Kensselaer Union
Executive Board

Attendance

11/9/17

Date

Matthew Rand, President of the Union
Rasika Ekhalikar, Vice President of the Union
CJ Markum, Graduate Rep
Erica Lane, Class of 2018 Rep
David Raab, Class of 2019 Rep
Anissa Choiniere, Class of 2020 Rep
Andrew Waltzer, Class of 2021 Rep
Ida Etemadi, Club/ICA Rep
Kay Sun, Club/ICA Rep
Ciera Williams, Club/ICA Rep
Majken Rasmussen, Club/ICA Rep
Ananya Murall, Club/ICA Rep
Brookelyn Parslow, Club/ICA Rep
Caitlin Kennedy, Member at Large
Caroline Ringel, Member at Large
Jared Segal, Member at Large
Brian Mansaku, Member at Large
Christopher Maria, Member at Large
Matthew Heimlich, UC Rep
Ezra Teboul, GC Rep
Joe Venusto, Senate E-Board Liaison
Ryan Delaney, Club Financial Advisor
Deepika Senthilnathan, Club Financial Advisor
Cohen Davis, Club Financial Advisor

(Signatures)
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Guests (Please Print)

Harrison Leimnou
Martha McElwee
Justin Etienne
Hannah Merrow
Stefanie Warner
Caitlin Markus

Sidney Kochman
Jonathan Lecadet
Andrew Kiselik
Luc Hedlund
Matt Mullum
Caitlin Kele
Alex Sa Coste
Matt Mueller and Louis Herman (Sodexo)

Matt Mueller:

Tonight would be a great time to introduce Lou to you guys and talk about some things that are going on

I am the general manager and oversee the entire team on campus

I will have been on campus for five years

When I came to campus we didn’t have a food committee but we are on our fourth year thanks to our student senate

They are the ones who decided to implement guest meal swipes

The create your own plan is now available to sophomores

We want to continue our relationship with HSAC

One day a week we do big city grill

One day a week we do soup and Sammy

In sage well do pinwheel or Stromboli

We tried to add more customizable concepts to our hall

Louis:

I’ve been in colleges and universities for 15 years

I’ve overseen 90 schools at the same time so I have an idea of what works and what doesn’t

Matt Mueller:

We want this to be a collaborative process with BizOps and E-Board

SubConnection has been here 7-8 years and we like to change them out about every 5 years

One of our options was a vegan concept

Would a vegan concept make sense for that space and should we add more vegan to our entire program?

It may be a national brand, a local partner, or a Sodexo concept

Dinosaur doesn’t want to be here 7 days a week but they would love to do one day a week for the whole year
You have shown us what you would like to see on campus but we need to reach how we reach all of our goals together. We don’t do anything in this building without that partnership.

Rasika:

I love coffee
Have you thought of a get five concept for coffee?

Matt Mueller:

We used to have them for all the different vendors which is why we switched to the get five.
We could tie in a different loyalty program that rewards you for total monetary purchase rather than the number of purchases.

Rasika:

I see you were selling halo tops
How are sales for those going?

Matt Mueller:

It’s going really well
We include new products based on what is selling.

Rasika:

Are there any areas your concerned about in regards to numbers?

Matt Mueller:

I look at overall union sales
Each year there’s usually one concept up and one concept down
If SubConnection is consistently lagging we will look at it
Under Marks leadership we’ve had four years of positive sales growth
The two years of large freshman classes may add to that
We had record commission in the $192000 revenue last year
If the building is flat or not up in the past year, then we need to look closer

Rasika:

Have you thought about meal swipes here rather than Flex?

Matt Mueller:

We call that an exchange and we have some campuses that do that.
The thing I’m cautious about that you would have to staff retail higher because people would use meal swipes there. We could use guest meal swipes for that and then that would limit exposure on both ends. We are speaking with HSAC about that.

Ryan:
I think many people like late night in commons. Have you thought of one for the weekends?

Matt Mueller:
Lots of campuses close everything on the weekends. I would agree that there may be an opportunity for a dining hall to answer that need. Especially with more students there is more of a need than there was five years ago. Most of the students stay here on campus.

Chris:
The retail places in the Union are doing much better than previous years. Is it only improving due to an increase in students? Is it actually a negative when you look at the numbers?

Matt Mueller:
We are growing in flex and cash sales, so I think we are still on a positive trend.

Rasika:
Do you have any new restaurants to bring in rotationally similar to Dinosaur Barbecue?
We cannot say any specific names currently. We love the pop up concept on campus, so we are talking to three or four operators.

Matt Rand:
What do you need from us?

Matt Mueller:
More specifics.
People want healthy options.
What kind of healthy options? What do your friends want that we don’t have? If we can stock something, come tell us and we can get it done by the next day.
If we can do something simply, we want to get it done as quickly as possible. It is important that you are at least heard. History shouldn’t stop us from making the right changes. I can’t guarantee we will put late night on the weekends but it is a good idea and we will be talking about it.

Chris:
I’m also in the Freshman class.
The freshman class wants food for more time.

Matt Mueller:
Last year we averaged 150 students for late night and this year we are averaging more than 200.

**Turning Point**

Nessa:
We are trying to start Turning Pont USA on campus.
It is a nonpartisan Conservative organization targeted at millennials.
It is geared toward millennial conservatives to have them unafraid to speak out.
We educate on the importance of limited government.
We don’t discuss gay marriage or abortion.
We focus primarily on fiscal conservatism.
We never endorse political candidates.

Majken:
In your meeting minutes, you went over DACA, was that more of a current event?

Nessa:
That is international, so it does go over fiscal issues.
We do not restrict conversation in club meetings.

Brookelyn:
Is Turning Point associated with any specific political movement?

Nessa:

We focus on freedom of speech, capitalism, limited government

Caitlin:

What is your membership like?

Nessa:

We had about 90 people in the Facebook group and we have 50 plus members that are mainly freshmen and sophomores

Jared:

In the political climate we are in right now, one comment from someone can lead to a road you didn’t mean to go down

What is your plan if a member goes past the point you said you don’t want to go past?

Nessa:

If someone were to speak on behalf of turning point, we would have to speak to them in person but we aren’t going to limit what they say or how they think

There’s not much I could do about someone speaking their values

Do you mean hate speech?

Jared:

I’ve seen where something is an explanation of an economic concept will spiral into other social issues

Nessa:

We wouldn’t educate people on social issues, but it could be discussed if the members wanted to talk about it

We do encourage people who don’t agree with us to come to our meetings

We emphasize everyone attending our meetings

Matt Rand:

One of your jobs is to maintain contact with your national organization

Can you speak more on that?

Nessa:

The organization has people working in different regions
They send funding, apparel, posters, and stickers
They send us ideas for events to hold on campus that we can take as suggestions

Matt Heimlich:

What is the setup of your meetings?
Do you have speakers? Do you hold discussions?

Nessa:

The first few meetings were discussion and debate based
We’ve spoken on DACA and watched debates
We would hold watch parties
We have the chance to hold speakers like Tomi Lahren, Ben Shapiro
We could table outside and register people to vote

Ryan:

Do you have any plans for specific plans that will benefit the student body as a whole?

Nessa:

We would want to try having a free speech ball that rolls around campus and have people write whatever they want on it
We have been trying to debate other clubs on campus that may not agree with us

Ciera:

Does the organization have specific stances they take on specific policies?

Nessa:

As a national organization, it is strictly fiscal

Ciera:

I noticed in the review of your meetings
It says people came to stand against you guys to hurt your membership or hurt you guy’s verbally

Nessa:

We don’t censor free speech, but if they get aggressive, we would ignore the situation
We do not engage in arguments
Keep your heart rate low and do not name call
We did enjoy it because it is more fun when not everyone agrees

Anissa:
I found something called the professor watch list on your website
Would you participate?

Nessa:
We would not participate
It has not been found to be effective

Brookelyn:
Would your debates on the Facebook page be closed?

Nessa:
We accept people with RPI ids and emails

Brian:
Turning Point is funded by the national organization so what do you want by being affiliated?

