Diversity & Inclusion
We believe that a diverse and inclusive campus is the first and most crucial step to enabling creation. All students regardless of their ethnicity, skin color, sexual orientation, gender identity, and all other backgrounds deserve equal opportunity on and off campus. A melting pot of diverse perspectives is vital to a creative community.

Showcasing Your Work
Once you’ve completed your creation, we want to make sure you have a channel to share it with the rest of the world. Your creation has the potential to influence and impact millions.

Student Resources
As leaders within Student Government, we are committed to providing you with the tools you need to make your dreams a reality. RIT offers outstanding resources in order to make your student experience more enjoyable. We are extremely enthusiastic to see what you can create with the right tools.
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SG Membership 2018-2019

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As the year comes to a close, we are filled with pride in reflection of our tenure. This year, Student Government focused on several underlying themes of unity, strength and diversity. For the past several years, Student Government has continued to build the foundation for student advocacy. These efforts continued throughout this year, but you, the student body, took advocacy upon yourselves in extraordinary ways. Our time in SG comes to a close, and we will be very sentimental of all the memories and accomplishments from this year. You have all taught us so much about what it means to work together.

As you read through this report, I hope you can gain a sense of pride in the work that we have all accomplished together. We are incredibly proud of the effort, unity and determination of our Senators, Cabinet, Committees and RSOs. Without the full team, and without the support of the student body, Student Government would not have been able to accomplish anything we have. We are beyond confident in the abilities of our successors, Anika and Liam, to strengthen SG. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Love,

Bobby Moakley
President 2018-2019

Corrinne Mendietta
Vice President 2018-2019

“A letter from the SG President & VP

“I hope you can gain a sense of pride in the work that we have all accomplished together.”
Summary of Major Accomplishments

Diversity & Inclusion

Hormone Replacement Therapy
Thanks to the hard work done by OUTspoken, Hormone Replacement Therapy has been returned to the Student Health Center on campus. Getting HRT back has been one of the biggest victories for RIT’s transgender community.

Transgender Protection
As there has been governmental proposals to erase the transgender population, SG has partnered with OUTspoken to ensure that the transgender members of the RIT community remain supported. Please see the end of this report for our full resolution.

RSO Endowed Scholarship Fund
To recognize strong student leaders from the communities of RSOs, we have started fundraising money to initiate a scholarship. This will be issued annually to one student leader who has exemplified leadership in social change.

Enhancing the Student Experience

SG Art Show
An art show was hosted in the City of Rochester to help students showcase their work. Over 80 pieces of art were displayed from a wide range of students. The event was a huge success in partnership with First Fridays of Rochester.

Bike Share
PACE has been brought to campus! By linking with the City of Rochester’s bikeshare program, students have had the joy of riding freely from RIT to the City as well as local colleges. SG was able to fully subsidize rides all year long for all students.

Campus Development
We have all heard about RIT’s new $1 Billion campaign. While this is incredible for RIT, SG strongly believes in continuous input from the student body as to how these dollars are being spent. Through a variety of boards, students have been representing our interests around what path RIT takes in the future.
Service Week

In collaboration with CLCE, the SG senators hosted events to be included in the annual service week schedule. SG sponsored 11 events across campus and participated in the annual Habitat for Humanity Framing Frenzy.

Mandy Harvey

In partnership with the President's Offices of RIT and NTID, we brought Mandy Harvey to campus! Mandy is a Deaf jazz singer from America’s got talent. She shared beautiful voice and stories with us, which was a huge hit!

Alumni Outreach

Recognizing the value of our alumni, SG held our first Alumni Social during Brick City Homecoming Weekend where leaders were able to connect with previous SG members. This has highlighted the progress of advocacy on campus, and provided insight as to where we are headed as an organization.

Housing & Transportation Master Plan

Recognizing that the student body has faced significant challenges in housing and transportation, SG has been pushing for a master plan. This master plan will focus on availability and affordability of realistic housing/transportation options.

Student Resources

Mental Health

This year, the student body has been more vocal than ever. With long wait times and lack of diversity within counseling, students have expressed the need for improvements of services along with culture shifts around mental health. A task force has been created and will carry out significant changes throughout Spring Semester alongside Student Government. Please see the back of this report for our letter to the University.

Advising Guidance

Partnered with the University office of Advising to discuss how we can improve the advising experience. The final product is a streamlined infographic.

ROAR the Vote

By partnering with the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement, SG has promoted voter engagement in a crucial time for political activism. This was also the first year having a polling place on campus, which was a huge success!

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Financial Literacy Events

The Student Affairs committee, in partnership with the Financial Wellness team at RIT, created two Financial Wellness events, one in the Fall and one in the Spring, to teach students about financial literacy on topics such as budget management, financial aid, student loans, debt management, investments, credit scores, and more.

Sustainability Retreat

In partnership with RIT Sustainability, the SG Sustainability hosted their first annual retreat in which RIT’s sustainability organizations collaborated to strategize around future initiatives.

Major Documents

SG 67.01
Resolution to ensure that RIT and RIT Student Government actively support those affected by proposed changes to Title IX made by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Mental Health Statement
Statement to the University as a whole in response to commitments made towards mental health
Soirée Award Winners

**RSO President of the Year**  
Ian Effendi

**RSO of the Year**  
OUTspoken

**Committee Member of the Year**  
Riley Wood

**Committee Chair of the Year**  
Jacob Ellis

**Committee of the Year**  
Facilities, Parking and Transportation

**SGer of the Year**  
Tayler Ruggero

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**Outstanding Student Leader**  
These award recipients were nominated by the RIT community.  
Kalie Lazarou  
Harianne Hewitt  
Keira Higgins

**Extra Mile Awards**  
These award recipients were nominated by the RIT Community  
John Oliphant  
Douglas Tusch  
Barry Strauber

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**President’s Awards**

Dr. David and Nancy Munson  
in recognition of their continuous support of SG and the betterment of the University.

Dr. Gerard Buckley  
in recognition of his support for bridging the RIT/NTID communities, as well as for his support for bringing Mandy Harvey to campus.

Sara Bayerl  
in recognition of her support of various Student Government initiatives through CampusGroups implementation

SG Services Team  
in recognition of their ongoing dedication to the student body through creative technological developments
Major PawPrints Petitions
by Larry Williams III, Director of Student Relations

Increase Funding To The Student Health Center For Mental Health
- In 2018, students created a PawPrint to address concerns on the availability of mental health counselors at the Student Health Center. Followed by the loss of a student, this PawPrint saw an influx of support, raising awareness of mental health issues and concerns across campus.
- 2nd highest signed PawPrint all time
- Charged to the Student Affairs Committee
- RIT created the Mental Health Task Force
- Munson promises to hire additional counselors, improving the student-to-counselor ratio
- As we know, living in a residence hall without A/C can be an uncomfortable experience at some points of the year. This PawPrint, created in late August, was created to get A/C in all of our residence halls.
- Charged to the Housing and Dining Committee
- A/C will not be installed in residence halls
- Costs and sustainable concerns prevented the installation of A/C
- SG will focus on green initiatives to make residence halls more comfortable

Close University Winter Vortex PawPrints
- Amid an upcoming winter storm, a polar vortex, students created a petition to close the university. This created a boom of activity on PawPrints and mass hysteria on the site.
- Highest signed PawPrint all-time
- Student traffic caused the system to crash
- Dozens of PawPrints on the topic of closing school
- University closed 1 of 2 days
- Recurrence of 2015 event

Losing the 4th Floor of the Library is Unacceptable
- With the word spreading through campus that RIT plans to reuse the 4th floor of the library for staff offices, student concerns drastically grew regarding the availability of study. After the creation and high activity of this PawPrint, Director of RIT Libraries Marcia Trauernicht presented her plans for the library to SG.
- 5th highest signed PawPrint all-time
- Created by 2019-2020 SG president Anika Aftab
- Brought key decision makers to SG senate
- Plans include ensuring students maintain ample study space in the library

A/C in Dorms
Student Government initiative started in Fall of 2016 to increase attendance at campus events and promote school spirit.

“SpiRIT Fridays” were held every Friday, in which students are encouraged to wear RIT apparel and scan their IDs at the SG office to get 5 SpiRIT points for a chance to win prizes.

Clubs and organizations are able to register their biggest events of each semester as SpiRIT Events. Students who attend these events receive 10 SpiRIT points. The groups who register their events receive support from SG with advertising for their event. Additionally, smaller prizes were given both semesters. These included gift cards to different businesses, RIT apparel, and apple airpods.

Over 50 registered SpiRIT events over the year, with more than 2,000 students participating in at least one event.

Began utilizing the badge system on CampusGroups to allow students to track their points, and used the tag system so students knew which events were Project SpiRIT.

Fall semester grand prizes
2 ipad minis
$150 Barnes and Nobles gift card
$500 airline ticket voucher

Spring semester grand prizes
50” Sharp Smart TV
Apple Watch
$500 airline ticket voucher
$300 Barnes and Noble gift card

Additionally, smaller prizes were given both semesters. These included gift cards to different businesses, RIT apparel, pens, and stickers.

Sample Project SpiRIT Events
Fraternity and Sorority Life- SAU Greek Take Over
CAB- Big Football Game
Financial Wellness Team- Financial Fitne$$ Conference
RIT Improv- Improvamonium 2019
WITR- Off the Record Presented by WITR 98.7
Reporter- Distorter Release Party
Night of A Cappella 19 (NOAC)
RIT Performing Arts- COLA Off-Stage Play Reading
Jam Club & RITSMA- Open Mic
CLCE- Into the ROC: College Night at the MAG
Global Health Association- Screening & Panel Discussion of It’s a Girl
Outspoken- Pride Prints
WOESS- Family Feud
Global Union- Halloween Blowout
NSC- Pulse Happy Hour or PHH
No Voice Zone
RIT Uke Club- Uke Gotta Friend In Me
Major Events
by Tayler Ruggero, Director of Programming

Fall Fest
- Collaboration with CAB to host the first ever Fall Fest Carnival.
- Brought together groups and departments from across Student Affairs to table at the carnival and showcase their services for students.
- Had food trucks and carnival rides, as long as many giveaways.
- Had over 1,200 students in attendance!

Dunkin' with Your Delegates
- Once a month, SG gave out free donuts and coffee to students walking to and from class in the morning.
- This was done to allow students to meet their representatives in Student Government and have a conversation with them, while enjoying a sweet treat and hopefully making their morning more enjoyable.
- This year we teamed up with CLCE to host a Dunkin in conjunction with Roar the Vote, as well as one with Public Safety.
- We also utilized the Breezeway for the events to be more visible to students.

SG Homecoming Distinguished Speaker
- The SG Speaker is part of Brick City Homecoming weekend and one of SG’s biggest events of the year.
- This year, the speaker was Mayim Bialik, best known for her roles on the television shows Blossom and The Big Bang Theory.
- The event was extremely successful and garnered compliments throughout the rest of the weekend and year.

Student Government Alumni Social
- Hosted first annual alumni social during the Brick City Homecoming Weekend.
- The event brought current and past SG leaders to one room to discuss the changes that have occurred in SG through the years and allow and avenue for networking.
- Mandy Harvey is an American jazz and pop singer and songwriter who is deaf and who took part in the 12th season of America’s Got Talent. She came to campus to speak and perform.
- Collaboration with the President’s Office and Gerry Buckley with NTID.
- In addition, had a roundtable with NTID student leaders and a meet and greet after the show.

Elections Kickoff
- Collaborated with other SG members to have an informative and fun event surrounding the kick-off of elections.
- The event took place in the SAU lobby with free shirts, stickers, pens, and other merchandise to help encourage students to run for positions and vote in the elections.

Service Week
- In collaboration with CLCE, the SG senators hosted events to be included in the annual service week schedule.
- SG sponsored 11 events across campus.
- SG members also participated in the annual Habitat for Humanity Framing Frenzy.

SG Art Show
- Hosted first ever Student Government Art Show to showcase students work.
- Had a collection of 80+ pieces from ~40 student artists.
- Hosted at the Rochester Brainery in part of First Friday Festival.

SG Participation at other Events
- SG also helped support events from some of our RSOs, having a presence by setting up a table at their events.
- These events included the Tiger Activities Gala, NSC’s Apple Fest, ACA’s Welcome Back Bonanza, Global Union’s Halloween Blowout, CAB Freezefest, and Residence Life’s Late Night Breakfast.
SG Budget Report
by Jeffrey Olivero, Director of Finance

Current standing as of March 2019

Available and Year end Projected Balance

Available and Year-End Projected Balance
SG Budget Report continued
by Jeffrey Olivero, Director of Finance

Spending Habits 2018-2019

Student Government Spending Habits

- Transportation: 19.1%
- Graduating: 15.1%
- Graduating: 5.5%
- Administration: 19.9%
- Office: 32.0%
- Post: 6.0%
- Other: 5.0%
SG Marketing
by the SG Marketing Team, Managed by Liz Vosburgh

A selection of our design and social media posts from this year.
SG Services
by the SG Services Team, Managed by Gabe Landau

Pawprints
Over the course of this year, PawPrints has been given a facelift. Its success has continued into its 4th year, becoming an integral component for change as a voice for students on RIT’s campus.

PaceBikes
With the rise of public bike-share systems, Student Government has explored options for growing RIT’s own bikeshare. This year, SG partnered with SPIN, giving students access to 100 bikes for free. SG is continuing to look into different companies, recently forming a partnership with Zagster/Pace to provide our community with a broader network of bikes throughout the Rochester area.

Naps
Coming into its 2nd year, Naps is being expanded to include “energy” spots on campus -- allowing students an easy way to find vending machine locations, coffee spots, and places to recharge throughout their day.

RITPedia
RITPedia continues to be a source of information about RIT and everything we offer, for current students, prospective students, and other members of the community to see. We also host an annual update party for clubs and organizations to come and update their pages.

OpenEvals
OpenEvals continues to allow students to view results from course evaluations, so that they may better select which courses they want to enroll in. SG is working to get this system integrated with TigerCenter, to give students a one-stop location to plan their schedules.

TigerTracker
Student Government’s new service, TigerTracker is currently in development. When completed, it will allow any member of the RIT community to view the progress and track the work being done by Student Government committees.

BreakBus
BreakBus allows students free transportation to the airport, train station, and bus stations in Rochester at the beginning and end of breaks. This includes Winter break and Spring break. This year, there were over 200 riders.
Committee Reports
Academics & Co-ops Committee

Completed

Career Fair Assignments

• Worked with the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education to discourage mandatory career fair attendance.

Extend Drop Period

• Determined that extending the Add-Drop period for RIT classes would ultimately hurt students and the proposal was given up on.

Library Late Fee Investigation

• Researched Wallace Library late fees and how they impact students on campus. Determined that fees have minimal impact on the student body and are only charged in extreme situations.

In Progress

Pass Fail Grades

• Researched partner schools for their pass/fail grade policies.
• Created and presented a policy proposal to Academic Senate subcommittees.
• Took Academic Senate feedback and began to build a new policy proposal.

Oasis

• Investigated the Oasis library search system and the possibility of implementing it in the Wallace Library to give students access to more materials.
• Began determining the impact of the IMLC on library resources.

Free Adobe Software

• Continued corresponding with the RIT Library to look into getting free Adobe software for students.
Facilities, Parking, and Transportation Committee

**Completed**

**Parking and Transportation Town Hall**
- Held a town hall in February for RIT community members to ask questions and share their comments and concerns regarding transportation at RIT.

**Blindspot Mirrors in Residence Hall Tunnels**
- Facilitated the installation of 17 blind spot mirrors at the corners of each building in the residence hall tunnels.

**Polling on Campus**
- Helped to implement and spread the “Roar the Vote” initiative.
- Worked to get a polling location on-campus at the Gene Polisseni Center for the 2018 Elections, available to RIT students who are registered to vote in the area.

**In Progress**

**Swings on Campus**
- Researched swing set types and styles, selected the most optimal model, secured funding and worked with FMS to gain approval for the project.
- Created a proposal and plan to have multiple swing sets installed across campus over the summer. The swings will be ready for use by the beginning of the fall semester.

**24/7 Lab Access**
- Surveyed the student community to determine which labs have the most need for 24/7 access, and researched how current 24/7 labs function and their successes/failures.
- Crafted a proposal illustrating student need for increased lab access, and discussed with all of the colleges as well as Academic Affairs.
- Worked with Academic Affairs as well as Public Safety to plan for the most optimal implementation of 24/7 access to labs and made those labs available 24/7 for finals week this spring semester. This program may be expanded in the future.

**Bus and Shuttle Optimization**
- Worked with the Center for Campus Life and Off Campus and Commuter Services to begin creating a ridesharing platform for students to find and organize carpools.
- Brought up, discussed and helped plan for solutions to the bus and shuttle needs of the student community. This has resulted in the addition of a weekend retail route on Friday nights, a weekend retail route stop at Global Village, an optimized B Lot shuttle route, added stops on the MCC Annex shuttle route, optimization of the Rochester Public Market bus times and the creation of outreach materials to inform students about changes to RTS routes on campus.

**Bike Safety and Accessibility**
- Researched bike safety and biking at RIT and created bike safety materials in partnership with RIT Wellness for distribution around campus and at events.
- Brought up student desire for bike racks on RIT shuttles and facilitated discussions that led to a plan to install them on all RIT shuttles over the summer.
Housing & Dining Committee

Completed

Medium Pasta Bake

• Investigated the possibility of medium pasta bakes at the RITZ. However, due to the lack of a medium tray that meets pasta bake temperature specifications, Housing is not able to offer a medium pasta bake.

In Progress

Dining in Slaughter

• Facilitated the installation of healthy vending machine in Slaughter
• Distributed a survey about students’ opinions on the options offered in the health vending machine
• Aggregated results of survey and provided it to Dining Services

Water fountains in dorms

• Facilitated the installation of water fountains into the first floor of all the High Rises dorms

Gracie's Seven Sins

• Created a plan of gathering student feedback about their Gracies experience to be implemented next academic year

Riverknoll Refresh

• Held a Riverknoll Refresh presentation from John Moore at the Housing and Dining committee

Healthier options

• Gathered student feedback about healthier options they would like to see offered on campus and passed the feedback to Dining

Late night dining

• Reached out to Dining to ask for later hours for dining locations due to the new class schedule that has longer class periods. Dining connected with Registrar to receive reports on freshman and sophomore schedules before each semester and will evaluate the hours of operations of dining locations and dining stations
Student Affairs Committee

Completed

Ban MLMs on Campus

- Discussed Solicitation and Vending Policies with Carol Reed (Center for Campus Life Building Manager)
- Assisted in formulating wording in Vending Agreement to explicitly ban any MLM recruitment efforts on campus
- Further work is still to be done in addressing such behavior in the University Vending Policy (C20.0)

In Progress

Mental Health Awareness and Care Reform

- Established focus areas to address after the loss of a student on campus and emailed the student body via Message Center about the proposed focus areas
- Created a poster entitled: “Concerned About a Friend?” to highlight warning signs of someone who could need help as well as resources on campus to assist those in need
- Collaborated with the Mental Health Task Force to research University-wide areas of need
- Once the Mental Health Task Force has completed their work, Student Affairs committee will continue previously stated initiatives and push for change highlighted as necessary from the final report

E-Signature Alternative

- Started implementing event-based waivers for large events, such as Humans vs. Zombies
- Future plans include expanding e-waiver efforts to include waivers for all events, clubs, etc., however, some technical hurdles must first be overcome

Electronic Room Reservations

- Full implementation of reserve.rit.edu and EMS is active, however, more work still needs to be done in regard to addressing issues with club meeting space reservations on campus

Short term Study Abroad

- Scholarship for short term study abroad program is close to meeting necessary amount of money to reach full endowment
- Full endowment should be reached by Fall 2019, most-likely making Spring 2020 the first year that the scholarship will be up and running

Student Friendly Rochester

- Researched alternatives to Arcgis platform
- Created Powerpoint to illustrate differences in platform options (cost, feature set, usability, etc.)
- Currently still deciding on best course of action, moving forward

Student Wages

- Researched SEO pay scale to understand how pay is assigned based off of job role
- Researched how partner schools pay student workers
- Opened conversation to improving meal benefits for dining services workers, however, decisions are still ongoing

Financial Wellness at RIT

- Created new posters, Instagram posts and designs for the second annual Financial Fitness Conference
- Promoted Financial Fitness Conference using SG marketing
Sustainability Committee

**Completed**

**Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing**
- The goal of this initiative was to increase the ethical and sustainable considerations when departments or clubs make purchases.
- A survey was sent out to students to get information about their preferences with respect to giveaways.
- The results were analyzed, compiled, and added to a list of partnerships, principles, and ideas in order to give students what they want while also being considerate of people and the planet.

**Carbon Monitoring**
- An ongoing goal to estimate carbon sequestration via biomass in order to help reach RIT’s carbon neutral goals for 2030.
- A model for LiDAR data was applied to campus over two years to identify carbon flux. The same mathematical model can be applied to future data to track change and inform management.

**Waste Awareness Campaign (WAC)**
- The WAC had the goal of increasing awareness about our waste impact as a campus, and what we all can do about it.
- SG, SEAL and ESW collaborated to plan and host a waste sorting day that included educational materials. Pre-and post-event promotion, data dashboarding, and a report were all completed.
- The largest components of our waste stream were identified, which is useful information to plan future reduction and education efforts.

**In Progress**

**Green Lab Initiative**
- An initiative to decrease the energy and material impact of performing/learning science, starting within the COS.
- 5 labs have been assessed for fridge use, vent hood alarms, and vacuum type. Approximately 15 more will be assessed in Fall 2019.

**Barnes & Noble**
- A partnership was formed with Barnes & Noble to assess their sustainable practices and give improvements.
- A checklist and discussion outline are ready to use for assessment by the next committee.
**Goals**

- Increase awareness of CAD across campus and in the Rochester community.
- Increase collaboration between CAD students and with other students across RIT.
- Increase the number of CAD minors offered to students.

**Major Projects**

**Printing in CAD**

- Reached out to different printing places on campus to see if discounts were possible. The HUB agreed to offer 20% off for the last 2-3 weeks of each semester going forward.

**SG Art Show**

- Established the first annual SG Art Show open to students across campus. Had work from about 40 students and around 80 pieces ranging from charcoal, to sculpture, to videos. Hosted the show at the Rochester Brainery, and it was a success.

**Advocacy Efforts**

**Increased Awareness**

- Reached out to multiple sources to see what we could do to increase awareness of CAD across RIT.

**Increased Collaboration**

- Reached out to administration to start future conversations about collaboration in the classroom between different CAD majors and outside of CAD as well. They will continue to work to make it happen year to year based on willingness of faculty members.

**Student Work Across Campus**

- Encouraged other colleges across RIT to purchase student work to display in their buildings.

**Events**

**CAD Pumpkin Painting**

- Pumpkin painting event for CAD students on 10/30. Students painted mini pumpkins to take home, had free food, and had a chance to meet other CAD students.

**SG Art Show**

- First annual SG Art Show at Rochester Brainery on 4/5.
Goals

• Improve diversity awareness within the college.
• Uplift student morale and increasing engagement.
• Connect with the CET Leadership Team to further the agenda of student success.

Major Projects

Highlighting the Diversity of the College

• Even though our university is predominantly white, it is important for those who are of different ethnic descent to not feel invisible. More importantly it is important for everyone to recognize and learn the different cultures within our college to feel more bonded.

Keeping the Conversation alive between the Dean and the Students

• It is important for students to know their Dean and have a connection with him. Sometimes students can feel that leadership is hard to access therefore events where the Dean is present is essential.

Connect Upperclassmen with First Years and Sophomores to pass on their Wisdom

• As much as our academic advisors provide assistance during our college career, most of our secure decisions stem from conversations with other students.

Dean Search Committee

• Share experiences and thoughts to give better understanding of the student perspective within the committee meetings. Along with reviewing candidates and position profile to make sure it highlights what students are looking for in their next dean.

Advocacy Efforts

Collaborated and partnered with the following individuals to ensure that programs and events were successful:

• Nykki Matthews, Director of Women in Technology (WIT), Community Engagement & Student Diversity Initiatives
• S. Manian Ramkumar, Ph.D., CET Interim Dean
• Sean Bennett, Ed.D., Asst Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs
• Michael Eastman, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Linda Tolan, Ph.D., NCC Senior Associate Dean
• Corinne Mendieta, Student Government Vice President
• SG Senators

Events

Meet the Senator

• This was a small event held in a conference room of the ENT building. The event had pizza and soda. Students fluttered in and out and wrote on the boards “What they would like to have for CET Spirit Week” and “What would they like to change about CET”. We all conversed to get to know one another and expressed our hopes for the year.

