STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

MEETING MINUTES

Day 11-7-2025 | 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 02:05 PM Ana Paolini Carrano, Vice President

Senate Roll Call
Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations
- **Present:**
- **Absent:**
- **Excused:**
- **N/A:**

Approval of Meeting Agenda 11/7/2025
Motioned By: VP
So Moved: ACA
Seconded: Grad
Yes: 16
No: 0
Abstain: 1
Vote Passed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 10/31/2025
Motioned by: VP
So Moved: H & D
Seconded: SOIS
Yes: 16
 No: 0
Abstain: 1
Vote Passed

Special Recognitions:
 None

Speak to the Senate:
 None

PRESENTATIONS

Strategic Framework Discussion with Student Government
Recap Planning and Process
- Started meeting in April 2024
- Gathered information in May and February
- Shaped the focus and goals in March/Sept of this year
- Currently at the feedback stage

Review draft strategic framework
- Big focus is on Research and Scholarship
- Pillars
  - Transformative Student Experiences and Success
    - Empower students to lead and thrive in rapidly evolving world by expanding our experiential, interdisciplinary and collective approach to education
    - Enhance our signature learning approach
    - Create and Expand Academic programs and industry community insight
    - Increase flexibility in existing academic programs
    - Building on our strength in cooperative education
  - World Changing Research
    - Advance knowledge, pursue groundbreaking discoveries, and shape the future through research, scholarship, and creative endeavor. Leverage the interdisciplinary strengths
      - Advance creative and technological frontiers
      - Attract and retain exceptional faculty
      - Strengthen the research ecosystem
      - Cultivate the next generation of scholars
      - Amplify research impact
  - Culture of Well-being and Belonging
    - Cultivate a culture where individual growth, holistic well-being, and a deep sense of belonging are integral - making them defining elements of how we learn, teach, work and thrive
      - Enhance connected and inclusive campus culture
      - Empower all community members to Grow and Thrive
      - Strength connection to RIT
  - Global Reach and Mindset
    - Leverage and enhance RIT's role as a globally engaged institution, creating a cohesive and interconnected university with a deep commitment to cross-cultural understanding
      - Deliver a globally informed and engaged education
      - Create a globally connected research ecosystem
      - Enhance the student experience through global experiences
      - Deepen community connections
- Organizational Strategies
  - Grow and steward financial resources
    - Ensure sustainable support for institutional priorities. Through strong enrollment, funded research, strategic partnership, philanthropic growth, and effective stewardship of existing assets
    - Looking to shift resources to on time graduation, teaching and research, and more faculty instead of more buildings

- ○ Increase velocity and resilience
    - ■ Cultivate an agile, forward thinking organization that empowers individuals and teams to experiment, learn and adapt quickly.
    - ■ Foster a culture of continuous improvement and leverage technology to improve systems and structures to adapt quickly
    - ■ Leave with leadership skills to lead others and change.

Outline Next Steps
- ● Met with many stakeholders of the university such as parents of current/former students!
- ● Student Town hall is on November 17th in SHED 3350 (5:30 - 6:30)

Questions

Pres: what do you mean by signature learning approach

We combine arts design and technology. Some classes are very intentional but we want more courses to be intentional across all majors

X-Reg: Do we have an answer for high tuition across NTID and international students

We feel you, we need to improve our philanthropy to help cover these costs. This framework is used to help guide the next 10 years. To make these goals a reality with will drive down into each pillar to see what needs to be done

NSC: How can we improve the international experience to partner with global campuses besides our own

We would love to expand these, we just need to find the budget!

Accessibility: Can you explain the current values on slide 13?

These are the current values and mission of the university and these are used to create the rest of the frameworks

H&D: How do you plan to communicate how tuition is used?

The quality of students and faculty are hopefully going to show how tuition is being put to good use. We want to build high student retention and graduation rates. Equipping students with the tools, and resources

Ops: How do we plan to bring Alumni financial support to campus?

Definitely an area we are hoping to expand and we hope to develop more opportunities for students to connect with students as mentors

X-REG: How do you plan to help deaf and hard of hearing students feel more welcome across campus?

We have a lot of work to integrate this community into the RIT community but have heard from many stakeholder groups that NTID is a very important part of campus. We need to bring groups together and come up with a plan to work on this

Pres: When does the feedback drive changes to the pillars?

We have about 2 months so get feedback back before the end of November to ensure it can affect the

COLA: Interested in learning more about the research opportunities mentioned in Pillar 2 as someone in both COLA and GCCIS

OUTSpoken: How can RIT help make degree requirements more flexible?

The current requirements make it hard to double major due to the strict degree requirements so hoping to lower these barriers to allow more students to double major

OUTSpoken: How can you ensure students still have the foundation in both major fields?

Faculty will need to be brought in but thank you for your question!

REPORTS

Senator Reports:
- GCCIS
  - Self Care week is next week. 5 days of activities in the Golisano atrium.
  - Friday at 4:30 PM, the director of the hygiene bank is coming in! Free Applebee's
- KGCOE
  - Volleyball is from 4:30 - 6:30 PM on 11/12.
  - Taco Night with faculty and students on November 20th.
  - Show up to play volleyball!
- X-REG
  - Scavenger Hunt is today, we have had 30 people sign up!
  - Food drive the week before Thanksgiving for deaf kitchen in Rochester!
- COLA
  - Food Drive on its way.
  - Friendsgiving event in the works!
- Women's Senator
  - Tabling in the SAU to encourage students to provide feedback on the non-male experience on campus.
- SOIS
  - The first monthly coffee hour went really well!
  - The alumni panel went well and the SOIS hockey game is 11/7!!
  - SOIS board game night in the works.
- First-year
  - Meeting with Title XI for changes to make to Orientation.
  - December 8th giving out snack for finals!

Committee Reports:
- H & D: Sorry for the PawPrints in advance. Talked with Sanders about getting a speciality event. Working on all day breakfast at Brick City
- FPaTS: Met with Tom Connelly, have received funding for trails so hoping to put that to the PawPrint

RSO Reports:
- OUTSpoken
  - 6 - 9 PM, Rainbow Prom!
  - Binding and bra care tips event
- ACA
  - I am ALANA photoshoot is on Saturday and Sunday
  - Lazertron Event, still have some availability!!
- SAAC
  - Women's soccer is going to the Liberty league finals!
  - Working on a teddy bear toss for RIT Men's hockey game! (Hoping for Tiger Toss)
- NSC
  - Looking to round out e-board!

Cabinet Reports:
- Tech

- ○ User testing on November 20th in the Fireside lounge from 10 - 12 PM

Pres/VP Reports:
N/A
Advisor Reports:
- N/A

Staff Council/Faculty Senate Reports:

- N/A

External Committee Reports:

- Student steering and success
  - ○ Looking to create a second year advisory board. Please reach out to Ericka if you are interested!

OLD BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS
PawPrints, Director of Student Relations, Trishelle Hoopes
Charges
N/A

Plans of Action

- Save Tora-Con and The RIT Anime Club- Charged to Student Affairs
  - ○ Touching base with Courtney
  - ○ Meeting with Anime club to understand their side
  - ○ Concerned with lack of communication from those outside Courtney
  - ○ Pointing them to get in contact with library archives
  - ○ Pointing them to have a meeting with Courtney
- Allow second-hand textbooks, prevent antitrust abuse against students -Charged to Academics and Co-ops
  - ○ Reach out to the library and inquire the resources they have and potentially could collab with an event
  - ○ Look into other textbook resources that could be available
  - ○ Comments
    - ■ OER event was successful last year
    - ■ Library doesn't allow for books to be removed from the space
- It's not a "debate"- Change Your policies about generative aI - Charged to Student Affairs
  - ○ look into what is currently being done about AI and how something could be

implemented
- ○ Meet with the provost and reach out to the student who wrote the paw print
- ○ Comments
  - ■ GCCIS: Would like to see a general statement on AI
  - ■ SOIS: cannot do this because each PawPrint is about a specific area

Responses

- ● <u>Have regularly cleaned, functional laundry facilities</u>
  - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - ■ Seconded: SCB
  - ○ Discussion
    - ■ n/a
  - ○ **Vote:**
    - ■ Yes: 17
    - ■ No: 0
    - ■ Abstain:0
  - ○ **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**
- ● <u>Price Gouging</u>
  - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - ■ Seconded: Women's
  - ○ Discussion
    - ■ n/a
  - ○ **Vote:**
    - ■ Yes: 17
    - ■ No: 0
    - ■ Abstain:0
  - ○ **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**
- ● <u>Establish more wet dining locations on campus</u>
  - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - ■ Seconded: SCB
  - ○ Discussion
    - ■ n/a
  - ○ **Vote:**
    - ■ Yes: 17
    - ■ No: 0
    - ■ Abstain:0
  - ○ **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**
- ● <u>Reduce Price Hikes On Food</u>
  - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
    - ■ **Second: SOIS**
  - ○ Discussion
    - ■ Yes: 17
    - ■ No:0
    - ■ Abstain: 0
  - ○ **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**
- ● <u>Give us a way to add our id's to our phone's wallet apps</u>
  - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**

- - - Seconded: SCB
    - ○ Discussion
        - ■ n/a
    - ○ **Vote:**
        - ■ Yes: 17
        - ■ No: 0
        - ■ Abstain:0
    - ○ **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**
- ● Enable Biometrics for Duo MFA
    - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
        - ■ Seconded: SOIS
    - ○ Discussion
        - ■ n/a
    - ○ **Vote:**
        - ■ Yes: 17
        - ■ No: 0
        - ■ Abstain:0
    - ○ **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**
- ● Extend Adobe Creative Cloud Access to all students
    - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
        - ■ Second: OUTSpoken
    - ○ Discussion
        - ■ N/A
    - ○ Vote:
        - ■ Yes: 17
        - ■ No:
        - ■ Abstain:
    - ○ **This PawPrint will be closed and respond to with this response**
- ● Reverting 1 RIT RTS stop- clay and Walmart
    - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
        - ■ Second: ACA
    - ○ Discussion:
        - ■ n/a
    - ○ Vote:
        - ■ Yes: 17
        - ■ No: 0
        - ■ Abstain: 0
- ● Reopen the ramp between Gosnell Hall and Wallace Library
    - ○ **DSR motions to close this PawPrint with this Response**
        - ■ Second: ACA
    - ○ Discussion
        - ■ GCCIS: How many hours did you spend on the ramp?
            - ● More than a Day
        - ■ NTID: Why can they not open it?
            - ● They cannot open it due to ADA compliance
    - ○ Vote:
        - ■ Yes: 16
        - ■ No:
        - ■ Abstain: 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SGer's of the Month!
    - Senators
        - Congrats to Sandra Quinn and Igor Polati
    - Committee Chair
        - Congrats to Academics and Co-ops - Katie Beck
    - RSO
        - Congrats to Global Union
    - Cabinet
        - Congrats to Trishelle Hoopes!
- Pres
    - Ensure you fill out feedback for the strategic planning

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 3:43 PM, "Roll Tech"
Ana Paolini Carrano, Vice President

Minutes Submitted by
Mike Hibbard, Director of Operations