Nessa:
It would be easier for us to get meeting rooms and being on the website would help our membership

Caitlin:
Do you guys have any policies in place in case someone says something harmful to show you don’t support that?

Nessa:
We don’t have any policies but we do not encourage sexism or racism
However, we are not going to limit what people say if they are not being threatening

Erica:
In the starter constitution, it says that they must follow the student code of conduct

Hannah:
In the student handbook, in the bill of rights, it says RPI doesn't discriminate, so every student is expected to uphold that

Chris:
If a comment that is against policy shows up in one of your platforms, what would you do?

Nessa:

I would speak to that person privately about not being able to say things like that on the club group Facebook page

Chris:

This hypothetical comment would not be taken down even if it was against RPI policy?

Nessa:

I guess we would have to take it down

Matt Heimlich:

If someone on your board of officers were to say something not representative of the things to educate on

Nessa:

We would remove them from the board for not going along with group policy

Hannah:

Would you want to hold events such as the protest against safe spaces at Kent State, or be openly against anything like that

Nessa:

I wouldn’t bring it up as something for us to do

It is not our goal as turning point RPI

The national organization is going towards removing safe spaces

John:

The national organization seems to have a lot of leverage against you guys

What is your plan to balance that power?

Nessa:

I don’t know how flexible they are, but I don’t see that as an issue that would come up

Erica:

They sent in a constitution that was updated with respect to the starter constitutional and they will update it

Brookelyn:
The only restrictions to being affiliated are those

Matt Rand:
   We can affiliate clubs that are religious or political in nature, but they cannot be recognized.

Matt Heimlich:
   Can you explain recognized vs affiliated?

Matt Rand:
   Affiliated organizations can never become funded.
   They can meet in the union, have a web page, have CMS.
   They can receive support but are not assigned a SARP.
   They can have an account with the Institute.
   They cannot have charge sheets.

Matt Heimlich:
   Are there any other clubs like this on campus?

Erica:
   I spoke with Cameron about this.
   Young Democrats were here previously but it has been about five years since they have been active.

Caitlin:
   Did they gain affiliated status?

Erica:
   I am not sure if they are still on status.
   We could do a new thing where we have them on a probationary status for the first few months.

Jared:
   If there is very pertinent info, we should close the meeting.

Brookelyn:
   I don’t think we should close the meeting.
   It is going into a decision that would go into affecting the whole student body.

Ciera:
Members of the E-Board are not comfortable sharing the possibly confidential information

Jared:
If people aren’t comfortable speaking even in a closed meeting

Erica:
With Cameron’s permission I am comfortable speaking on this

**MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING RULED OUT OF ORDER**

Brian:
Is this information so important that it will change our voting?

Ryan:
Do the members know that we have the information?

Erica:
They know that Cameron has done research on them

CJ:
Why don’t we motion to table this to the end of the meeting to see if Cameron comes?

**MOTION TO TABLE THIS TO TABLE TO THE END OF THE MEETING PASSES 14-1-0**

**RPI Ambulance**

Ciera:
I’m President of RPI Ambulance

Harrison:
I’m captain of RPI Ambulance

RPI Ambulance worked with Rensselaer County to offer an EMT class to our members and RPI students would be paid for by the state

There is an issue with one of the instructors
She will most likely not be hired back next year
We do not hire them, the county does
We got stuck with a bad instructor this year

Normally class is in the JEC
The instructor had a conflict with the room and decided to move the class to Steventown
Most of the people who take the class are Freshman so now we have a transportation issue.

We need to figure out how to get people out there and to drive people out there.

It is about an hour round trip.

The first option is for our members to shuttle them out.

The next option is with parking and transportation and they have not gotten back to us.

We came with a proposal to rent a van from enterprise and it comes out to 981 dollars and 50 cents.

Ciera:

It is about 21 miles each way.

Harrison:

We need to get as many people through this class as possible because we have five seniors leaving this year.

We have 11 people taking the class which is more than we can fit into two normal cars.

Erica:

Would we be subsidizing gas for the personal vehicle?

Ciera:

No we would not, just the rental van.

Ryan:

Is this the only instructor for all of Rensselaer county?

Harrison:

We were hoping this wouldn’t happen for the next month and have been looking to change our instructor and it would severely damage the two instructors currently employed by Rensselaer county.

Chris:

Can you give specific examples of the actions of the instructor? Would a letter from the E-Board help?

Harrison:

The reason the instructor can’t be kicked out now is because then the class would be canceled for the people currently taking the class.
The Board of Directors is already on our side and is with us on our frustration.

Ciera:

The Board of Directors told the instructor that it was going to be at RPI and the instructor fell ill and is now saying the class will be at Steventown. In the meantime, our students are missing classes and we need to find them time to be in the course.

Erica:

This will not be a future issue?

Harrison:

Not at all.
This is a worst case scenario.
The county would prefer to keep it on campus.

CJ:

Do individuals pay for the classes?

Harrison:

The state waives the course fee and pays for the people who pass the class.
The students only pay for the books, but we have a library of books that our members have bought and we pass around.

Ciera:

Most of the members are freshman and they will be here for a while.
They have signed to ride a specific number of times and put in hours so they will be giving back to campus.

**MOTION #6: MOTION TO REALLOCATE MONEY FROM CONTINGENCIES TO RPI AMBULANCE FOR VANS TO EMT CLASS PASSES 10-0-4**

**Unanimity of Culinary Alliance**

Anthony:

I am president.

Ky:

I am communications director of the board.

Anthony:

We present ourselves in a variety of perspectives.
We have operated for a whole year

What we do is different from culinary club

Culinary club does catering and we do things on a smaller perspective such as our chefs table where we let people with talent for cooking a stage to present themselves among the whole campus

We are not pursuing profits so our cuisine will be affordable

We will let our members showcase themselves and learn and expose them to cuisines of different cultures

Most of our members are Chinese and international students and we want to expose them to formal Western Cuisine

Food is the essence of human civilizations

Chefs are very respectable and we would like to hold lectures to provide perspectives on the food industry

Our most significant speaker this year will be a chef from a two star Michelin restaurant in NYC. We employ many resources on our campus

We have so many things in our farmer’s market you can’t even find at a fine dining restaurants such as vegetables, cheeses, and venison

We want to understand the differences between products and gain a wider understanding of the world that we are in

We have 110 members and between 40 and 50 active members

Up to this point we have been self-funded

Chris:

What is your definition of active members?

Anthony:

We have a very flexible schedule

We have a whole array of options for the activities our members would like to participate in

We work on a weekly basis

Our general body meetings are announcement based on the events

Our active members come to our activities

Anissa:

Would you be interested in working with culinary club?

Anthony:
We are the largest provider of the Chinese Student Association
We work with all kinds of corporations
We accidentally won the iron chef and we will probably do a joint event with Circle K

Brookelyn:
It says you plan to hold a themed cuisine tonight
How is that going with Sodexo?

Anthony:
We have connections with Sodexo and we are meeting
I have already met with the executive chef of our whole campus
They are excited to work with us but we will need to continuously work and contract with them
We will always open our doors

Erica:
Can you explain how you fund yourselves?

Anthony:
Our Board of Directors has four members
Instead of holding a stock of a company, we hold the depths of our club
I, as the president, am the largest debt holder
If we go bankrupt, my parent would sanction my budget next year

Chris:
What is your plan if you get a budget

Anthony:
If the leaders misuse funds, what will we do about it?
If we have funds from the Union, we would not eliminate student responsibility of the directors, but the percentage will differ

Jared:
Are they really that different from culinary club

Erica:
This club is primarily international student so yes to them it is

Caitlin:
While they do similar things, the club culture is very different

Anissa:
This past semester, I was trying to work with Food club
Culinary club is a club since last year
Culinary club is more about teaching people how to cook
Food club wants to educate people on nutrition and food
They are neither keen on this club for their own reasons and I won’t speak on their behalf
Food club and Culinary club will work together but they each have their own opinions and are not interested in merging

Ciera:
This club seems more on refined food and is very professional
They enjoy the art of cooking and the creation of good food
This is a focus on becoming better on the craft of cooking

Erica:
They see themselves more as a business

Brian:
In their constitution there is no requirement for them to have financial holdings

CJ:
They sound like they are running it as a for profit business
As he was talking about it, I hear dollar signs going off

Chris:
This is a lot of international students and they have a lot of interesting events
They are making very professional dishes that are way over my head
The stakeholder setup is a little strange, but I think there is a place like this on campus

Ida:
I wouldn’t use their finance and debtors as a way to hold this against them
They are very put together
They clarified they are not for-profit and they offer lower cost fancy foods
Brookelyn:

While people may be concerned, we are just recognizing them and we can budget that later

Jared:

I don’t think their skill level should change the club
I get the culture class, but just because they’re a higher level doesn’t mean they’re something different

Matt Heimlich:

I see them being totally different as this club focuses on the professional club on campus
I love their passion and it seems really cool
Their inspirations are really cool and there really is a huge difference

MOTION #8: MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION PASSES 12-2-0
MOTION #7: MOTION TO PASS UNANIMITY OF CULINARY ALLIANCE AS A UNION RECOGNIZED CLUB PASSES 13-1-1

Society for Animals and Wildlife
Caitlin Markus:

I began this club about a year ago and we would like to carry out some new ideas like fundraising and volunteering at animal shelters
We have ideas to help factory farmed animals
Our main goal is to help as many animals as possible

Caitlin:
Can you talk about your membership?

Caitlin Markus:

We have about 5 members coming to our meetings, we have 65 on our mailing list

Brookelyn:
Would your food based events be vegan?

Caitlin Markus:

Yes

Brookelyn:
Do you have a Facebook page?
Caitlin:
Yes

CJ:
The past few meetings had to or three members will it be sustainable?

Erica:
They’re still going strong after a year

Brookelyn:
This is something I’m very interested in so now that they have a Facebook page

Chris:
What classes are the members from?

CJ:
They are sophomores and juniors

*MOTION #9: MOTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SOCIETY OF ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE PASSES 13-0-1*

**African Student Association**

Yao:
I am a senior mechanical engineer from west Africa, in Togo
I came here as a rising sophomore
It was a little difficult to bond with other people
I would always be the only one looking for people
Sometimes I would see people who might be from Africa and I noticed there is not a African student Association
Africa is so large that the students in the club are also learning about other people’s cultures from other part of Africa
When I came here is 2011, on CNN they would show Africa as tigers running in the bushes
I was not offended, just a bit shocked

Chris:
How do you get new members?

Yao:
We have our E-Board with a webmaster and they put it on Facebook as well as word of mouth

We also put it on morning mail

The professor from the HASS department who came in to our meeting because he saw our email

Brookelyn:

Do you post about your events on the Facebook page?

Yao:

Yes

Brookelyn:

I was just looking at your Instagram and you have a fall feast for the 12th
Is it for everyone?

Yao:

Yes, it is open for everyone and we raised the money from the international festival

Erica:

They know they need to update their constitution and it needs to include the underline things from the starter constitution

MOTION #10: MOTION TO RECOGNIZE AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION PASSES 14-0-0

Matt Rand:

We can hold a celebration for all of the new clubs, Marketing Communications can do it

Committee Report

Stef:

The main goal is unity within student government
This should be a good precedent for the future to be everyone’s committee

We began the monthly report that distributes the happenings of each body as well as committee update

Ida and I have teamed up to create a union logo design team

We also live stream meetings

Ida:
Where are they live streamed?

Stef:
On the Student Government Facebook

Hannah:
After the livestream, it just turns into a video on the page

Anissa:
When do you meet?

Stef:
Wednesdays at nine in the SGS

Directors Report

Martha:
Cameron is now wonder Woman
Maria became Mrs. Roberts because she got married
Rafael left last week
We are going to be supporting a vet
We also have a vet on staff whose birthday is on Veterans day
Thankful Wine and Dine is next week
Friday next week there is live Jazz
Amy will be singing

Senate Report

Hannah:
The senate had a presentation from Tichy
They wanted to give us a message of support as far as the Union situation goes
They wanted to discuss something, however, Dr. Jackson was there the entire time
They brought forth their support and would like to work with students pertaining to that issue
We had a presentation from WebTech giving us an update on the shuttle tracker
They are updating the routes and putting trackers on the new shuttles
They want to make the admin status available to facilities people
We would also like to have text updates if you need to get a specific shuttle

President’s Report
Matt Rand:
   Ribbon cutting has been postponed and looking into getting wall wraps
Ida:
   The Facebook page is still up
Matt Rand:
   We will still be meeting in this room tomorrow at 4:00

MOTION TO TABLE TO NEXT WEEK PASSES 12-1-1

Member Reports
Erica:
   Coding&&Community will be here next week
Matt Heimlich:
   Greek hockey night is this Friday
   Class of 2021 hockey night is the 21st

MOTION TO NULLIFY TABLING FAILS  8-5-1

Rasika:
   Cinema is showing Justice League for Free
   Get tickets in the admin office

Jared:
   If anyone has a ticket for the hockey game on Saturday

MOTION FOR ERICA TO BE E-BOARD MEMBER OF THE WEEK 13-1-0
MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING PASSES 13-0-1
MOTION TO INVITE MARTHA AND CAMERON BACK IN PASSES 14-0-1
Agenda
November 9th, 2017

1. Roll Call @ 8:00 PM

2. Welcome

3. Presentations
   a. Matt Mueller & Louis Herman (Sodexo) Presentation - 8:05 PM
   b. Turning Point - 8:30 pm
   c. RPI Ambulance - 9:00 pm
   d. Unanimity of Culinary Alliance - 9:20pm
   e. Society for Animal and Wildlife - 9:40pm
   f. African Students Association - 10:00pm

4. Reports:
   a. Committee of the Week – SGCC
      i. Next Week – Policies
   b. Director’s Report
   c. Senate Report
   d. President’s Report
      i. One-on-one Meetings
      ii. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Veteran’s Lounge
      iii. DotU Interviews
      iv. Positions within the Admin Office
   e. Member Reports

Contingencies FY18 Beginning Balance $32,500
Contingencies FY18 current balance $25,787.50
Contingencies FY17 Beginning Balance $32,500
Contingencies FY17 this week $26,010.65
1. **Club Information**
   a. *Club Name:* Turning Point @ RPI
   b. *Club Contact Name:* Nessa Costa
   c. *Club Contact’s Position, if applicable:* Founder/President
   d. *Phone Number:* (619) 254-2222
   e. *RPI Email Address:* costav@rpi.edu

2. **Purpose Statement - In 2-3 sentences, using 3rd person, describe your club’s purpose and the benefits to those who join the club and to the Union as a whole:**

   Turning Point is a non-partisan group that aims to educate millennials about conservative views and values – specifically limited government and capitalism. The organization aims to identify, empower, and organize other activists so the movement constantly is growing. Those who join will gain a greater knowledge of conservative values that will hopefully help them decide which side of the fence to fall on – conservative or not. Our agenda: educate and empower.

3. **What are the goals of your organization? What annual or one time activities will you hold/have you held to reach these goals?**

   We aim to hold activism events such as: tableing, free speech campaigns, debates, registering people to vote, etc. Through these activism events we will be able to spread the message and importance of a free market society as well as the constitutional values we hold dear. We want to re-brand the term conservative so people aren’t afraid to stand up for what they believe in and maybe influence those who don’t have a strong opinion on such topics.

4. **What unique opportunities can your club to bring to campus?**

   We provide the opportunity for those with our same views to come express how they feel and learn more about topics they are interested in. It also provides those who disagree with conservative values to join and express the way they feel and the ideas they believe in. The club is overall a chance for people, regardless of affiliation, to educate themselves and also express themselves.

5. **Has your club held an event that was open to the entire campus?**

   We have held three open info sessions/open discussion. We had a great turnout for all three, and by the third one we had some pushback and people who came that disagreed but it made for a great back and forth discussion.

