



# STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

## MEETING MINUTES

Day 10-17-2025 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER

**Meeting Called to order at 02:06 PM Savannah Brown, Pro-tempore**

#### **Senate Roll Call**

Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations

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

#### **Approval of Meeting Agenda 10/16/2025**

Motioned By: X-REG

So Moved: SCB

Seconded: NTID

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 10/10/2025**

Motioned by: X - REG

So Moved: SCB

Seconded: GU

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

#### **Special Recognitions:**

We are excited to welcome back former SG members for Brick City Weekend

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

None

## REPORTS

### Senator Reports:

- X-Reg
  - We have created an outreach time for students in their respective colleges. Met with director of substance abuse to create training for learning ASL for trainees
- GCCIS
  - GCCIS halloween party 12 - 2 on Oct 31st. We need judges so if you are interested please reach out!
- KGCoe
  - Townhall on Tuesday 10/21 with our dean
  - Starting SAB within the college
- COLA
  - Career advice for COLA students. Craft night on October 22nd!
- SCB
  - Cookbook coming out with hospitality clubs
  - Creating a discord for the entirety of saunders
  - Starting to plan the Saunders Holiday Party!
- CET
  - New IT signs in CET Labs
  - There's a form that will be sent out to get TA's/Graders for this semester
  - Working with KGCoe senator for a volleyball Tournament

### Committee Reports:

- Well-being
  - Starting tabling for safe-sex the next 2 weeks, Monday through Friday, stop by!
  - Promoting the well-being survey during this time as well and you should too!

### RSO Reports:

- SAAC
  - Brick City weekend with Women's hockey and volleyball! The men's big game is on Saturday. Women's soccer is having alumni appreciation event
- GU
  - 4-day event series to celebrate diwali coming up next week!
- NSC
  - Our e-board has been filled!

### Cabinet Reports:

- DoOPS
  - Retreat feedback form is in the slack, please fill it out.
  - Brick City WEEKEND you should've gotten an email from Sara about VIP tickets and passes. Make sure to only grab for your name because you only have enough for your name
  - Tomorrow if you don't have a polo meet with me after so you can get a polo, Tell RSO members who are coming to where black or a merch item.

### Pres/VP Reports:

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### Advisor Reports:

- Nicole
  - Kosovo was great! We will present on this in an upcoming meeting

### Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

#### Staff Council

Ged-ed revision is underway. We have the ability to invite them to senate to present

### External Committee Reports:

Na

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

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

### Charges

- Enact Sticter Rules for Businesses selling in the SAU
  - **Student Relations motions to charge this pawprint to Student Affairs**
    - Seconded: SCB
  - Discussion on the PawPrint
    - GCCIS
      - Discuss it get more students and alumni to sell things
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 19
    - No: 0
    - Abstain:
  - **This pawprint is charged to the Student Affairs committee**

### Responses

- Protect RIT students from ICE targeting
  - **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - Seconded: SCB
  - Discussion
    - GCCIS:
      - Point of inquiry: was the original pawprint asking for a campus wide ICE Alert system?
        - No. That was closed last week
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes: 19
    - No: 0
    - Abstain:0
  - **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**

- Paper forms for Pasta Bakes at RITZ
  - **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - Seconded: COLA
  - Discussion
    - Accessibility:
      - Not happy with the response, it doesn't solve the pawprint. The pawprint was asking for paper forms for pasta bakes and were taken away so communities need to ask to use them. The response says we told dining about the complaint which is not a solution. Went down there early and there's papers for Pizza but not for Pasta. I don't understand why it was charged to housing and dining and not accessibility
    - DSR:
      - Accessibility committee didn't exist at the time it was charged
    - H&D:
      - This pawprint is old, paper forms are available behind the table
    - GCCIS:
      - Add to response why Pizza paper forms are in front of the counter vs Pasta, so why is Pasta behind and not Pizza
    - DSR:
      - The frequency of orders for Pasta is higher than Pizza so the process slows down the ability to order
    - NTID:
      - Should be clearer on the form to distinguish the difference between the Pizza and Pasta form since the forms have both?
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes: 1
    - No: 15
    - Abstain: 3
  - **The vote did not pass, a new response must be brought to senate**
- **Point of order - Accessibility**
  - Can this be charged to accessibility?
    - No because housing and dining has the contacts needed to make this happen
    - Committees can work together on pawprints
- Creating More Green Spaces On Campus
  - **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - Seconded: Dir. of market
  - Discussion
    - DoM:
      - This pawprint was charged to FPaTS last year and something that was starting to be worked on last year
    - GCCIS:
      - Not really sure what University Architect has done so we should be more clear on that.
    - SA
      - The university has put money aside to complete in the next 5 years
    - DoM

- Met with SEAL and FMS and they were in agreement to create my spaces at the end of last year
  - SA
    - Why was the pawprint not closed last year then?
  - DoM
    - It was charged at the end of the year
  - Nicole
    - The 50 year plan has green spaces but if we want to bring in green spaces now we can move this forward
  - DoM
    - Because SEAL was consulted, they should be brought in to close the pawprint
- **Collab and Incl Motions to table**
  - Second: NTID
  - Vote
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain:1
- **The Pawprint has been tabled until next senate meeting**

## PRESENTATIONS

### Together RIT - Taj Smith and Mei Qi

- Taj works with engagement and success
- 4th year of this initiative
- Theme this year is Caste, Rank, and Socioeconomic Diversity
- 250th Declaration of independence celebration
  - Looking to have students do speeches from pieces of Declaration if anyone is interested!
- Mei is community engagement
  - Oversees the MOSAIC space!
  - MOSAIC Council allows for students to provide feedback in terms of well-being and interconnectedness, and curiosity at RIT
  - Council has 8 monthly meetings
- Signature Events coming up
  - Let Freedom Ring is an RIT only event on January 19th
  - Expressions of King's Legacy on Thursday, Jan 29th, open to the public
  - Celebration of Excellence on April 23rd - award ceremony to recognize students ACA and GU
- Questions
  - SCB: Where can students apply to join the mosaic council?
    - Application has passed but a new application will go out for the Spring semester

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ops: Enjoy Brick City Weekend with your Friends and Family!

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:17 PM, "Roll Tech"**

Savannah Brown, Pro-tempore

**Minutes Submitted by**

Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations