

# **A Guide to Student Government Committees**

# Committees of the Student Senate

## Mission Statement:

We, as agents of change, will identify student concerns, address significant student issues, and work together with the Institute and surrounding community to enhance the Rensselaer experience of today and tomorrow.

## **The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC)**

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promotes student's opinions pertaining to academics at Rensselaer. The committee fosters discussion with students, faculty, and administration to encourage new ideas to enhance the academic experience. It also improves and raises awareness of different academic services.

## **The Facilities & Services Committee (FSC)**

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develops solutions to promote the betterment of the physical Rensselaer campus and its associated services. FSC (formerly FFA) works to improve campus building and grounds, transportation, safety, and dining services. The committee works closely with students and administration to facilitate these improvements on campus.

## **The Student Life Committee (SLC)**

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promotes students' rights and well-being and works to improve the student experience. It collaborates with various organizations to alleviate student life issues. This versatile Senate committee adapts to the needs of the student body, with projects spanning all areas of students'

## **Joint Committees**

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Pending the approval of the Joint Committee Resolution, the Student Senate and the Executive Board will effectively address issues of general policy and fiscal policy collaboratively through the following joint committees.

## **The Rules & Elections Committee (R&E)**

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plays a unique role by overseeing all student government elections and checking the constitutionality of the Senate's By-Laws. Its diverse membership comes from the Senate, Executive Board, Judicial Board, Undergraduate Council, Greek Council, and Independent Council, along with members at large.

## **The Student Government Communications Committee (CC)**

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connects student government with the student body by using public relations events to collect and address student needs. The committee utilizes a variety of communication media throughout the campus and surrounding capital region, and facilitates dialog and collaboration among student government representatives and Institute Administration.

## **The Union Annual Report Committee (UAR)**

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publishes a concise, yearly report to summarize the budgets of the Rensselaer Union and its sponsored clubs and organizations. The report also communicates the roles of the Rensselaer Union and the process of determining the Activity Fee for Undergraduate and Graduate Students. The

## **The Technology Committee (WebTech)**

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brings together like-minded individuals to collaborate on the creation and maintenance of useful web applications. Its members are dedicated to exploring challenging projects beyond generic web pages to positively impact the Rensselaer community. The committee also provides electronic services, such as open source software, for the student body to use.