Second Annual CET Spirit Week

• Twin Day Carnival (CET Spirit Week)
  » To spark Spirit Week, I held a carnival with a photo booth, cupcake decoration station, popcorn station, Minute-2-Win It Games, music, and pizza. Students were encouraged to dress in matching outfits with a friend or two to make the event more fun.
• Taste of CET (CET Spirit Week)
  » A cultured infused day of food and fun. A few students, faculty and staff contributed food from their cultures and traditions to share with the college. Food from Ireland, Honduras, the Caribbean, Italy, Dominican Republic, and Southern cuisine were at event. The event was held during lunchtime and many students were able to enjoy delicious food they never experienced before.
• Dodgeball Tournament
  » Reserved the Mini Gym in Gordon Field House for students to relieve their stress through a game of dodgeball.

Service Week

• Collaborated with GCIS Senator to create a space that is accessible to both our constituents. Partnered with a local E-waste collector (Shore Foundation).

Stress Less for Success

• Collaborated with Women in technology to host an end of the year event for students to take a study break and refuel before exams. This event simply included food and giveaways which were coloring books and colored pencils.
CHST Senator
Anna Capria

Goals

CHST Mentoring
• Worked on a CHST Mentorship program. Created surveys for potential mentor and mentee relationships to develop for benefit of CHST students. Unfortunately, this program did not receive enough interest from CHST students and did not get off the ground.

CHST Communication
• In the next semester, it would be beneficial to work to make a centralized event calendar or some sort of other method of communicating all of the wonderful events that happen in CHST to students. There are many different clubs and organizations working on similar events and communication would allow for more successful events and better attendance. Numerous conversations with CHST students have made it clear there is a disconnect between events.

Major Projects

Future of Biomedical Sciences
• Worked with Dean and key faculty members on better understanding needs of Biomedical Science Students and how to move further in the future.

Slaughter Hall Vending Machine
• Communicated with CHST students and housing and dining committee chair. Had vending machines installed in Slaughter Hall to better serve students within this college.

Fostering relationship between Honors and SG
• Met with current honors council president, discussed future plans for a meaningful relationship between SG and Honors Council.

Advocacy Efforts

CHST President Roundtables
• Work with presidents of clubs to understand what they are working on and how to better serve them in the future. Allowed for collaboration and communication.

Career Fair and Research Opportunities
• Collaborated with Kris Stehler our career services representative to better understand ways to service CHST students in their future plans.
• Initiated the production of major sheets in the Career Services Office to give to employers to inform them of CHST majors and their applicable skills.

The Clothesline Project
• Worked with the sexual violence and discrimination committee to begin RIT’s clothesline project.

Free Printing
• Free printing is a major concern for CHST Students. The services that exist now will not change in the foreseeable future.

Dean Evaluation Committee
• Service on this committee looked at Dr. Daniel Ornt’s, Dean of CHST, role as a campus leader. As senator invaluable feedback from CHST student perspective was shared. Work was cohesively done on a student front.

Events

A Million Thanks
• Held a constituency event where cards for soldiers were made. Sent to an organization called A Million Thanks in time for the Holiday Season. Served cookies and had the opportunity.

Spreading Joy in Dark Times
• After an extremely unfortunate and devastating student death on campus, we spread joy in the breezeway by handing out positive messages to almost every student that walked past us and sent cookies to Public Safety Officers.
• Gathered information and shared it with students, organized support from other leadership roles.

Service Week
• Worked with an organization in the Rochester area, Pointii. Pointii provides students with career and college readiness advice. The event occurred three times during the week and 100 note cards were created to inspire Rochester area students.
Goals
• Create more opportunities for CoLA students
• Create a larger sense of community within CoLA

Major Projects
COLA Connect
• Many companies showed up ready to talk and meet COLA students. Many students received internships and co-ops from this event. In total over 22 companies showed up from all different fields and backgrounds.

COLA Lounge
• Many COLA students wanted a lounge besides the one on the floor of Eastman, but one within the COLA building. The second floor classroom is currently in the works of being transformed into a lounge within the COLA building for students to hangout, host meetings, and study.

COLA Shadowing Program
• This program used to exist where COLA students got to shadow a professor or someone in their field for a length of time. COLA is in the works of bringing this program back because it was very beneficial to students in the past and it will be beneficial to a lot of students in the future. This program is also amazing for COLA students who don’t require an internship or a co-op but still want experience before graduation.

Events
The Next Step
• Series of professional workshops for COLA students; ranged from alumni panel to graduate workshop and resume building; about 40-60 people. Students really enjoyed the workshops and seemed to gain a lot of information from them.

Resume Review
• This event was for COLA students who wanted their resume reviewed right before the career fair so their resume could be perfect. We had a great turn out, and a lot a really amazing looking resumes.

Gift Card Giveaway
• For a month students from all over campus came to the office to say three things they are proud of themselves for, at the end there was a gift card winner. This event was an amazing way for students to focus on all the amazing things they do everyday.

Taco for your Thoughts
• During this event we obtained survey answers from COLA students. This included, their year, major, and something they either wanted improved or events they wanted to see hosted in the future. This event led to multiple new events held this year.

Willow Boxes
• COLA collected hygiene and food items for several weeks and then donated them to Willow for people who are in need of them most.

“Post-Toast”
• COLA will be having an event after the senior class toast in the COLA building for all of our COLA seniors. A lot of COLA seniors reached out saying they would like an event like this now and for the future. COLA is so proud of all of our seniors!

Service Week
• Book Drive
  » During service week COLA collected books that were not being used anymore and donated them. In total we donate over 200 books.
• Puppy PAW-ty
  » COLA collaborated with Saunders College of Business to make dog toys and donate them to a local organization, Lollipop Farms. This event was a great turn out and a lot of dog items were donated.
COS Senator
Emily Mahoney

Goals
- Hold events that will allow students to de-stress and not focus on school once a semester.
- Work to identify an area of the COS that could be more sustainable.
- Have more career opportunities in the COS.

Major Projects

Sustainability Initiative
- Worked with Sustainability chair to evaluate areas where sustainability can be increased in COS laboratories.

COS Networking Event Planning
- Worked under career services coordinator, Kris Stehler, to plan the nuances of a networking event including set-up, inclusion and promotion.

Advocacy Efforts

Smoking Outside of Gosnell
- Worked with Student Affairs Committee to bring the Gosnell smoking issue to the attention of administration. Plans were formed with University Council to form a smoking taskforce.

Questionnaire for Dr. Maggelakis
- Created a survey for COS Dean to gather data on student satisfaction with major and overall program. Over 250 student responses were collected.

COS SAB Member
- Served as the acting treasurer and fundraising head of COSSAB. The goal of this club is to provide for COS Students through events, scholarships, and advocacy.

Events

COS Mug Decorating
- The goal of this event was to provide a casual setting for COS to mingle and do something relaxing before finals. 65 mugs were available for students and pizza (by the Dean’s office) at first event.
- At the second event, 130 mugs were provided and pizza (by the Dean’s office) for COS students.

COS Winter Celebration
- This event was hosted by COS Dean’s office and College Of Science Student Advisory Board (COSSAB). The goal of this event was to provide a place for clubs in the COS to reach out to students and interact during the holiday season. Supported event by tabling and provided cookie decorating supplies for the event.

COS Networking Event
- This event was held to allow COS students to interact directly with employers who are looking to hire them in a more casual setting. The event was very successful and students are interested in it becoming an annual event.
Cross-Registered Senator
Alex Tabatabai

Goals

• Make sure that all students were receiving equal access to services.
• Encourage incoming cross-registered students to get early exposure to deaf culture that they never witnessed and encourage cross-registered students to be more involved in the NTID community.
• To become a representative that can positively impact not just the cross-registered community, but the cross-registered, NTID, and RIT community.

Major Projects

Cross-Registered Outreach

• More Cross-Registered students are pushing aside the deaf community and instead only focus on being involved in the hearing community.

Plans have been developed and prepared for next semester for incoming cross-registered students to have early exposure to the deaf community. Such plans will be directed by the newly elected cross-registered senator along with NSC board.

Deaf-Mandatory Training

• Many students shared feedback about teachers not being deaf-friendly in classrooms. A survey was distributed to 600 cross-registered students and approximately 75 students completed it. The results were alarming and actions were performed in order to meet the educational needs for students. Such actions include meetings with the NTID administration, RIT administration, and producing a video that captures the do’s and don’ts when it comes to teaching deaf and hard of hearing students in classrooms. The video is in progress and is expected to be completed by the summer.

Project RISE

• Roughly 0.001% of the Deaf/HOH population have a PhD. A program called RISE was created to improve this statistic. However, the criteria to participate in this program was limited to students who are first years. After collaborating with Dr. Scott, we were able to open the program to 2nd-year students and increase the pool of applicants that can apply to this program.

Project Deaf International Students

• Concerns were brought up about the wellness of RIT/NTID international students. Collaborations were made between RIT and NTID international departments to create a handbook of all relevant resources that may be useful for international students. Interpretations of these resources into ASL videos are in progress and will be shared with community by the end of the spring semester.

Project Deaf-Blind Accessibility

• Many deaf-blind students shared feedback about accessibility on campus. A report was made on what areas needed to improve on campus. Collaborations with FMS and vision support committee occurred to address accessibility needs of these students.

Deaf Advocacy Committee Expansion

• In the past two years, there was low attendance for the Deaf Advocacy Committee. This issue was resolved and addressed by collaborating with NSC and NSCA to assign delegates from NSCA recognized deaf clubs to the committee. Moving forward, there will be eight new delegates every semester to participate in Deaf Advocacy Committee.

NTID Scholarship Dorm Requirement Pawprint

• NTID students who received an NTID scholarship were required to stay in dorms for three years to maintain their scholarship. Most students want to reduce the requirement to two years. After collaborating with Dr. Matchett, NTID financial administration changed their dorm requirement policy to two years with the exception that third-year students may have the choice to live at these on-campus housing: Perkins Green, Riverknoll, University Commons, Greek Housing, and Global Village.

Advocacy Efforts

NSC/NSCA

• Worked closely with CAST departments, clubs and organizations to ensure everyone was aware of the wide variety of opportunities and resources available to them

DASSAB

• Succeeded in solidifying a strong partnership between the college and Student Government for future sponsorships and partnerships

University Council

• Worked with ASSA to recommend that RIT become a Sanctuary Campus through research and backing with facts to provide a safe place for undocumented students
First-Year Senator
Jessika Quijada

Goals

• To bring awareness of resources and opportunities on campus to first year students

Major Projects

First-Year Game Night

• Pamphlets and giveaways were made available from Student Government and other school resources, such as The Center for Women and Gender, Spirituality, etc.
• Gained understanding what first-year students want in the Spring.

In Loving Memory...

• This event was hosted by RIT Spirituality group with the intentions of understanding how people of different background grieve or commemorate their dead. Unintentionally, this also served as a way for students to cope with the student death on campus and the Pittsburg shooting.
• First-Year senator helped promote the event, set up a table representing Dia De Los Muertos, and attended the event.
Goals

- Inclusivity
- Transparency
  - Worked with Career and Co-op Services on job offer deadline
    - More explicit wording for RIT recommendation.
    - Better realization of resources by students.
  - Mental Health Resources
    - Worked with Dean’s office to improve providing information to students.

Major Projects

Explosive Offers

- Students in GCCIS have been affected by offers that give them extremely small amounts of time to accept. Created a survey and sent it to students to see how students are being affected by these offers. Compiled this data and presented it to members from the Career Services team for GCCIS, along with student testimonials. Career Services team took these considerations and tried to focus on which employers were giving these offers since they all handle employer accounts. The Career Services team is going to rewrite the RIT offer policy to be more clear and get student approval from the GCCIS Student Advisory Committee. Focusing on clearer communication for students on how their career advisor can help in these situations.

Advocacy Efforts

Mural Quote Removal

- Partnered with NSCA to remove the quote from one of the murals in the GCCIS Atrium that was not deaf and hard of hearing inclusive. Presented this issue to NSCA to get feedback on how the Deaf community felt and communicated the importance of this issue to Donor Relations. Created a safer, more inclusive space in an area where a lot of events are held in the college.

Events

Halloween Costume Contest

- Decorated the Atrium with Halloween decorations and organized the Student Advisory Committee members set up their own tables with different activities and candy. Took pictures of everyone wanting to participate in the costume contest and awarded prizes to the winners of the contest.

Valentines Day

- Tabled in a student lounge with 300 cupcakes for students. There was a card decoration table for students to make Valentines Day cards.

Townhall

- Gathered a bunch of administrators and faculty inside GCCIS to answer students questions directly. Students felt more empowered to see administrators answer there questions and there was extremely clear communication with the students.

E-WASTE Drive

- Tabled in GCCIS Atrium to collect electronic waste to be re-used by students or donated to be recycled properly. Students were extremely engaged with taking other students’ donations and creating something new.

Coffee with Career Services

- A spin on Dunkin’ with Your Delegates, to better engage students with the Career Services Team. Tabled in the morning with some Career Services team members that handed out donuts, coffee, and resources on career services to students. Students were able to ask questions and get to know who the Career Services Team. While it went well, we recommend hosting it 1-2 weeks before the career fair next time because students will have more questions.
Graduate Senator
Madhav Gali

Goals

• Unify the graduate student population
• Make more resources available to graduate students

Work Completed

• Collected funds for the Graduate Student Social event from all the colleges
• Developed new relations with Housing department to benefit Graduate Students
• Developed new relation with International Student Services to increase awareness on tax filing for International Students
• Established a direct partnership with Graduate Student Advisory committee. This committee played a major role in voicing the needs of Graduate Community

Events Held

• In partnership with Office of Graduate education organized Graduate Student Mingle on September 24th. This event was organized to introduce the 2018-2019 leadership to the Graduate community and was attended by more than 50 people
• In partnership with Office of Graduate education organized Grad Education Week kick off reception on November 12th. This event is the kick off for the Graduate Education week. It was attended by more than 100 people
• Planned Graduate Student Social on November 30th exclusive for the Graduate students. 300 people signed up for the event
Greek Senator
Stelios Moisidis

Goals

• Bring Greek life together.
• Host events with OFSL and the Greek Councils.
• Work on improving the current systems in place within RIT Greek chapters.

Major Projects

Revisited operational processes of Greek Finance Committee.

• Worked on improving the way that Greek Finance Committee is run, and the way that people submit the required information for receiving funding. Worked on implementing a ladder of risk presentation that allows for Greek organizations to quickly finish the required presentations early in the semester to allow for more time to work on productive and constructive projects.

Advocacy Efforts

Greek Life Film and Presidents Round Table Discussions

• Worked on advocating for the Greek community when a questionable video was being filmed on campus and targeting Greek life in a negative way. Used president’s round tables as a way to hear the voices of the leaders within the Greek community and work on fixing or improving things already in place.

Events

Greek End

• GreekEnd is a weekend long series of events hosted by each council. With the planning efforts under OFSL, Greek Senator, and the Councils, GreekEnd is a weekend long event that aims to bring together all of Greek life in a fun filled weekend of events and team building activities.
Advocacy Efforts

Project English Resolution

• Many students brought concerns related to the English system in NTID. Worked with Mary Karol Matchett, Gary Behm, Tim Albert, and Jennifer Gravitz to develop a solution, and worked with several students to set up a weekly meeting to discuss concerns.

Project Deaf International Students

• Working with Crossed-Register Senator Alex Tabatabai on this project—“Concerns were brought up about the wellness of RIT/NTID international students. Since there are roughly 50 international students, their voices were heard and ignored in the past. Collaborations were made between RIT and NTID international departments to create a handbook of all relevant resources that may be useful for international students. Interpretations of these resources into ASL videos are in progress and is to be released by the end of the spring semester.”

Deaf Advocacy Committee expansion

• Working with Crossed-Register Senator Alex Tabatabai on this project—“In the past two years, Deaf Advocacy Committee had lack attendance and showed no progress. However, Members of the deaf community voiced their concerns but were never brought to delegates from NSCA recognized deaf clubs to the committee. As of this time forward, there are to be eight new delegates every semester to be a part of the Deaf Advocacy Committee.”

English Resolution Committee

• Discuss with Department of Liberal Studies Chairperson, several English professors, and several students to bring a better idea for English system to transition smoothly for upcoming students.

Low-Vision Support

• Continued support of assessing safety of campus for low-vision students. A workshop was hosted with Student Life Team to spread awareness about low-vision needs.
SCB Senator
Peter Bilzerian

Goals

• Create more networking opportunities for SCB students
• Create a more unified community within SCB

Major Projects

Hand Dryers in Saunders

• New hand dryers will be installed in Saunders during intersession between Spring & Summer 2019.
• Conducted various research studies to prove the issue exists - including surveying students and working with microbiology students to study the bacteria in the current drying units.

MIS Tutoring

• Officially launched MIS tutoring for Developing Business Applications and Database Management Systems courses - specifically focused on the C# & SQL languages.
• Collaborated with Tutoring Director, Peter Rosenthal, to establish groundwork for implementing new topics into Saunders Study Center.

Promotion of Business Abroad

• Collaborated with Clarissa Baston & Maria Richart to promote business study abroad programs.
• Hosted study abroad tabling in Saunders Atrium to promote the RIT Global Campuses.

Restarted the Saunders E-Board Committee

• All active clubs and organizations met regularly to enhance collaboration and transparency and over ten events this year had collaboration!
• Heidi Boland, Director of Events & Promotions for SCB, was instrumental in providing the resources and support to allow for this initiative to be successful.

Creating website for the Clubs & Organizations in Saunders

• Developed college-wide club website with the Nick Renzoni, President of Business Technology Professionals.
• Designed to promote transparency so students can easily access information about events, meeting times, etc.

Advocacy Efforts

Business Analytics Labs Cleanliness

• Worked with Saunders facilities to add sanitary wipes in the Business Analytics Labs and improve the general cleanliness of the labs.

Activity Hour for Students in SCB

• Advocated for a weekly time slot where there are no Saunders College of Business classes to allow for clubs & organizations to meet with minimum conflict.

Events

Taco Tuesday - Let’s Taco About Business

• Networking event series designed around tacos and games solely for Saunders Students to make connections and build relationships. Monte Alban in Irondequoit sponsored the event series.
• One the biggest event series hosted by students in Saunders and went far to create connections in the college. Each event had over a hundred students attend.

Puppy PAW-ty

• In collaboration with Delta Sigma Pi and the Financial Management Association, hosted an event that was designed to make bandanas and dog toys to benefit the Lollypop Farm in Rochester.
• Over a hundred people and two dogs attended the event.

Global Business Opportunities Forum

• In partnership with Global Business Group and various local business leaders to discuss the opportunities for international students to study in the U.S and vice versa.

Saunders Holiday Party

• Engaged with stakeholders to make the Saunders Holiday Party an annual event and integrate both Students & Faculty/Staff, rather than having separate celebrations.
• Sent personal letters to every single faculty & staff member in the College of Business and had approximately four times the amount at this event than in years past.
SOIS Senator
Anika Aftab

Goals
• Create opportunities for professional growth for SOIS students.
• Continue to build an internal SOIS Community and external presence.
• Promote healthy practices and stress relief.

Major Projects

Service Week Event
• Worked with The Shore Foundation in Rochester. The Shore Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the community through equal access to technology.

Free Printing
• We have worked with the faculty in the SOIS Department to implement this new service that is readily available for all students to utilize.

Revamp the SOIS Commons
• Created a survey and collected responses from SOIS students to create a more friendly environment for the SOIS Commons. There is now a board with inspirational quotes, a wall with SOIS branded mugs and overall and cleaner work space for our students to use.

Professional Workshops
• Collaborated with Kris Stehler, Taylor Lincoln and Lisa Monette to give SOIS students the opportunity to communicate their concentrations to employers

Advocacy Efforts

Advocate for SOIS Council
• Presented at various SOIS Classes advocating for SOIS student council and participation in other activities.

Events

Telling Your Story Workshop (Partnered with Office of Career Services & Cooperative Education)
• A workshop for SOIS & COLA students to learn how to craft their story based on their respective concentrations, their strengths and passions.

TEDxRIT Workshop
• Collaborated with current SG President, VP and Women’s Senator to host 3 workshops during TedxIIT about learning to utilize your niche and build your strengths and follow your passions to becoming professionally and personally successful.

Imagine RIT Booth
• Craft Your Own Comic Activity at Imagine RIT. Aligned with the concept of creating your own major that the School of Individualized Studies offers.

Chakra Meditation Workshop
• Through Campus Life Spirituality & Religious Life - Tuesdays in the Chapel program, hosted a workshop on root chakra meditation.

Service Week
• E-waste Drive and Folding Day event. Collected multiple tv’s and keyboards and mice to other electronics while simultaneously participating in folding.
**Women’s Senator**  
Zaynab Jaff

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**Goals**

- Create a larger sense of community for women on campus
- Empower women on campus, and in the local community, to be stronger
- Create connections between women to plant seeds for growth

**Major Projects**

**Coffee Connections**

- Community building, and bringing awareness to the struggles that women face on campus and in the world. Event series designed to produce more awareness of what it means to be body positive and the meaning of self-love as a whole. This series encouraged healthy lifestyles; including but not limited to stress management and healthy alternatives to cravings, and ways to maintain and establish healthy relationships in business, professional and personal settings.

**“Star Academy” Dear Sister and Dear Brother**

- Connected young girls in Rochester with the women here at RIT and provide a bridge for them to connect and empower one another. "Dear Brother is the male version of Dear Sister. Designed to establish a social and emotional development mentorship program for young women. This includes but is not limited to a transformational experience to tackle issues that women face in today's society, while developing the authentic voice and leader they have within through the mentorship program.

**Advocacy Efforts**

**Golden Serenity**

- Connected women with one another on campus and provide an encouraging and supportive atmosphere that they can embrace each other in while giving a space to destress and relax. Crafted to be held before weeks in which the highest levels of stress are predicted (midterms and finals). Just breathe, and take a moment to feel and connect with your inner self, and trust in you.

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**Events**

**Three Little Words Jar**

- This event was created to spread the love to anyone and everyone. Especially in a time where "love" is in the air, those who feel alone feel even more alone and this was to create a way for people to send messages that are positive and uplifting. Anyone was welcome into the office to fill out kind words, receiving a token of appreciation in return.

**Service Week Event: Sojourner Home**

- Held fun activities with the children at Sojourner Home while their Mothers have group sessions. Sojourner Home is a homeless shelter for battered women and children.
**Goals**

- Mental Health Awareness and Resources for ALANA students
- Updating ALANA community on BLM Pawprint (2016)
- Increasing supportive inclusion and education about topics within the ALANA community
- Increasing new students and affiliate clubs into the ALANA community

**Important Events and Initiatives**

- BALANApalooza
- Late Night Skate with ACA
- United Leadership Council “ULC” (5 times to date)
- ALANA Town Hall
- Wake Up Wednesday “WUW” (4 times to date)
- Paint & Sip: Destress Event with Unity House
- Collaboration with DDI and MOSAIC on Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Speaker
- Spreaker: Rosa Clemente
- We The People: Resisting & Speaking Truth to Power In Uncertain Times
- Private Dinner with Rosa Clemente
- The Colors of Mental Health in coordination with BACC and CAPs
- Spring Semester
- COCO & Chill with LASA
- I AM ALANA Photoshoot
- I AM ALANA Campaign Launch
- Wake Up Wednesday “WUW”
- United Leadership Council “ULC”
- Affinity Fair Reception
- #SAYTHEIRNAMES
- ALANA WEEK
- Charcuterie & Chat
- Wake Up Wednesday: Hot Breakfast
- ALANA-speaks
- Affiliate Day
- Game Night @ RITchie’s
- I AM ALANA Kickoff
- ACA Presidential Candidate Question and Answer
- Private Screening of Avengers Endgame with ACA
- Almost Summer Jam 2k19

**President’s Statement**

Over the past year the executive board of the ALANA Collegiate Association has brought signature events and brand new bold events to our community. I can say as President I couldn’t of asked for a greater team to work with. We wanted to do our best at giving new and current ALANA students a place where they can feel at home, meet students from various walks of life, and positively shape their futures as students on campus. Eventually we would like to see true representation of what ALANA is at a school that embodies diversity and inclusion, with more students, staff, and faculty of color. I hope that ACA continues to thrive and spread its mission to all current and prospective RIT at students while bringing education, culture, and diversity at its best.

**Shout Outs to Campus Partners**

We would like to say thank you to our affiliates for embracing our initiatives and helping us as ACA bring our ALANA community even closer and increase our outreach. Thank you to the Multicultural Support Center for Academic Success (MCAS), Engineers of Color Creating Opportunities (ECCO), and CAB.
**Goals**

- Increase overall visibility of LGBTQ population on campus
- Foster more cooperation and collaboration across communities
- Improve on-campus inclusion and representation of LGBTQ community

**Important events and initiatives**

**Returned Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) to the Student Health Center (SHC)**

Closed the associated charge

Placed students on implementation committee

**Held an e-board retreat for OUTspoken and its affiliates**

**Tabled for the Qcenter’s Rainbow Picnic**

A beginning of the year event to bring incoming LGBTQ+ students into the LGBTQ+ campus community

**Qcenter’s Lavender Tour**

Another event geared towards first years to exhibit LGBTQ+ spaces in the surrounding Rochester areas

**PridePrints**

- Engaged general RIT to collaboratively create a pride flag
- Students participated by adding a handprint, in one of six rainbow colors, to a white sheet of paper
- Hosted SG Project SpiRIT swiping for two hours
- Promoted transgender visibility by making a transgender pride flag this time
- Handed out informational pamphlets about resources for transgender students
- Held as part of Trans Week of Visibility, organized by Tangent (transgender student support group)

**Qfest**

- WTabling from each affiliate club, Qcenter, SG, Global Union, NSC, Center for Women and Gender, Student Health Center
- Prize giveaway
- Food, cookie decorating, and arts and crafts.

**Chocolate Therapy**

- Bought chocolate at a discount after valentines day
- Encouraged community members to visit the Qcenter (where the chocolate was given away)

**Do You Understand the Rainbow?**

- Event to promote allyship
- Brought in multiple organizations within our umbrella and in the CCL circle (including the Center for Women and Gender)

**Spring Barbequeer**

- Brought in dinosaur barbeque to celebrate the end of the academic year
- Engaged many more students than last year
- Changed locations to the greek lawn
Global Union

Goals
• Increase Affiliate Engagement
• Improve Awareness of International Student Experience
• Improve International Student Advocacy

Important events and initiatives

Unification
• Performances from WADAIKO and other members of the community, showcasing talent from the student body.

Global Union Gala
• Hosted banquet for old and new affiliates, including ACS, BraSA, OAS, and OASIS. Attendees discussed past events, shared plans for the upcoming year, and introduced themselves to the new executive board.

ImagineRIT
• Despite the snow, Global Union was up bright and early to offer temporary tattoos, stickers, and other memorabilia in the Simone Center. Attendees were able to place heart stickers over cities they were from or wanted to visit on a hand-painted map! The map is now hung up in the Global Union office for all to see!

International Transfer Student Pizza Party
• Food and drinks provided for new, international transfer students joining the RIT community at the start of the Spring semester. Events like this offer international students the opportunity to network and build relationships with others on campus.

International Coffee Hours
• Recurring events hosted with activities, free coffee, snacks, and space to encourage dialogue between international students on campus.

Affiliate Fund Requests
• Our affiliates ADC, CSA, MSA, OAS, and OASIS (among others) requested funds from Global Union to help host their wonderful events!

President’s Statement
It is perfect to bookend Global Union’s challenging Fall entrance with a more rewarding Spring exit. Our Fall transition began with a rocky start: our transition documents were lacking and we had unfilled positions for much of the semester. In contrast, the Spring semester began with a full team and an urge to kick things off as soon as possible. Our current executive board managed to intuit the direction Global Union needed to take and were more prepared for our successors because of it.

In reflection, the Spring semester was more fulfilling for us as a team that could finally work together to pull big events off. In my mid-year report, I mentioned that my executive board was confident that they could pull off Unification and Gala. I’m happy to say that we did just as we set out to do. Dealing with the dwindling student engagement numbers across campus, we still managed to host all of our signature events. While our ambitions are much greater than what we accomplished, we took the time to acknowledge that we did well with what we had.

Looking forward, the next executive board is ready to make good on our promise to be more accessible, accountable, and affiliated (although, not quite in those same words). They are excited to meet the student leaders in our affiliate organizations and are getting a head start in creating the organization that they would like to see.

Shout Outs to Campus Partners
Global Union would like to thank the following organizations for their work this year:
OUTSpoken, ACA, WADAIKO, OAS, OASIS, ACS, ADC, DISA, BraSA, and all of our other affiliates.
Goals

- Foster a community of support within athletics, encouraging student athletes, coaches and administrators to support their peers and celebrate their successes.
- Provide community service, leadership, and involvement opportunities to RIT’s student athletes as much as possible.
- Connect RIT Athletics with the rest of campus, through strategic partnerships and supportive relationships.

Important events and initiatives

Community Service Initiative

- Each team was asked to adopt a family over the winter holidays, and each team came through - the athletic department was able to provide 24 Rochester families with Thanksgiving meals and Christmas presents, who otherwise wouldn’t have been able to afford them.
- Additionally, most teams engaged in another community service event that they organized for themselves throughout the year. This ranged from raising money for the Special Olympics through the Polar Plunge, making meals at homeless shelters downtown, and volunteering with local at-risk kids at the Champion Academy.
- Looking forward to continuing the push for teams to get involved with the community in the years to come.

New Athlete Orientation

- Held at the beginning of the Fall semester, each team brings a different game or activity, and all freshmen and transfer athletes are invited to come and meet new people, and get to know the different teams on campus. This event is always a lot of fun, and it’s a great opportunity to get all of RIT’s athletes together and having fun, which helps foster that community of support throughout the year.

Student Athlete Week

- Each spring, the NCAA holds a Division III Student Athlete week, to recognize student athletes at that level. Part of this week includes a Special Olympics Change War, thrown by the Liberty League. Through this, SAAC competes with every other school to see who can raise the most money for the Special Olympics during this week. This year, each team worked hard to raise $919.82, the highest that’s ever been raised by a single school in the league!

Tiger Dens

- Held throughout the year, Tiger Dens are an avenue to showcase each athletic team to all of campus. Each team is entitled to one Tiger Den event per season, partnering with Campus Life to advertise the game and get as many students as possible to attend.
- This year, all Tiger Den events became Project SpiRIT events as well!

A Note from the President

The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is a national organization that represents the unique needs of student athletes during their collegiate career. This year, RIT SAAC continued to expand on our community outreach to increase our athlete’s impact beyond the field of play. Our community service initiative in the athletic department has created community-centric culture, but it is only possible to have this breadth influence through our athlete’s active efforts. A small contribution from each of our 620 athletes results in a great impact on our community, which is a tradition we intend to uphold. In addition to our service, SAAC has hosted a number of events including the RIT Athletics Talent Show, Family Feud, and our annual Dodgeball Tournament.

Our goal is to provide a variety of events throughout the year to foster relationships between teams. SAAC is looking forward to continuing to build inter-athletic support by encouraging our athletes to get involved beyond their sport.

Shout Outs to Campus Partners

We would like to thank RIT Dining for their continuous help with putting on Tiger Den events, and always looking for ways to improve campus food for our athletes. Additionally, we’d like to thank Kathryn Cilano from the Center for Leadership and Civic Engagement for all of her help with coordinating service projects that our teams completed. Engagement for all of her help with coordinating service projects that our teams completed.
Goals

NSC 2018-2019 goals were to pick up what was left from the previous year due to no transition. Which lead to our goal for the end of the year with a smooth transition for next year NSC Executive Board. Improve the relationship with NSC and the NTID Administration. Have our own Bulletin Board dedicated to the Deaf community of RIT/NTID. Lastly was NSC to support the Deaf community on RIT campus.

Important events and initiatives

• NSC and three other NTID clubs hosted a Vigil for Stephanie Smith Albert on October 15th. Stephanie Smith Albert (first black deaf female director of NTID Diversity and Inclusion) passed away on October 4th.
• On November 6th, Taylor presented at NTID Student Congress Assembly about Resources for Mental Health
• NSC worked with GCCIS Senator, NTID Senator, and the Cross-Register Senator for a PawPrint to take down the Mural at Golisano building.
• NSC sponsored DBA, Deaf Basketball Association for their DBA Award night bash.
• Established a bulletin board in Center of Campus Life dedicated to RIT/NTID community.
• The NSC Cabinet held three PHHs or Pulse Happy Hour events in the Fall Semester
  - Taylor presented for NAG or NTID Advisory Group on October 4th.
  - NSC sponsored an event called Phatsgiving on November 10th
  - Taylor and Alana attended the Mental Health Forum at Ingle on November 2nd and Taylor spoke out.
• Continued improving the relationship with the Administration
• Hosted an improved Collaboration PHH or Pulse Happy Hour in the Spring Semester.
• Three PHHs and a BHH in the Spring Semester
• Sponsored Deaf International Students Association’s event Annual World as One.
• Sponsored Latin American Deaf Club for their Hasta La Vista event
• Taylor presented for NSC at NTID 50th Anniversary Rededication Ceremony on April 5th
• NSC Hosted Tigerfest on April 12th-13th
• NSC Hosted Ellie’s 5K on April 20th
• NSC Hosted NTID Banquet on April 26th
• NSC held multiple Appreciation days
• Student Appreciation day was on April 29th
• Interpreter Appreciation day was on May 1st
• Staff/Faculty Appreciation Day was on May 2nd
• Leadership Transition Retreat was on May 4th

A Note from the President

TNSC beginning of the Fall semester started rough. NSC did not have a President or a Vice President until September 14th due to an abstained vote in Spring Semester of 2018. Taylor Repetski and Alana Smith were elected by RIT Student Government Senate. Taylor and Alana interviewed many people and selected for their Cabinet. The cabinet was filled by September 25th. There was no transition phase from the previous NSC Cabinet, Taylor and Alana picked up and figured out as we go through the Fall Semester. NSC held several traditional events in the Fall Semester, Pulse Happy Hour, Bam Happy Hour, and NSC Iceball.

Towards the end of the Fall Semester, NSC did amazing despite the abstained vote. The relationship between NSC and SG has been improved this past academic year. Also the relationship between NSC and NTID Administration has been improved drastically compared to last couple years. Taylor, Alana, and the NSC Cabinets planned ahead for Spring Semester events. The events were TigerFest, Ellie’s 5K, and NSC Banquet. This year for the first time in a long time, NSC hosted our 48th Annual NTID Awards Banquet off-campus at Artisan Works in Downtown Rochester since it was usually hosted on campus. Since there was no transition from last year, NSC and I wanted a smooth transition by hosting a transition retreat this year.

Taylor Repetski and Alana Smith was elected late on September 14th due to an Abstain Vote back in Spring semester. The rest of the cabinet was picked and approved on September 25th except the Director of Public Relations which was approved on October 2nd.

My Vice President, Alana and I wanted to thank to our amazing and hard working NSC Cabinet, NTID Student Congress Assembly, Student Life Team, the NTID Community, NTID President Gerry Buckley, Mary Karol Matchett, NTID Administration, RIT Student Government, and RIT. Alana and I wish a great year for NSC 2019-2020!
RESOLUTION TO ENSURE THAT RIT AND RIT STUDENT GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED BY PROPOSED CHANGES TO TITLE IX MADE BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This resolution is an official response from RIT Student Government regarding the issue of the proposed change to the definition of gender made by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. RIT currently has students who do not fall under the proposed definition of gender, and we urge RIT to explicitly support those students and other members of the RIT community affected, as well as oppose the proposed changes within their jurisdiction.

Version 1.0

Introduced by: Bobby Moakley (SG President) and Ryan Roy (OUTspoken Vice-President)

First Reading: 2 November 2018

WHEREAS, reported in October 2018, the Department of Health and Human Services of the 2018 United States Trump Administration proposed changes to Title IX that would determine gender as a biological immutable condition determined by genitalia at birth, and

WHEREAS, this proposal, if passed, affects members of the RIT community, and

WHEREAS, RIT currently has a reported amount of 640 students enrolled that have identified themselves as transgender, and there are a number of faculty and staff that do not identify with their assigned gender at birth, and

WHEREAS, the RIT VP of Student Affairs, Sandy Johnson, made a statement on behalf of President David Munson: "RIT reaffirms its support for the transgender community. We (RIT) are committed to a safe and supportive environment where all people can study, work and live. This is
a core value of RIT, as we are one family....we strongly oppose any reinterpretation of Title IX that results in the elimination of protections for transgender individuals. We (RIT) remain committed to fostering a campus climate that acknowledges the dignity of every member of our community.

WHEREAS, RIT is committed to values of Respect, Diversity and Pluralism stating that the university "treats every person with dignity, demonstrates inclusion by incorporating diverse perspectives to plan, conduct, and/or evaluate the work of the organization, department, college, or division" and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes, if passed, would present serious health implications for transgender individuals. Redefining gender could impact whether or not insurance companies cover medical expenses associated with an endocrine disorder called gender dysphoria, and

WHEREAS, the RIT Student Health Center “assured that they (SHC) will not change in response to any of the proposed re-definitions of gender.”, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: RIT Student Government does not support the proposed changes to Title IX that excludes transgender individuals and those that do not fall under the gender binary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: RIT Student Government will advocate for RIT to exercise any legal and political authority within their means to push back against these proposed changes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: RIT Student Government calls for additional support from higher administration, donors, trustees, and other stakeholders of the university to ensure those students who are affected by the proposed changes continue to have a positive student life, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: RIT Student Government supports all affected members of the RIT community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: RIT Student Government will work with OUTspoken, the Q Center, and the office of Title IX to make sure that all affected members of the RIT community are educated on their rights and ways that they may be affected, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: This resolution is not politically motivated and is instead an affirmation of the values of RIT and our support for members of the RIT community affected by
these proposed changes and does not represent the political position of the Student Government, RIT, or the student body as a whole, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: RIT Student Government will join and support others in higher education who oppose the proposed changes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: RIT Student Government is committed to communicating our position on this issue to the student body, the staff, faculty, and administration of the RIT community, including the RIT Board of Trustees, President Dave Munson, Student Affairs, the Q Center, the Office of Title IX, Student Health Center, Rochester City Mayor’s Office, NY Governor Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Members of Senate and Congress.

Robert Moakley, SG President  
Ryan Roy, OUTspoken Vice President

This resolution was adopted on November 2nd, 2018, at Student Government Senate
STATEMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY AS A WHOLE IN RESPONSE TO COMMITMENTS MADE TOWARDS MENTAL HEALTH

In light of recent events on campus, Student Government would like to emphasize our support to the RIT community as well as our prioritized commitment to mental health. Following the tragedy of a student death, the student body came together in a way never seen before. Vocalizing concerns behind mental health resources, students communicated the true disparities that were not initially visible to the university as a whole. We were promptly responded to with promises for significant improvements and visible support for the mental health of our students.

Student Government is wholly committed to working with the University on multiple levels to ensure that the promised changes are delivered in an appropriate and timely manner. In response to the commitments announced by Dr. Munson on Monday, November 5th, Student Government requests the following:

1. An internal task force shall be established, including parties independent of RIT, mutually agreed upon by administration and Student Government. This task force shall be organized to assist Counseling and Psychological Services as well the RIT Administration in creating a two-year plan to meet the actions outlined. The task force shall have a public plan of action by the end of January 2019 and progress report released by May 2019.

2. In consideration of the following: "Increase the number of counselors in CaPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) to increase our staff-to-student ratios. And, as we do so, we will strive to hire more counselors with diverse backgrounds to better assist our underrepresented populations." We stress the importance of recruiting a number of mental health professionals (including counselors, psychologists, etc.) representative of ALANA, LGBTQIA+ (across the entire spectrum) and Deaf/Hard of Hearing students in a ratio reflective of the student body.

3. To consistently inform CaPS of service disparities that may not be visible through data mining, a Student Advisory Board shall be established under CaPS. This SAB shall have access to data and reports within reasonable jurisdiction to assist in their understanding of services offered on campus.

In all of this, Student Government is beyond grateful to the University for being strong champions of student success. In times of need, you have succeeded in listening and working with us.

Sincerely,

Robert Moakley, SG President

Corinne Mendieta, SG Vice President

This statement was adopted on November 9th, 2018, at Student Government Senate