events
  - Speaker Series covers the funds we give for Brick City
  - Banquet covers expenses related to banquet
  - Retreat is for SG retreat budget
- Finance Committee provides funds for students and clubs, any request over \$5,000 are required approval by Senate
- SCB - How do clubs request money from the finance committee?
  - They can submit a request via CampusGroups
- Accessibility - What does it mean when the budget is subject to change?
  - Every 3 years we vote to approve the budget so that's why it has that tag but the budget for this year is locked!

## REPORTS

### Senator Reports:

- x- reg
  - Met with Dan for student support at NTID. Hoping to make shirts for X-Reg students to give away next year
- COLA
  - SAB held a breakfast with advisors and professors. Holding a movie night event at the end of this month!
- SOIS
  - Holding a Halloween party for SOIS students at the end of this month!
- KGC OE
  - Starting an SAB, applications are out now! KGC OE hockey night is coming up for Brick City on October 10th. Will be hosting a panel with the dean. Our donut event went well yesterday!
- CET
  - SAB is planning a club fair, working to get TA's into courses for this semester.
- SCB
  - Our career fair prep week, attendance is high for these events!
- First-year
  - Starting a first year senator SAB, working with Dave Bagley to make connection hubs more accessible!

### Committee Reports:

- Academics & Co-ops
  - Holding a professional headshot event in Fireside on October 7th from 2-4
  - Collecting feedback about the career fair on Wednesday from students

- **FPaTS:**
  - Getting signs for the ramp between the library and gosnell of why it is closed
  - WeDriveU is looking to find other routes that might work to report back to RIT. The current route may not be the finalized RTS connection
- **Housing & Dining:**
  - Tuesday sat with Stuart from invision. Talked about RIT dining plans and where that will go. Another focus group next Tuesday will be happening. Dining is looking for participation. QR codes are up across all dining locations. So students can sign up through there!

### **RSO Reports:**

- **SAAC**
  - Breast cancer awareness event on oct 16th to bench press proceeds go to the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation in Rochester
- **OUTSpoken**
  - Bringing in a speaker to discuss understanding identities in the queer community, on Oct 11th in PRISM
- **ACA**
  - Dough and Dialogue event on 10/4 to go to the commissary of Rochester to make empanadas
  - Collab with SASE, NSBE in the shed from 7-9 for a pre-career fair tabling event
  - For BCA, we're having a hip hop dance workshop on October 15th, from 7:30 - 10:30 pm in LBJ-1845
  - Wear Pink Wednesdays in October for breast cancer awareness!

### **Cabinet Reports:**

- **Ops**
  - Retreat is tonight, before retreat, we have a treat for you. We will have pizza from 5-6 so stop by before we go to the escape room. It starts at 6:45. By then, there are carpool sheets if you need a ride. Please sign the waiver for your designated escape room.
  - Retreat will also be tomorrow until 3pm. There will be breakfast provided. You may be going outside for a volunteer opportunity so wear long pants and comfortable shoes
  - Sending out a survey at the end of the month to collect feedback on the event
  - At the end of this month we're going to Sanders house for a Halloween party on October 31st. Please let me know of any food allergies and going to be gathering information for attendance.
- **Marketing**
  - Emails have been delayed due to an issue with CampusGroups. Please give the team a week notice so ensure they can get the information out

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

- **President**
  - Super excited for Retreat! We are excited to share updates on our organization wide initiatives
- **Vice President**
  - Finalizing Out of Office Office hours

- Still have some open spots for external reports so please help out if you are available!

#### **Advisor Reports:**

- N/A

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

- Courtney
  - Will be sending out a communication and tech release form!

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

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PawPrints - President Rafael Gilboa**

- Disband College Republicans, now.
  - **President motions to close this PawPrint with this response**
    - Seconded: SCB
  - **Discussion on the motion:**
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 1
  - **The PawPrint will be responded to with this response**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PawPrints, Director of Student Relations Trishelle Hoopes**

- Reverting 1 RIT RTS stop - clay and Walmart
  - Discussion
    - ACA:
      - Instead of closing this stop they should close the other one and keep this one open, closing the one closer to the road side and keeping the one that is wanted by students
  - **DSR motions to charge this to FPaTs**
    - Seconded: SOIS
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes: 19
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **This PawPrint is Charged to the FPaTs committee**
- Deduce Price Hikes on Food
  - Discussion on the PawPrint

- Pres:
      - It's huge, if we can't lower the prices we should provide messaging and note other options that are more affordable?
    - Ops:
      - Try and plug/talk about the new dining plan discussion
    - GCCIS:
      - Explain why Dining is independent and why the costs are so much
  - **DSR motions to charge this to H&D**
    - Seconded: ACA
  - Discussion on the Motion
    - NA
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 19
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **This PawPrint is Charged to the H&D Committee**
- Soft Serve Ice Cream
    - Discussion on PawPrint
      - X-REG
        - Having shops stock soft serve ice cream available at dining
      - Pres
        - BOBA on campus!
    - DSR motions to charge this to H&D
      - Seconded: Grad
    - Vote:
      - Yes: 19
      - No: 0
      - Abstain: 0
    - **This PawPrint is Charged to the H&D Committee**
  - **VP motions to take a 5 minute recess**
    - So Moved: Pres
    - Seconded: GU
  - **5 Minute Recess**

