

# Minutes

April 13, 2009 | 08:00pm | Union 3202

of the

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## 1. Grand Marshal Report

- a) Pizza with the President's Cabinet
  - a. Went very well - over allotted number of pizza
- b) Senate appointments
  - a. Hopefully will be finished up next week
  - b. Week after, PU Franz will do E-Board approvals
- c) Senate Cabinet meetings
  - a. Thursday or Friday every week
- d) Member requirements
  - a. Each senator must be in 2 committees or agencies
  - b. Exception for grad senators – one committee

## 2. Committee & Constituent Reports

- a) Community Relations Committee – Senator Jones
  - a. Meets Thursday, 7:00 in the SGS – this week will be the first meeting
  - b. Deals with how to interact with the community, how to improve the off-campus experience, and how to improve relations with Troy.
- b) E-Board – Senate/E-Board Liaison Zaik
  - a. The Gaming Alliance received \$250 starter budget (they asked for \$320)
  - b. BSU asked to reallocate their budget for the pool party, stars awards, and a “Black Panther” mascot
    - i. Mascot discussion tabled
    - ii. Look more into it – should the E-Board pay for mascots?
  - c. Sysadmins – current web server is insufficient, new server funds approved: high power, new technologies, faster
- c) Finance, Facilities, and Advancement – Senator Sharma
  - a. Liaison Network and New Senator Projects
  - b. Finance update – meeting with Ginny, trying to find a new Co-Chair
    - i. Publicize information we have to students
    - ii. Decided against polling students

- c. Public Safety – discussed tire slashings, not under our jurisdiction because it's off-campus
- d. Bike report was well-received
- e. SSTF – Chair Hunt
  - i. Earth week
  - ii. Face the Waste, Camp-out on '86
- d) Inter-Fraternity Council – Representative VanSlyk
  - a. Greek Week, events all week
  - b. Meeting 8:00 Wednesday
- e) Panhellenic Association – Senator Keenan
  - a. Again, it's Greek Week
  - b. Go to Karaoke Night
- f) Student Life Committee – Chair Siden
  - a. Meetings: Tuesday, 8:00 in the SGS
  - b. Housing Advisory Committee
  - c. Whiteboards for student input
  - d. PR for the Senate
  - e. Liaison Network
  - f. "Engineers with a VOICE" – tomorrow 6:30-8:00 – meet with the Student Advisory Council and Student Engineering Society Leaders
  - g. JBoard Bylaws – 3<sup>rd</sup> Version
    - i. Compromise – all applicants to any position are considered for chair
    - ii. Rank the top three, in case one or two decline
- g) Webtech Group
  - a. Senate website was updated, but the committee membership has not been updated
  - b. Senate survey closed – results will be compiled next week
  - c. New policy regarding <name>.rpi.edu addresses from Strategic Communications and External Relations
    - i. Most likely applies to department-level sites to promote updates
    - ii. Affect student freedom?
    - iii. Sent by Bill Walker on Friday at 5:00 pm to all director-level positions (from Rick)

- iv. If students are meant to follow it, it's not yet distributed to the students.
- v. No clear mechanism for penalties – theoretically, they could remove the site?
- vi. Link to policy: <http://www.rpi.edu/about/standards> (not linked anywhere)
- vii. Even new RPI site doesn't meet the stated policies
- viii. Are they trying to make information that outsiders don't need private? We need to figure out a trend.
- ix. Large cost to implement because so many sites are out of date?
- x. About ¾ of RPI sites are unsightly, hard to navigate, and/or out of date
- xi. Previously, they've never gone beyond a "style guide"
- d. Contact Brian if you're not on the senate mailing list
- e. Update Senate profiles

### 3. Committee Descriptions

- a. CRC – Deals with the community, affects student affairs off-campus, improve the off-campus experience, landlords, community service projects, anything else dealing with the community
- b. SLC – Anything to do with Student Life, like Housing Advisory Committee, Troy Night Out, CLASS Initiative, Liaison network in Student Life, JBoard Bylaws
- c. FFA – Deals primarily with Finance and Facilities, especially the Administration and Finance divisions – sustainability, auxiliary services, buildings, parking and transportation, public safety, etc. Produces tangible results.
- d. AAC – Deals with Academic Affairs – teachers, TAs, honor code, EWS, academic side of campus
- e. Webtech – Also produces tangible results – they deal with anything relating to the senate and the internet (“MyRPI, Concerto, Shuttle Tracking, etc.)
- f. Fiscal Policy Subcommittee – Joint subcommittee between the Senate and EBoard – it deals with policies regarding finances, activity fees (Jan), Union Annual Report (put into the permanent RPI digital history collection.)
- g. RNE – Supervises all elections, bylaw revisions, GM Week, etc.
- h. Marc: Update committee profiles and projects on the Senate site

### 4. New Business

- a. Send schedules to Andrew for next year's meetings

### 5. Approve Minutes

a. No changes, minutes approved

6. **Press/Visitor Q&A**

7. **Adjourn**

# Members Present

## Graduate

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Andrew Armenia  
Ben Cohen  
Joshua Greenman  
Jessica Jones  
Jaron Koppers

## Class of 2010

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Michael DiTore  
Kyle Mackenzie  
Jessica Mallow  
Teddy Tablante

## Class of 2011

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Julie Hawkins  
William Jones  
Andrew Neidhardt  
Zach Rowe

## Class of 2012

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Thomas Falls  
Phil Sarid  
Lee Sharma

## Other Representatives

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Mike Wallace, IC Senator  
Virginia Keena, Panhel Senator  
Kevin Van Slyke, IFC Representative  
Brian Michalski, CIO  
Steven Siden, SLC Chair