

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE



## MEETING MINUTES

Day 10-31-2025 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### CALL TO ORDER



Meeting Called to order at 02:04 PM Ana Paolini Carrano, Vice President

### **Senate Roll Call**

Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations

- **Present:**
- **Absent:** GU, OUTSpoken, Director of Tech
- **Excused:**
- **N/A:**

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda 10/31/2025**

Motioned By: VP

So Moved: SCB

Seconded: GLC

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 10/24/2025**

Motioned by: VP

So Moved: FPaTs

Seconded: SOIS

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstain: 0

**Vote Passed**

### **Special Recognitions:**

Welcome to Senate Dr. Sanders!

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

None

### **Pres Motion to amend the agenda - Reports before presentations**

- Seconded:Sosis
- Yes: 17
- No: 0
- Abstain: 0

## **REPORTS**

### **Senator Reports:**

- X-REG
  - Nov 7th scavenger hunt for students with prizes!
- Women's
  - Nov 10th 9 - 12, tabling for a forum about non-male experience on campus. Donuts and munchents will be given out!

- Creating a women's advisory board, please recommend yourself or any other students!
- SOIS
  - SAB halloween party went well!
  - Monthly coffee hour starting on Monday.
  - Had lunch with a SOIS program in Germany!!

#### **Committee Reports:**

- FPats
  - Walmart stop at Clay road has been added back with the Marketplace and Walmart spot being removed.
  - Progress on the ramp!!
- H & D
  - Soft Serve in Gracie's on its way for spring semester!
  - All day breakfast event at Brick City on its way!
- Accessibility
  - Tabling went well, and had 50 survey responses!
  - Starting to work through these items.

#### **RSO Reports:**

- ACA
  - ACA outing at Lazertron for \$10! Limited spots available
- GLC
  - The president's roundtable went well!
  - Greek Town Hall coming up
  - Planning a celebration for 25 year anniversary for greek life on campus
- SAAC
  - Announcing November service project with Rochester Food Bank to have teams purchase Thanksgiving dinners for families

#### **Cabinet Reports:**

- Operations
  - Halloween at Liberty Hill is TONIGHT, expect to get out around 7-8 PM. Please ensure you have contacted your carpool and arrive at 5:15 PM!!

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

N/A

#### **Advisor Reports:**

- Nicole
  - Happy Halloween!

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

This is the way - Faculty Senate

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

- Student Steering and Success
  - Rolling out a new academic catalog for students to see how immersions and minors work together

- Not integrated with SIS yet
- Academic Affairs Board
  - Working on D 8.0 (Academic Integrity) and coordinating with Katie Beck to keep our committee involved.
- Strategic Framework Committee
  - Coming in next week to present to Senate

## PRESENTATIONS

### Meet and Greet with the President, Dr. Sanders

- The strategic framework will be presented next week for our feedback!
- Ops: What excites you about the 50 year plan?
  - It is a great campus! We have an exciting potential for growth. Some challenges are with being separated from the city of Rochester so hoping to create a college town environment on our campus
- FPaTS: Any plans on how to integrate with the Rochester community? We have a limited bus routes or RIT student specific discounts
  - Would love to work with city of Rochester to get more buses to areas around Rochester and if we have to pay then we need to evaluate our
- COLA: What would you like to see to collaborate with colleges?
  - Talked with many of the deans of each college and hoping to have more collaboration across design and technology majors
- X-REG: There is a lack of interpreters across our campus, do you know how to improve this problem?
  - RIT NTID is a very unique part of campus, starting to learn more about the interpreter issue to see how to help!
- GCCIS: Students feel that support clubs and organizations have gone away, would like to see this back
  - Working on this!
- H & D: Would like to expand the visiting chef program!
- ACA: The affinity fair was cancelled this year and was an event that was well liked by students
  - We have had to change at a federal level so we are looking to see how can still hold these events

## OLD BUSINESS

N/A

## NEW BUSINESS

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

- Save Tora-Con and The RIT Anime Club
  - **DSR motions to charge this PawPrint to Student Affairs**
    - Seconded: COLA
  - Discussion on the motion
    - n/a

- Vote:
  - Yes: 17
  - No: 0
  - Abstain: 0
- Discussion on the PawPrint
  - Pres: Would love to know how losing spaces means no tora-con
  - ACA: would like the committee chair to meet with the person who
  - SCB: what other clubs are in jeopardy?
- Allow second-hand textbooks, prevent antitrust abuse against students
  - **DSR motions to charge this PawPrint to Academics and Co-ops**
    - Seconded: Ritchie
  - Discussion on the motion:
    - n/a
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - Discussion on the PawPrint
    - Ops: Committee chair should review the previous pawprint similar to this to see who to bring in
    - Pres: Work in parallel on this pawprint and the paid materials on SIS for the courses PawPrint
- It's not a "debate"- Change Your policies about generative ai.
  - **DSR motions to charge this PawPrint to Academics and Co-ops**
    - Seconded: SCB
  - Discussion on the motion:
    - GCCIS - was the other pawprint about AI charged to student affairs?
      - The PawPrint focuses on AI in the classroom so that is why is it charged to Academics and Co-ops
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain: 0
  - Discussion on the PawPrint

## Plan of Action

- Save the RIT Model Railroad Club! - Charged to Student Affairs
  - Touching base with Courtney
  - Meeting with Model RR club to understand their side
  - Concerned with lack of communication from those outside Courtney
  - Courtney meeting with them 11/7
- Fire Transphobic Recreation Staff -Charged to Student Affairs
  - in contact with David Stevens
  - Touching base with David and Shawna
  - Forming a focus group

- \*Thumbs up\*
- Add spaces for muslim students to pray - Charged to Student Affairs
  - Talk to Dave Bagley - Checking on dormspaces
  - Reach out to Andrew Cirillo head of student religious life
  - Forming a focus group
- Maintenance of the Nature Trails and the Establishment of RIT Trail Crew - Charged to FPaTS
  - Speaking with E and Tom in Sustainability
    - To get more trail clean ups
  - Working with student who made the pawprint on upkeeps

## Responses

- Push for a 24/7 Study center on campus
  - **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - Seconded: CHST
  - Discussion
    - n/a
  - **Vote:**
    - Yes: 18
    - No: 0
    - Abstain:0
  - **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- DoM
  - Fun video being filmed after Senate so please go talk with Sanaskshi

## ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:16 PM, "Roll Tech"**  
 Ana Paolini Carrano, Vice President

### Minutes Submitted by

Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations