

Minutes

April 20, 2009 | 8:00 pm | Union 3202

of the

40th



1. Grand Marshal Report

- a. Summary of Meeting with Bill Walker
 - i. New content policy for websites, still evolving
- b. New Independent Council Senator
- c. Undergraduate Council President Elections
 - i. Recall because of “snafu”
 - ii. revote on Thursday
- d. Institute-Wide Appointments

2. Appointments

- a. Greek Judicial Board Chair – Caitlin Mounts
 - i. 15-0-1; Motion Passes
- b. Academic Affairs Committee Chair – Robert Graham
 - i. Bring more awareness to the AAC to freshmen during possible SO or NRB, and upper classmen during the semester
 - ii. More awareness to other committees that might have academic components; ie: SSTF, bio-diesel
 - iii. 16-0-1; Motion Passes
- c. Senate/E-Board Liaison – Virginia Hickox
 - i. Keep the E-Board from going stagnate by increasing communication between E-Board and Senate
 - ii. 17-0-0; Motion Passes
- d. Director of Public Relations – Chris Butler
 - i. New to student government gives a fresh perspective
 - ii. Try to get more people aware of the Senate and what it accomplishes
 - iii. 14-2-1; Motion Passes

3. Committee & Constituent Reports

- a. Community Relations Committee – Senator Jones
 - i. First meeting last Thursday
 - ii. Off Campus RAD, major point for next semester
 - iii. Work more with Troy City Council
- b. E-Board
 - i. Japanese Student Alliance to Japanese Cultural Club (?)
 - ii. Meet the Greeks, approved
- c. Finance, Facilities, and Advancement – Senator Sharma
 - i. Upcoming weekend, work with Public Safety about the Emergency Pole tests
 - ii. Look over the sign policy
 - iii. Student Sustainability Task Force
- d. Independent Council – Senator Emala
 - i. Gave out bags with IC logo at Relay for Life
- e. Inter-Fraternity Council – Representative VanSlyke
- f. Panhellenic Association – Senator Keenan
- g. Student Life Committee – Chair Siden
 - i. Reexamine the Judicial Process at RPI
 - ii. More representation on Institute councils
- h. Web Technologies Group – CIO Michalski
 - i. Senate Survey, results being placed on Flagship
 - ii. Grad Student Survey?
- i. Vice Chair – Senator Neidhart
 - i. Send schedule for next semester
 - ii. Every senator needs to be on at least two committees, unless a committee chair

4. **New Business**

- a. Motion #5
 - i. To insure that the Chair of the Student Life Committee ensure that the housing Advisory Committee continues to meet until such time that they determine it is no longer necessary.

- ii. To instruct the Chair of the Student Life Committee to appoint a student to chair the Housing Advisory Committee at the start of every senate Term at his or her discretion.
 - iii. 15-0-0; Motion Passes
- b. Motion #6
- i. Face the Waste budget of \$3,400 for the project
 - 1. \$1,800 from the Office of the President
 - 2. \$500 from the Severino Center for Technological Entrepreneurship
 - ii. The Student Senate resolves to:
 - 1. Fund the SSTF Face the Waste 2009 project with \$500 in accordance with the Face the Waste 2009 Final Budget. These funds will come from the Student Senates FY09 budget.
 - 2. Ask the E-Board to – if locked in the FY09 budget and unspent budget item – re-allocate the requested funds to the Face the Waste 2009 project.
 - 3. 8-7-0; Motion Passes
- c. Minutes – April 13, 2009

5. Press/Visitor Q&A

6. Adjourn 10:06 pm

7. Biographies

- a. Caitlin Mounts – Greek Judicial Board Chair
 - i. Cait is a mechanical engineering major from Rochester, NY. In Fall 2008 she was on co-op with GE Energy in Schenectady and worked on the Systems Reliability Engineering Team. Outside of class, Cait plays the clarinet in RPI's Pep Band and Symphonic Band and is a member of Alpha Omega Epsilon sorority, Silver Wings, Society of Women Engineers, and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. She is also the secretary for Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society. Cait will be graduating in December of 2009, and plans on enrolling in the co-terminal master's program.
- b. Robert Graham – Academic Affairs Committee Chair
 - i. My name is Robert Graham and I am a sophomore in the class of 2011. I am hoping to graduate with a dual major in Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering, a minor in

Economics, and a possible co-terminal Masters in Aeronautical Engineering. I am involved in a variety of activities around campus including serving as treasurer for the Radio-Controlled Aircraft Club, being an active member in both the Rensselaer Aeronautical Federation (Flight Club) and the RPI Crew team, and serving as an alternate member of the Judicial Board which includes being part of the Student Motor Vehicle Court. I am interested in serving as the Academic Affairs Committee Chair because I see it as a unique opportunity to use my strengths in order to serve the student body in an area I am passionate about on campus. I feel that, as the chair of the AAC, I would be able to use my leadership skills, thirst for knowledge and learning, humanitarian ambitions, social networking skills, objectivity, and pragmatic and deliberate mind set in order to be a strong contributor to truly ensuring that the AAC has a positive impact on campus. If selected, I would be a very dedicated chair and take the responsibility that goes along with the position very seriously.

c. Virginia Hickox – Senate/E-Board Liaison

- i. Virginia is a first-year student, dual major in Nuclear and Mechanical Engineering from Charlotte, NC. She graduated from a high school in Jacksonville, FL, academically ranked and president of the St. Jude Cancer Research Society Club. She currently serves as the 2012 Executive Board Representative in addition to being the Associate News Editor of *the Rensselaer Polytechnic*.

d. Chris Butler – Director of Public Relations

- i. Chris Butler is a sophomore majoring in Electronic Media, Arts & Communication (EMAC), and pursuing minors in both Information Technology (IT) and Music. He is excited to have found an interesting and relevant way to get more involved in the school. Although new to student government, he pulls from a wealth of experience in communication, marketing, and graphic design. For the past year, Chris has been employed by financial research startup Research Edge, and has spent the past four months creating their viral-video marketing campaign. He recently started his own design company, and is responsible for the fresh face of the RPI Ski Club. In his new position, he hopes to increase the student body's understanding of the Senate, while simultaneously boosting interest and participation.

Members Present

Graduate

Andrew Armenia
Ben Cohen
Joshua Greenman
Jessica Jones
Jaron Koppers

Class of 2010

Michael DiTore
Kyle Mackenzie
Jessica Mallow
Teddy Tablante

Class of 2011

Julie Hawkins
William Jones
Andrew Neidhardt
Zach Rowe

Class of 2012

Thomas Falls
Phil Sarid
Joe Young

Other Representatives (Voting)

Charlie Emala, IC Senator
Virginia Keenan, Panhel Senator

Other Representatives (Non-Voting)

Kevin Van Slyke, IFC Representative
Brian Michalski, CIO
Steven Siden, SLC Chair
Virginia Hickox, E-Board Liaison