

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology



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SGA Senate Meeting Tuesday, January 31, 2012 Official Minutes

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Cornwell – VP of Academic Affairs

- The Great Debate
 - Strategic Plan to move forward – “Vision to be the Best”
 - Dr. Cornwell Feels that the plan has a consistent/stable administration
 - Wishes to receive many perspectives, more inputs/reports/groups
 - Alumni Meetings
 - Board of Trustees meeting
 - Faculty and Staff
 - Corporate or University
 - Students, Parents, Retirees
 - Change, but maintain core values
 - Dad’s Day focus group
 - Community, job placement, access, name recognition, technology
 - International Engineer Education colloquium
 - ABET conference
 - “Bachelor of Innovation” multi-disciplinary design, global, Kahn Academy
 - Detroit
 - Many students get additional education
 - Retirees
 - Students are different, need for agility, culture, environment
 - Other Schools
 - Harvey-Mudd: won Gordon prize for their design clinic
 - KIT: many more research teams
 - Students/Faulty/Staff/Alumni
 - Themes:
 - Creativity/Innovation
 - The Student Experience

- Finances
- Global Experiences
- RHIT Name Recognition
- Diversity
- External Collaborations
- Student Preparation for Professional Practice
- Approaches to Teaching/Learning (Hybrid Classroom)
- On-Campus Environment
- Local/Regional Environment
- Balance between effort/impact to make significant changes
 - “Tweaking”
 - Major Course revision
 - Major curriculum revision
 - Blank slate
- Percentage of People Entering Engineering
 - US <5%
 - Europe 12-13%
 - China 20-25%
- MITx
 - Open coursework
 - Online learning tools

A meeting of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Student Government Association was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, at 5:30pm, in the FDR Room, the Vice President being the chair and the Secretary being present.

Call to Order

Vice President Nicholas Addante called the meeting to order and Secretary Ross Schneider called the roll: **26** present and **10** absent.

The absent Senators being:

- Emily Barker
- Vismay Modi
- Jay Coffey
- Dillon Snyder
- Logan Bonifer
- Hobey Tam
- Rose Brewer
- Chris Miller
- Ben McDonald
- Emily Asman

Reports of the Officers and Standing Committees

Executive Officers

President – Mitch Pettigrew

- Elections today, current results are very close
- March 20th
 - Transition Dinner
 - Senators invited
 - SLOQ/Honor Key awarded

Vice-President – Nicholas Addante

- Tailgating this Saturday

Secretary – Ross Schneider

- Awards Committee will convene after meeting to discuss Honor Key criteria

Treasurer – Douglas Selby

- General Fund: \$69,801.18

Executive Director – Derek Archer

- ELECTIONS – SENATORS e-mail constituents

Class Presidents

Senior Class President – Andrew Jordan

- Seniors not happy with FE funding

Junior Class President – Durushka Ahmed

- Classmates asking about new Res Hall arrangements
 - Pete: 4-people groups

Sophomore Class President – Zac Troope

- No Report

Freshman Class President – Kylie McCollum

- Freshmen concerned about another meal exchange option in the new Res Hall

District Reports

Apartments East/West

- Complaints about people parking in the lot (including construction people)
 - Discuss with Mike Taylor

BSB

- No Report

Commuters

- No Report

Deming

- Fire alarm went off Sunday morning
 - Problem hearing it at ends of the hall

Mees/Blumberg/Scharp

- No Report

On-Campus Fraternities

- No Report

Off-Campus Fraternities

- No Report

Percopo

- Internet is not reliable, not getting reception in certain areas
- Paintball Club, is still an SGA club

Skinner

- No Report

Speed

- No Report

Open Forum

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Engineers Without Borders

- President is present
 - Group going to Dominican Republic
 - Request for transportation and accommodations
 - ~\$1,500
 - This trip is an assessment trip to survey the community to gather data to prepare for the implementation plan this summer

- FCR: removed the Indy accommodations
- FCR: **\$1393.20** PASSED

Magic the Gathering Club

- Approved by SAC
- Pending SGA status
- ~15 people, continuing to grow. 43 different people have showed face at meetings
- Active at RoseCON – highest turnout
- Holding a paid event 2/11
 - Asking for **\$169.82** for promotional money
 - There was no FCR, as it was not detailed
 - This revised version was PASSED

Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam

- Previous years, seniors were reimbursed, at least some of the money
- Last year, SGA funded about \$9,000
- Is a great benefit for the school, recognition wise
- \$10,000 would match the school's donation, covering ~2/3rd of the total cost
- Dr. Kline and Pete Gustafson will bring the total to \$30,000 (full) if SGA approves \$10,000 from the general fund
- **\$10,000** PASSED

“Passing of the Gavel”

Recommended tour of the new Residence Hall
 Recommendations for simplifying process for becoming SGA club
 Tri-Hop Saturday Night \$5-6
 Mr. Rose raised over \$2,000

GENERAL FUND: \$58,238.16

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Nicholas Addante
 SGA Vice President

Ross Schneider
 SGA Secretary