

# Minutes

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40<sup>th</sup>



## 1. Grand Marshal Report

- a) Welcome to the 40<sup>th</sup> Student Senate
- b) Tentative Senate schedule for rest of semester
  - a. Senate Officers
  - b. Senate Committee Chairs
  - c. Executive Board Appointments
- c) Meetings
  - a. William Walker – April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Dr. Jackson – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- d) Meeting time for Fall '09
- e) Pizza With the Cabinet
  - a. Thursday April 9, 6-8 pm
  - b. Sage Dining Hall

## 2. Appointments:

- a) Senate Vice Chairman – Andrew Neidhardt
  - a. 15-0-1; Motion Passes
- b) Senate Treasurer – William W. Jones
  - a. 14-0-3; Motion Passes
- c) Chief Information Officer – Brian Michalski
  - a. 16-0-0; Motion Passes
- d) Senate Parliamentarian – Phil Sarid
  - a. 15-0-2; Motion Passes
- e) Student Life Committee Chair – Steven Siden
  - a. 15-0-1; Motion Passes
- f) Community Relations Committee Chair – William W. Jones
  - a. 14-0-2; Motion Passes
- g) Finance Facilities & Advancement Co-Chair – Lee Sharma
  - a. 14-0-2; Motion Passes

## 3. Adjourn – 8:44 pm

## **Cabinet Appointment Biographies:**

**Name: Andrew Neidhardt**

**Position Sought: Vice Chairman**

Andrew Neidhardt is currently a sophomore serving in his third term on the Senate. He is majoring in Aeronautical Engineering and Philosophy and hopes to attend law school after finishing at RPI. He is interested in serving the Senate as its Vice Chair because he would like to meet the challenges inherent in the position in regards to improving the communication between committees and improving the Senate's outreach. He would be qualified to serve in the GM's stead at functions and in Senate meetings.

**Name: William W. Jones**

**Position Sought: Treasurer**

My name is William W. Jones, I am a Mechanical Engineering Major, and this term will be my third year on the Senate. As Treasurer of the 2009-2010 Student Senate, I know that I can help the Senate achieve all of its goals, both financial and Institute-improvement objectives. This past term, I have had much experience within the field of the Treasury—I have interacted with the previous Treasurer, Graduate Senator Daniel Horvath, on many occasions with regards to funding for Senate events. Also, I have had experience with the Institute's Board of Trustees' Finance Committee, and have familiarized myself with the procedures within the financial branch of an organization. Working with Rensselaer staff and Graduate Senator Horvath to organize food for senate programs has given me a thorough introduction to the many phases of appropriately transferring funds.

As Treasurer, I plan to allot sufficient funds for every committee in need of Senate funding so that they may effectively execute student-oriented projects or programs. Food for Senate-sponsored events, Polytechnic advertisements for events, and advertisements elsewhere on campus will be of high priority in the budget planning for the coming term. With increased on-campus advertisement, student awareness of and participation in Senate undertakings will increase. I affirm that the Senate funds will be used in ways that will produce the most productive outcomes possible and that all Senate financial transactions be accounted for and maintained.

**Name: Brian Michalski**

**Position Sought: CIO**

Brian Michalski is a junior majoring in computer and systems engineering. Brian has served as CIO since February of this year, and has been involved in the Senate's Web Tech Group since the spring semester of 2007. Prior to becoming CIO, Brian served as Deputy CIO for a year and half under CIO Emeritus Fietkau. Some of his more notable responsibilities within the group include the Shuttle Tracking project, Concerto, as well as MyRPI-Space. Brian feels comfortable continuing in the role of CIO and looks forward to working on Student Government's strategic information and web presence.

**Name: Phil Sarid****Position Sought: Parliamentarian**

My name is Phil Sarid and I am a freshmen Senator. In addition to the Senate, I currently serve on the Judicial Board and the 2012 Class Council, with various positions in each. I'm enrolled in the management pre-law program and am also pursuing economics and finance minors. I've familiarized myself with the Senate By-Laws and, if nominated, look forward to serving as the Parliamentarian.

**Name: Steven Siden****Position Sought: Student Life Committee Chair**

My name is Steven Siden and I'm a sophomore majoring in Information Technology and Science and Technology Studies. I have been working with the Student Senate this past term as the Vice Chair of the Student Life Committee. I'd like to continue the work this year and would like to be considered for the position of SLC Chair. One of the projects I worked on this past term was getting shuttles to bring students downtown for Troy Night Out. I am also involved with the each of the STS and IT department's student leadership groups on campus. I look forward to staying involved and taking the SLC to new heights!

**Name: William W. Jones****Position Sought: Community Relations Committee Chair**

My name is William W. Jones, a Mechanical Engineering Major, and this year will be my third year as a member of the Student Senate. This past term, I was appointed to be the Chair of the Community Relations Committee, and I would very much enjoy continuing this Role in the 2009-2010 Senate. As Chair of the CRC, I will be fully committed to all of the undertakings of the Committee and will do all in my power to make sure that the goals set by the Committee are reached within an allotted amount of time.

This past term, the committee was able to organize and execute the first ever “Community Open House” and will soon be executing its “Cooperative Community Service Project” with Prospect Park. The CRC has increased its reach to local landlords and its ability to communicate with students wishing to move off campus, and hopefully, this outreach will continue to expand and help more RPI students. I wish to continue both of these projects into this term, as well as begin working on new projects, such as working with Troy City Council with regards to the laws governing students living in the off campus community. In addition, it will be my goal to insure that the “Off Campus RAD” will become a reality for the upcoming Academic Year.

Working with the Community Relations Committee this past term has given me a passionate desire to continue the service provided through this committee. Thank you very much and I look forward to a successful year.

**Name: Lee Sharma**

**Position Sought: Finance Facilities & Advancement Co-Chair**

I have been serving as FFA Co-Chair for the past few months, working closely with the past co-chairs to ensure a smooth continuity. While in FFA, some projects I have worked on have included: housing issues, logistics behind the CLASS initiative, and the biodiesel initiative. Some of my other activities outside of Senate include Air Force ROTC, drill teams, Arnold Air Society, and Class Council.

# MEMBERS PRESENT

GRAND MARSHAL MICHAEL ZWACK

## CLASS OF 2010

TEDDY TABLANTE  
JESSICA MALLOW  
KYLE MACKENZIE  
MICHAEL DITORE

## CLASS OF 2012

LEE SHARMA  
TOM FALLS  
PHIL SARID

## GREEK REPRESENTATIVES

VIRGINIA KEENAN (PANHELLENIC)  
KEVIN VANSLYKE (IFC)

## OTHER OFFICERS

BRIAN MICHALSKI (CIO)  
STEVEN SIDEN (SLC CHAIR)  
MICHAEL STECHER (SECRETARY)

## CLASS OF 2011

ANDREW W. NEIDHARDT  
WILLIAM JONES  
JULIE HAWKINS  
ZACH ROWE

## GRADUATE

ANDREW ARMENIA  
BEN COHEN  
JARON KUPPERS  
JOSH GREENMAN

## SENATE/EXECUTIVE BOARD LIAISON

BRIAN ZAIK