Academic Senate
Activity Summary Recap for AY2011-12

SENATE ACTION ON POLICIES or FRAMEWORKS:

Academic Affairs Committee

Online Student Evaluations Taskforce Charge as presented by M. Laver, AAC Chair per request by the senate on 5/5/11. [Minutes of 12/01/2011]

Motion: Academic Senate approves the proposed charges for the Online Student Evaluations Taskforce as amended.
Motion carried unanimously.

Policy D3.0 (Registration) – Linda Tolan presented at the April 5, 2012 AS meeting. Request for this proposal would be effective for semesters beginning August 2013. [Minutes of 4/5/2012, 4/19/2012 and 4/26/2012.]

Motion: The Academic Senate approves the proposed revisions to Policy D3.0 (Registration) as presented by the Academic Affairs Committee.
Motion carried with 22 in favor, 3 opposed and 2 abstentions. [Minutes of 4/26/2012]

Policy D5.0 (Grades) Committee was asked by chair of the senate to return next week (5/3/2012) with an updated version, which will include grade exclusion and add/drop. [Minutes of 4/26/2012 and 5/03/2012]

Motion: The Academic Senate approves the revisions to Policy D5.0 (excluding the portion on Grade Exclusion) as presented by the Academic Affairs Committee.
Motion carried with 26 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions. [Minutes of 5/03/2012]

Task Force Recommendation on University-Wide System of Student Input on Teaching Effectiveness (M. Laver and C. DeFilippo presenters) [Minutes of 5/10/2012; 5/17/2012 – vote occurred on 5//17 as there was not a quorum at the 5/10/12 meeting to vote.]

Motion to endorse the two pilots for Fall 2012 carried with 15 in favor, 5 opposed and 9 abstentions. [Minutes of 5/17/2012]

Academic Blueprint Taskforce Motion
Academic Senate endorses the creation of the taskforce and the charge as amended
Motion carried with 28 in favor and 2 abstentions. [Minutes of 10/06/2012]

Tabled October 6, 2011.
Motion: Academic Senate endorses that the 2013-2014 calendar proposal be taken off the table. [Minutes of 11/03/2011 and motion carried to take this off the table.]

At the 11/03/2011 AS meeting the following motion was made: The Academic Senate recommends that the President and the Calendar Committee reconsider the assumption of equating academic rigor with calendar length and put on the table for consideration semester models that include a 70-day option. [This motion was tabled at the 11/03/2011 AS meeting with 34 in favor and 2 abstentions.] Returned to AS on 11/17/2011 [Minutes of 11/17/2011.]

Motion made above at the 11/03/2011 and was tabled returned to the table. A secret handwritten ballot was taken for this motion on 11/17/2011 and it carried, 15 yes, 11 no, and 4 abstentions.

There was a vote at the 11/17/11 AS meeting to table the 3 calendar options. This motion did not carry. The senate endorsed option 2, and the vote was as follows:
- Original Calendar: 14 votes
- Option 1: 4 votes
- Option 2: 15 votes

Staff Council Amendment to Calendar Proposal #2 (Molly Johnson, SC Chair). Motion: Academic Senate endorses Staff Council’s amendment to calendar proposal number two. Motion carried with 16 in favor, 7 opposed and 5 abstentions. [Minutes of 12/15/2011.]

Academic Program Review:

Undergraduate Programs
Presented throughout the year per calendar conversion and approved programs can be viewed on the senate’s DML site under ICC.
- 12/15/2011 – CMS BS and AAS in Applied Arts and Science and undergraduate certificate program in Health Systems Administration (Approved)
- 2/23/2012 – B.S. in Mechanical Engineering (Approved)
- 5/10/2012 – Center for Multidisciplinary Studies Diploma Program in Applied Arts and Science (Approved)

Graduate Programs
Presented throughout the year per calendar conversion and approved programs can be viewed on the senate’s DML site under Graduate Council. [Minutes of 11/3/2011 - Eleven graduate programs]

[Note: All ICC, Graduate Council and GEC reports can be viewed on the senate’s DML site.]

AS Executive Committee motion(s):
The Academic Senate supports the creation of a faculty commons at RIT. The faculty Commons will
be a meeting place for intellectual and social activities, and it will be open to all members of the RIT Community. The commons will be housed and centrally located. Motion carried with 25 in favor, 3 opposed and 5 abstentions. [Minutes of 9/08/2011]

All approved motions and documents of the Academic Senate regarding Institute Policy shall be forwarded to the Senate’s Communications Officer for final review before being officially posted by Academic Affairs on the Institute’s website. Motion carried with one abstention. [Minutes of 9/08/2011]

Standing Committee charges for each committee were approved on September 8, 2011. [Minutes of September 8, 2011 - vote per each standing committee charge recorded.] Only the Student Affairs Committee charge was tabled and returned to the senate on 11/03/2011 and was approved unanimously. [Minutes of 11/03/2011.] SAC’s modified charge returned again to the senate on December 1, 2011 and the motion carried to approve these charges with one abstention. [Minutes of 12/01/2011]

**Class Scheduling Models [Provost Haefner]**
Presented at the 1/26/2012 and 2/16/2012 AS meetings. Vote taken at the 2/16/12 meeting as results were as follows:
- Model A 19 Votes
- Model C 12 Votes
- Model B (Eliminated with only 4 votes)

**Faculty Affairs Committee**
December 3, 2011 Minutes: Policies B2.0, E9.0 and E.17.0 were presented. All three policies were tabled after each discussion and B2.0 and E17.0 returned to senate on December 15, 2011. Policy E9.0 would return to senate in January 2012.

Policy E17.0 (Faculty Leave of Absence): Motion to approve this policy carried with 29 in favor and three abstentions. [Minutes of 12/15/2011].

B2.0 was discussed and tabled as the Provost made more suggestions at the 12/15/2011 meeting and will return to senate at the next meeting. [Minutes of 12/15/2011]. Returned to senate on 1/26/2012 after FAC had discussed suggested changes with the executive committee and the Provost. Motions were presented per B2.0. Due to time constraints B2.0 had to return to senate in February. [See details of this discussion and the motions in the minutes of 1/26/2012 and 2/9/2012.]

AS meeting of 2/16/2012 MOTION to table motion to rescind Motion #2 from the 2/9/2012 meeting carried with 2 abstentions.

Per B2.0, at the 2/23/2012 AS meeting motion came forth To rescind all motions from the February 9, 2012 AS meeting. Motion carried with 24 in favor, 3 opposed and 4 abstentions. [See detailed minutes of 2/23/2012]

Per B2.0, motions presented. Motions 1 and 2 tabled. Suggestion by chair to combine motions 2 and 3 and return to senate at the next meeting. Motion 4 returned to senate later due to time constraints. [See guiding principles of B2.0 and details of discussion and motions in minutes of 3/15/2012.]
Per B2.0 see details in the minutes of March 22, 2012. [Motions 2-9 were discussed and voted on by the senate.]

Motion 1: The Academic Senate approves the new B2.0.2.2 as proposed by the FAC.
2.2 All faculty except the president, provost and vice presidents holding professorial appointments at the university level shall have an appointment in a college or the Golisano Institute of Sustainability. In the remainder of this charter and all policies which the word “college” is used, it will refer to all colleges and the Golisano Institute of Sustainability.
Motion 1 carried with 18 in favor, 7 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Per B2.0, returned to senate on 3/29/2012 to vote on motion #2. [See 3/29/2012 minutes.]
Motion #2: The Operations Officer of the Senate shall validate the number of voting members in each college by January 15th each year from a list provided by the Provost and shall allocate a certain number of senators to each according to the procedures. Each college shall have one senator for the first 29 voting faculty. A second senator is added when the faculty count in a college reaches 30 and thereafter, a college will have an additional senator for each multiple of 30 voting faculty. No college shall have more than 20% of the total representatives not counting the representatives of the Deans Council.
M. Laver moved that there be equal representation for each college. This carried with 24 in favor, 4 opposed and 2 abstentions.
Motion #2 carried with 22 in favor, 3 opposed and 4 abstentions.

Per B2.0, Motion 10: The Academic Senate approved all changes in the revised B2.0 Charter of Academic Governance and according to policy will bring it to a vote of the RIT tenure-track voting faculty for their approval.
Motion 10 carried with 21 in favor, 4 opposed and 6 abstentions.

Policy E9.0 (Visiting Scholar): Deferred due to time constraints at the 1/26/2012 meeting. Returned to AS 5/03/2012 and 5/17/2012 [Minutes of 5/03/2012 and 5/17/2012].
[Note: E9.0 will return to senate in Fall 2012 for vote. Suggestions can be sent to K. Waterstram-Rich, FAC chair.]

Policy E18.0 (Faculty Leave for Professional/Career Development)
Motion: The Academic Senate approves the revisions to Policy E18.0 (Faculty Leave for Professional/Career Development) as proposed by the Faculty Affairs Committee.
Motion carried with 21 in favor and 5 abstentions. [Minutes of 4/26/2012]

Policy E6.0 (Faculty Rank)
Due to time constraints only discussion on the changes were able to come forth at the 3/29/2012 AS meeting and would return to senate. [Minutes of 3/29/2012]

E6.0 returned to senate April 5, 2012. Proposed E6.0.2.d (1) as amended was approved with 21 in favor, 2 opposed and 4 abstentions. A motion to approve all proposed changes to E6.0 including the amendment for Distinguished Professor to be added carried with 21 in favor, 0 opposed and 6 abstentions. [Minutes of 4/5/2012]
Policy E13.0 (Faculty Salary)
Motion: The Academic Senate approves the revisions to Policy E13.0 (Faculty Salary Policy) as proposed by the Faculty Affairs Committee.
Motion carried with 24 in favor and 4 abstentions. [Minutes of 4/26/2012].


General Education

Motion to approve the General Education Framework document carried with 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstentions. [Minutes of 3/29/2012]

Gen Ed FYS proposal came to senate. Motion to approve the proposal of the First-Year electives and have the Gen Ed Committee develop a framework for First-Year electives carried with 24 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions. [Minutes of 4/5/2012]

Graduate Council – Suggested Modifications to D12.0.E Master’s Degree/D12.0.F Doctoral Degree [Minutes of 5/03/2012]

Motion: The AS approves the suggested modifications to Policy D12.0.E Master’s Degree.
Motion carried with 24 in favor and 4 abstentions.

Motion: The Academic Senate approves the suggested modifications to Policy D12.0.F Doctoral Degree as amended. [There was a friendly amendment to replace the word “quarter” with “term”]
Motion carried with 23 in favor and 4 abstentions.

ICC – Proposed Minor’s Policy

Motion: The Academic Senate endorses the proposed changes to Policy D1.1 as amended.
Motion carried with 23 in favor, 5 abstentions. [Minutes of 10/20/2011]

Motion: The Academic Senate approves striking the words “each of” in the Minors Policy under number 2. Institutional Parameters.
Motion did not carry with a vote of 6 in favor, 18 opposed and 4 abstentions. [Minutes of 10/20/2011]

Isaac L. Jordan Sr. Faculty/Staff Pluralism Award Policy (E12.5) [Minutes of 10/20/2011]

Motion: The Academic Senate endorses the proposed changes to Policy E12.5.
Motion carried with 27 in favor and one abstention.
**Long Range Planning Committee**
[Minutes of 4/19/2012]

Recommendation came forth: *Form a team to update and detail the Campus Master Plan with respect to the current Strategic Plan.*
Approved unanimously with one abstention.

**Nominations Committee** (P. Rosenberg, Chair)
Standing and Institute Committee at Large Nominees – Approved 5/10/2012

**Resource Allocation and Budget Committee’s motion:**
*Given the growth in scholarly and creative activity among faculty and students, we recommend that the Wallace Center be assigned a high priority in the next budget cycle. An immediate goal should be to close the gap between the increase in the Wallace Center’s costs and its budget allocation. A longer term goal should be to bring the Wallace Center’s expenditures per student to the 50th percentile of the CAC peer schools. (Motion was tabled due to time constraints.)*

**University Writing Program – Recommendations (David Martins, Director)**
Recommendation 1: Committee membership

[See minutes of 5/17/2012]
Motion to approve recommendation 1 carried with 27 in favor, and 3 abstentions.

Recommendation 2: FYW as pre-requisite for Program-WI [this clarifies First-Year Writing as a pre-requisite for Program WI courses.]
Motion to table this recommendation carried unanimously. This agenda item will return in the fall.

**REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS**
[Note: All final reports and documents have been posted on the Academic Senate’s DML site.]

**Academic Affairs Committee** (Michael Laver, Chair; Carol DeFilippo) [Teaching Evaluation Progress Report – Policy D3.0 (Registration) [See minutes of 4/5/2012]; Policy D5.0 (Grades – Linda Tolan) [See minutes of 4/26/2012 and 5/03/2012]; AAC Sub-Committee per adjuncts- E. Kronfield presented. [See minutes of 5/03/2012]; Student Input on Teaching Effectiveness and Course Evaluations – Linda Tolan presented [See minutes of 3/10/2012]; Task Force Recommendation on University-Wide System of Student Input on Teaching Effectiveness (M. Laver and C. DeFilippo presenters) [See minutes of 5/10/2012; 5/17/2012 – vote occurred on 5//17 as there was not a quorum at the 5/10/12 meeting to vote.]

**Academic Blueprint Taskforce and Charge** [Minutes of 10/06/2011]

**Academic Calendar (Proposed Calendar for AY2013-2014)**
Academic Support Committee Final AY2011-12 Report
[ASC’s Final Report of AY2011 will be presented AY2012.]

Calendar Conversion Update and End-of-Year Report (Dr. Fernando Naveda) [Minutes of 9/22/2011]

Campus Environment Report AY2010 and Final Report AY2011 (Karl Korfmacher) [Minutes of 5/10/2012] [Note: Smoking Policy will return to senate once IC has reviewed this.]

Class Scheduling Models (Provost Haefner) [Minutes of 1/26/2012 and 2/16/2012]

Eisenhart Awards Committee (vote to approve two at large members) [Minutes of 12/15/11]

Faculty Affairs Committee [Policies B2.0 (Charter), E6.0 (Faculty Rank); E9.0 (Visiting Scholar), E17.0 (Faculty Leave of Absence); E18.0 (Faculty Leave for Professional/Career Development) (Kristen Waterstrom-Rich); E13.0 (Faculty Salary); E13.1 (Faculty Extra Service Compensation and Summer Employment) [Minutes of 5/03/2012 per E13.1]
(Note: All FAC proposed policies listed above are under Senate Action on Policies and Frameworks) [FAC’s Final Report of AY2011 will be presented Fall AY2012.]

General Education Report on Gen Ed Process and Proposals – Gen Ed Framework and First Year Experience Course (George Zion, Chair) [Minutes of 3/29/2012; 4/5/2012 and 5/3/2012 - proposals were voted on.]

General Education Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Report AY2009-10 (Anne Wahl, Director of SLOA) [Minutes of 10/20/2011]

GeneSIS Update (Dr. Joe Loffredo, Assistant VP and Registrar; Chan McKenzie, Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs and Marla Roberts, Senior Project Manager for ITS) [Minutes of 10/06/2011 and 12/15/2011.]


Graduate Council Final AY2011 Report and Suggested Modifications to D12.0.E Master’s Degree and D12.0.F Doctoral Degree (Ag Crassidis, Chair) [Minutes of 4/26/2012 and 5/03/2012]

Graduate Studies Update (Dr. Hector Flores, Dean of Graduate Studies) [Minutes of 9/22/2011]

ICC Program Review Per Semesters (Presentation and Vote) [Minutes of 12/15/2012; 2/23/2012; ICC Program Proposal per CMS Diploma Program; Minor Policy Revision [Minutes of 5/10/2012]

Imagine RIT (Dr. Barry Culhane)

Inter-Session and Summer Session Programming Plans (Provost Jeremy Haefner and Fernando Naveda, Academic Calendar Conversion Director) [Minutes of 5/03/2012]
Isaac L. Jordan Sr. Faculty/Staff Pluralism Award Policy (E12.5) [Minutes of 10/20/2011]

Long Range Planning Committee Report (Stephanie Ludi) [Minutes of 4/19/2012]

Minors Policy Proposal from ICC (Charlie Border) [Minutes of 10/20/2012]

Multidisciplinary Curriculum Committee Final Report AY2011-2012 [Due to time constraints this will be presented to the Academic Senate in Fall 2012.]

Resource Allocation and Budget Committee AY2010 Report (Paul Tymann) [Minutes of 9/8/2011] [RABC’s Final report of AY2011 will be presented Fall 2012 by Charlotte Thoms]

Retirement Simplification Plan (presented by RABC chair Dr. Charlotte Thoms and Dr. Jim Watters, VP of Finance and Administration) [Minutes of 2/23/2012.]

Search Update of Associate Provost for International Education and Global Education (Dr. Hector Flores and Robert Barbato, Search Committee co-chairs) [Minutes of 2/23/2012]

SIS Update (Joe Loffredo/Chandra McKenzie) [Minutes of 4/19/2012]

Sponsored Research Update (Dr. Ryne Rafaeille, VP for Research and Associate Provost) [Minutes of 09/08/2011]

Standing Committee At Large List – Approved 5/17/2012

Standing Committee Charges (Discussion and Approval on September 8, 2011 except SAC charge was modified and approved on 12/1/2012)

Student Affairs Committee Report AY2011 (SAC’s Final Report of AY2011 will be presented Fall 2012)

Student Government Update (Phil Amsler) [Minutes 10/20/2011]

Sustainability Update (Enid Cardinal, Senior Sustainability Advisor) [Minutes of 9/22/2011]

Treasurer’s Report (Bob Barbato) [Minutes of 9/8/2011]

United Way 2010 Presentation (Lynn Rowoth – Presented on 3/10/2012)

University Writing Program Progress Report and Recommendation (David Martins, Director) [Minutes of 5/17/2012]

Wallace Center Update (Dr. Lynn Wild) [Minutes of 10/06/2011]

AS ELECTIONS

The Executive Committee Elections took place on April 19, 2012 and the newly elected ASEC for AY2012 is:
Paul Tymann – Chair  
S. Manian Ramkumar – Vice Chair  
Heidi Miller – Operations Officer  
Andrew Phelps – Communications Officer  
Charlotte Thoms – Treasurer

Academic Senate elections took place winter and spring 2011 and the website has been updated as of June 2012.

College Elections for Standing Committees and some Institute committees took place in Winter/Spring 2012, and all of this information has been updated on the AS website as of June 2012.