## Plans of Action

- Stop RIT's AI Image generation & usage
  - Bob has been working with a point of contact on the AI task force, will be meeting with him after senate to get a plan of action
- Discussion on Plan
  - Pres:
    - Possible feedback form with senators
- The double standard of lowering the US flag on the rit campus
  - Currently putting together a public policy on when the flag should be lowered. Also updating how they update students.
- Discussion on Plan
  - N/A
- **Responses**

- Remove Camera from PRISM
  - DSR motions to close PawPrint
    - Seconded: ACA
  - Discussion
    - GCCIS: Can we be provided the PawPrint if it is old during the PawPrints presentation!
  - Vote
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **The PawPrint will be responded to with this response**
- Petition for free menstrual products at RIT and make period products available
  - DSR motions to close PawPrint
    - Seconded: GU
  - Discussion:
    - OUTSpoken- can we add locations
      - Yes we can add these to the response
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 0
    - No: 18
    - Abstain: 1
  - Has not passed
    - **H&D motions to respond to the PawPrint with the amended changes**
  - Discussion on the motion with an amended response
    - N/A
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 15
    - No: 1
    - Abstain: 2
  - **The PawPrint will be responded to with this response**
- More murals around campus
  - DSR motions to close PawPrint
    - Seconded: OUTSpoken
  - Discussion:
    - N/A
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **The PawPrint will be responded to with this response**
- Fire exit for mobility users on the a-level of Gannet
  - DSR motions to close PawPrint
    - Seconded: CHST
  - Discussion:
    - N/A
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0

- Abstain: 0
  - **The PawPrint will be responded to with this response**
- Accessible Fire evacuation plans
  - DSR motions to close PawPrint
    - Seconded: SCB
  - Discussion:
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  - Vote:
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - **The PawPrint will be responded to with this response**

#### **Pres motions to add a presentation on initiatives**

- Seconded: GU
- Vote
  - Yes: 18
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Student Government Initiatives & Project, President Rafael Gilboa**
  - These are the projects we will be presented to University Council to share with the university
  - Spring Club Fair
    - Hoping to have a second club fair in the Spring, similar to the fall club fair
    - Funding is an issue for the fall
    - Questions:
      - X-Reg: when do you plan to host this?
        - Pres: Similar to the fall club here it would likely be sometime in the first week. Hosting it at a consistent time would help with attendance and students showing up
  - On-campus jobs career fair
    - Many options to work on campus to share these opportunities to the students. This would also help see what benefits are offered to other similar jobs to drive interest and benefits
    - Questions
      - OUTSpoken - will the supervisors of the jobs be in attendance
        - Yes, that's the plan
      - COLA - We should have financial aid table to help students decide how this affects their aid
      - SOIS - Professors should also be invited to help staff TA positions
  - Downtown Bus
    - Student Affairs used to pay the bus company we worked with to have a bus go downtown every weekend. Potentially partnering with CAB for an event based downtown bus. Students pay less to go downtown. If there is good data/numbers we can pitch to SA to bring back the bus
    - Questions

- Greek: What do you mean by event based
    - Pres: This week this time we advocate to CAB not necessarily based on events but the bus would be an event
- 2-week Add/Drop
  - Hoping to move to ten days to add and drop from a class
  - Questions
    - Women's - pushback because we would have to explain add drop and the day after add drop is when students can get their financial aid refunds if they have. This would need to be explained to students from an add drop perspective and financial
- OOOOH
  - Have Senators table in a common space for their college alongside other SG members
- PawPrints 2.0
  - More accessible website for students and SG to have more functions
- SG Collaborators
  - Questions
    - SCB - how does Shadowing work
      - Pres- Still figuring it out!
    - Accessibility - What work should they be given?
      - Pres - They are un-paid so they should be working on things they feel comfortable taking on
- AI Policy and Student/Faculty forum
  - Hoping to hold an open discussion about AI with students and the policy board so we have an input
- SAB/Councils
  - Make sure the work being put in is recognized in the university council. I want to solidify connections for the future and ensure longevity of the projects individuals are doing. Build strong support groups under your leadership

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Senator of the Month - **COLA & KGCOE!**
- Committee Chair of the Month - **FPaTS!**
- RSO of the Month - **GLC!**
- Cabinet Member of the Month - **Director of Operations!**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:28 PM, "Roll Tech"**

Ana Paolini Carrano, Vice President

**Minutes Submitted by**

Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations