

PawPrints

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New PawPrints Workflow

■ Goals:

- Be able to address true concerns raised or questions asks in the PawPrint
- Focus discussions at Senate
- Align plans of work and goals with the actual petition

New PawPrints Workflow

- 1. PawPrint is charged at Senate**
 - a. The entire petition (as is appears on the site) is in the presentation
- 2. Committee generates...**
 - a. Key points of the petition
 - b. Goals/Plans to address these key points
- 3. Key Points and Goals are presented at Senate**
 - a. Discussion on the goals and key points takes place
- 4. Committee Continues work -> Updates -> Response**

Example

Make President Rafael Gilboa wear the SG Blazer to all RIT Hockey Games

Charge to: Director of Student Relations

We need to boost student moral and attendance at RIT hockey games and we think the perfect person to do this is none other than Student Body President Rafael Gilboa. To showcase his exemplary school spirit, Gilboa should wear the SG President blazer during all RIT hockey games in which he is in attendance.

Example: Make President Rafael Gilboa wear the SG Blazer to all rIT Hockey Games

Charged to: Director of Student Relations

Key Points:

1. Rafa should wear the orange jacket at all the hockey games he attends
2. We need more school spirit
- 3.

Goals and Plans

1. Reach out to Rafa to ask if he will wear the blazer at all the games
2. Think of ways to continue generating more school spirit
- 3.

Charges

Slurp Juice : New Artesano's Beverage

Charge to: Housing and Dining

New innovative beverage parodying the hit item from Fortnite 'The Slurp Juice' containing a double pump of blue-raspberry syrup and one singular pump on coconut syrup. The reason is we think this will add a little fun for people when they order. As well as it tastes really good and is a great refresher during the summer time. The price will be determined by Artesano.

Fall Break

Charge to: Academics and Co-Ops

Does anyone else feel like you didn't actually get a Fall Break? I definitely didn't, and I think we need to look at some of the nuances why.

While technically we get Monday and Tuesday off, thereby giving the illusion that students get reasonable break when combined with the weekend, that's not really the case, since many professors still assign requirements over the weekend, and for assignments upon returning to class on Wednesday.

For example, last week I was assigned a group project, a midterm exam, a response paper, and a activity paper, all due Sunday night at midnight. Mind you, these aren't long standing assignments, but things that were assigned the week going into break. My entire weekend was spent at the computer working. The days we actually get off, Monday and Tuesday, are spent doing the assignments due this week upon returning. So really, I didn't get a break at all, and I suspect that many students faced similar challenges.

Could we please work on respecting the little time students get off so that they can recharge and refresh and actually get the benefits that breaks are supposed to provide? All I am asking for is some consideration from Profs when it comes to assignment schedule planning respective to campus wide breaks like the Fall Break

Plans of Action



On Campus Playground!

Charged to: FPaTS

Key Points:

1. Students want more ways to be active (more whimsy)
2. New facilities in campus vs. updating the old stuff
3. People want to touch grass

Goals and Plans

1. Talk to Ray Orr about this
2. Wait until weather is better

Responses



Bring line ordering back to cantina

Charged to: Housing and Dining

Hello!

Thank you for submitting this petition regarding kiosk ordering at Cantina. After speaking with Shawn Boyle, General Manager of Global Village Dining, Dining provided the following context and rationale for the transition away from traditional line ordering.

Dining shared that the kiosk system is the result of nearly two years of planning and testing aimed at improving service, accessibility, and long-term efficiency at Cantina. One of the biggest challenges with the previous ordering model was a point-of-sale choke point, as Cantina only had two physical POS stations. This often limited throughput and contributed to long lines during peak hours. The kiosk model allows all orders to be placed digitally, maintaining the “order anything, anywhere” flexibility students have consistently asked for.

Dining acknowledged that the rollout has had growing pains, particularly early on, and noted that while ordering congestion has improved significantly over the past week, pickup congestion was an unexpected issue. In response, staffing has been increased, with no hours cut and no intent to reduce labor. Dining emphasized that this change was not made to save costs, but rather to reduce overall wait times and improve consistency.

Dining also explained that the perceived wait can feel longer because students are now waiting in a more stationary way, rather than moving through a traditional line. To address this, several improvements are already underway, including the installation of an order-ready screen, potential reconfiguration of kiosk placement to reduce congestion, and updates to the ordering interface, including clearer photos and visuals. Dining is now shifting focus from ordering flow to speed of production and pickup efficiency. Feedback from students through PawPrint and other channels is being actively used to refine the system.

Dining appreciates student patience during this transition and remains committed to adjusting operations to ensure Cantina continues to serve students efficiently while improving accessibility and long-term service quality.

All the best,
Damian Hacke
Housing and Dining Committee Chair

Remove Dangerous Flock-like Automated License Plate Readers on campus

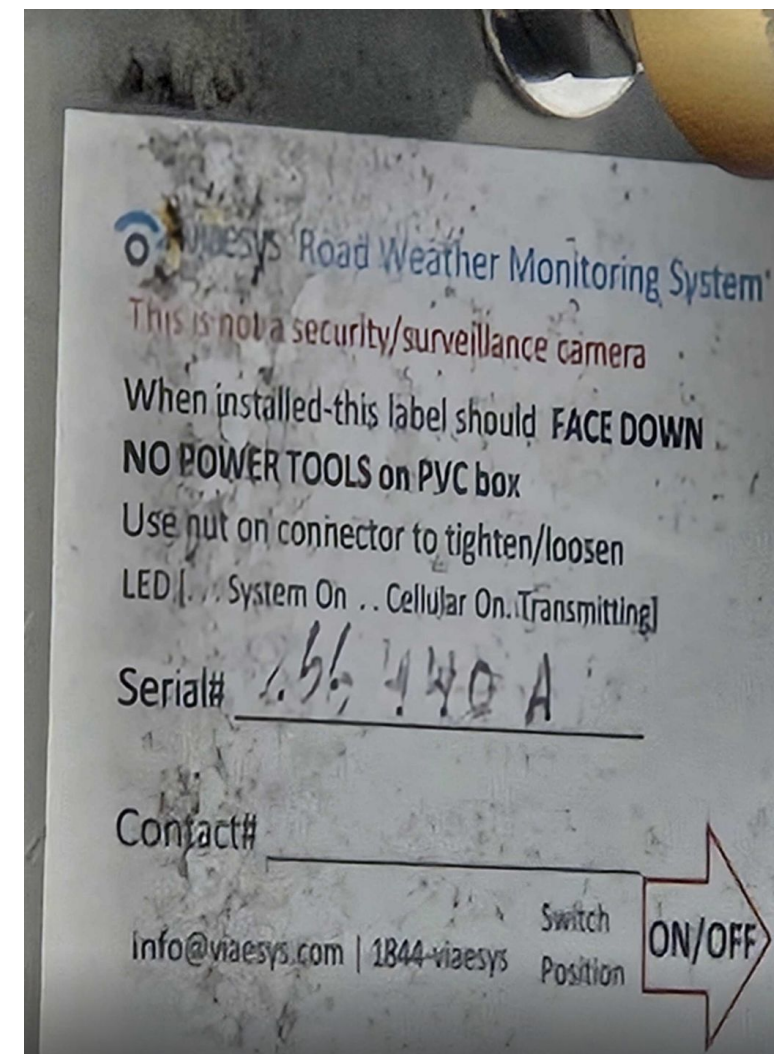
Charged to: FPaTS

Dear RIT Community,

I wanted to clear up any confusion or concern regarding the newer devices on the poles in S Lot. I want to assure you that these devices are NOT FLOCK License Capturing devices or used for the tracking of people in anyway. Instead, these devices are weather devices used to track inclement weather such as snow and ice in the colder months here in Rochester. The only license plate readers employed by RIT are inside parking vehicles for the verification of your parking permit. Attached below is a picture of the device up-close.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at jjbsg@rit.edu. Additionally you are welcomed and encouraged to attend my committee meetings currently being held every Thursday from 11am-12pm in Kathy Hall.

Jameson Baker
Facilities, Parking, Transportation,
and Sustainability Committee Chair '25-'26



Updates



Paper forms for pasta bakes at rITZ

Charged to: Housing and Dining

Dear RIT,

Thank you for your patience while we address this concern. We have been talking back and forth with the individuals in charge of RITZ. There are concerns about keeping the size of the line down and keeping the station moving swiftly, as leaving out paper forms motivates most people to use them instead of order audibly (even if they do not necessitate a form). We are pushing to raise a permanent sign and leave out some forms beneath it. We will be having a final meeting on the 26th and will ideally have an answer by that Friday.

Suprina Kabadkar

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Be able to Give Away/Donate Unused Dining Dollars, Charged to: Housing and Dining

Hello Everyone!

Thank you for submitting this petition and for proposing the idea of an Emergency Student Dining Dollars Fund. Your suggestion reflects a thoughtful understanding of the challenges students face with budgeting meal plans, rollover limitations, and unexpected shortfalls, especially toward the end of the semester. Your intention to support students in need is deeply appreciated.

After discussing this idea with RIT Dining and Auxiliary Services and reviewing the relevant policies, we do need to clarify that New York State tax laws prohibit Dining Dollars from being transferred, donated, pooled, or redistributed in any form. Dining Dollars are legally considered tax-exempt prepaid scrip, a type of purchasing credit that is bought without sales tax and can only be used by the individual account holder for taxable prepared foods on campus. Because this tax-exempt status is tied to the specific student, the value cannot legally be moved between accounts. Any attempt to redistribute Dining Dollars, even voluntarily or for emergency relief, would violate the restrictions placed on tax-advantaged scrip and jeopardize RIT's compliance with state law.

Additionally, not all meal plan dollars are the same; some come from financial aid or scholarships while others are paid out-of-pocket, adding further constraints that prevent Dining Dollars from being combined into or distributed through a shared fund. For these legal and financial reasons, RIT Dining cannot create or administer a dining dollar-based emergency fund.

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That said, the spirit of your idea, supporting students who experience food insecurity or run out of Dining Dollars, is incredibly important. We want to ensure the community is aware of RIT FoodShare, located at 113 Kimball Drive in Riverknoll. FoodShare provides immediate, confidential access to food, clothing, and hygiene products for all currently enrolled students, faculty, and staff.

Students who wish to help others can still do so by purchasing food items and donating them directly to FoodShare or the campus donation boxes. These contributions go straight to students who need them.

We are also exploring ways to help students better manage their meal plans earlier in the semester. One idea under discussion is the development of an interactive budgeting tool that would connect with Tigerspend and help students estimate how much they can spend per day, per week, or per meal based on their habits and the number of days left in the semester. While this concept is still in the early stages, the goal is to give students clearer guidance and reduce both overspending and underspending.

Finally, Dining is actively working on broader meal plan restructuring to better align plans with student needs and reduce end-of-semester stress around remaining balances.

We truly appreciate your advocacy and your commitment to supporting your peers. Ideas like yours help us continue improving student resources and addressing the needs of our community.

All the best,

Damian Hacke

Housing and Dining Committee Chair

Bring the swings back

Charged to: FPaTs

Dear RIT Community,

I wanted to provide an update on the removal of the swings around campus. As stated before, they were ultimately removed due to safety concerns, however FMS is currently exploring possible options for their replacement on campus. That being said, due to constraints caused by the weather in Rochester, the swings expansion project is on hold until the weather is more forgiving.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at jjbsg@rit.edu. Additionally you are welcomed and encouraged to attend my committee meetings currently being held every Thursday from 11am-12pm in Kathy Hall.

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It's not a "debate"- Change Your policies about generative ai.

Charged to: Academics and Co-Ops

Dear RIT Students,

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding RIT's policies on generative AI. We recognize the importance of this issue and want to assure you that we are actively working toward a thoughtful and effective solution.

To address these concerns, we are actively collaborating with the Provost to organize a town hall where students and faculty can openly share their perspectives, questions, and ideas. In addition, the student affairs committee is developing new guidelines to help clarify and limit the use of generative AI, with an emphasis on treating GenAI as a supportive tool that requires meaningful human input and final oversight.

If you have any questions or would like to share further input, please feel free to contact me at klbsg@rit.edu, or attend the Academics and Co-ops Committee meeting on Wednesdays from 3 - 4 PM in the Kathy Hall Conference Room (CPC-1740).

Best Regards,

Katie Beck

Academics and Co-Ops Committee Chair 2025-2026