6. **Please attach three meeting assessments (or email to policies@union.rpi.edu)**
   a. *Assessments should include:*
   i. *Date of meeting*
ii. Number attending

iii. Location/time

iv. Meeting Minutes

v. How did you advertise?

vi. Personal evaluation of the meeting’s successfulness

7. Which category would best describe your club?

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8. What is the membership of your club? What are the class years of the club’s members?

We have a little over 50 members, with others interested. The years range from 2021 to 2018, we even have some graduated students who have attended the meetings.

9. Who are the leaders/officers of your club and what are their responsibilities?

President (Nessa Costa)

- Presides over meetings of the organization
- Calls meetings of the organization
- Facilitates officer meetings
- Appoints committee chairs and/or appointed officer positions
- Develops plans and goals for the organization
- Maintains contact with affiliated university
- Maintains contact with organization advisor
- Maintains contact with the national organization
- Serves as a spokesperson for the organization

Vice President (Tristen Gaudette)

- Assumes the duties of the President in his/her absence
- Develops plans and goals for the organization
- Directs constitutional updating and revisions
- Facilitates election of officers
- Assists all executive officers as needed
- Organizes end of the year celebration

Treasurer (James Rockwell)
  - Serves as primary signatory on financial accounts
  - Pays organization bills
  - Develops and executes fundraising initiatives
  - Applies for and manages activism grants and university funds
  - Maintains financial history of the organization

Secretary (Curran Kalila)
  - Obtains appropriate facilities for organization activities
  - Maintains a record of all members in the organization
  - Notifies all members of meetings and events
  - Prepares and maintains organization calendar
  - Keeps and distributes minutes for each meeting
  - Performs other duties as requested by the President

Social Media Coordinator (Daniel Schnoll)
  - Manages social media accounts for the organization
  - Maintains chapter website (if applicable)

Historian (Eric Stone)
  - Takes pictures of chapter activities
  - Maintains documented records of chapter events
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Event Coordinator (Jaime Cleasby)
  - Plans and executes outreach initiatives
  - Maintains relationships with like-minded groups on campus
  - Develops strategies for like-minded campus groups to collaborate with the organization

10. How will you grow and retain your club’s membership?

Staying active and holding meetings regularly. Also having discussions and debates via social media pages when we aren’t actively meeting in person.

11. Why are you pursuing recognition?

We want to be able to hold events on campus and promote our values. There isn’t yet a conservative group on campus, however there is a liberal/socialist group (YDS) so we want to be able to show people the other side of things and not only hear things from the
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Yes, Turning Point is a nationwide organization. Please reference tpusa.com for more information.

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Meeting Evaluation – Turning Point USA

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Number attending: 20+

Location/time: Game room in RPI Union 9:00 PM

Meeting minutes: 60 minutes

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Meeting minutes: 60 minutes

How did you advertise?: Facebook group/page; Instagram; e-mail; word of mouth

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Number attending: 20+

Location/time: Mother’s

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i. Preferred first and last name,
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RPI Ambulance prides itself on the quality of care we provide to the campus community. This is a service students have paid into and they deserve the best service we can give. But in order to do that, we need our membership to be trained and credentialed. With a large number of our fully trained members graduating in the spring, it is absolutely crucial we lay the foundation for those coming after us. Losing this semester’s class of EMTs would be a major setback for our agency in terms of training. We would like to do all we can to support them for not just our agency’s benefit, but for their benefit and for the effort they have put in so far.

Ciera Williams, President
Harrison Leinweber, Captain
**EXECUTIVE BOARD PROPOSAL COVERSHEET**

**CLUB**
RPI Ambulance

**ACCOUNT NUMBER**
30-2059

**DATE SUBMITTED**
11/9/17

**HEAD CLUB OFFICER**
Ciera Williams

**PRESENTER**
Napoleon Loiseleur

**PHONE NUMBER / EMAIL**
Captain @ rpiambulance.com

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**Present Rensselaer Union Subsidy:** $ ____________

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**Additional Subsidy Request Total $** ____________

**(Expense less Income)**

**JUSTIFICATION & EXPLANATION:**

Has this been requested before? ____________

(for example, at budgeting or prior EBoard meeting)

Please attach another sheet with the following information:

a. Detail of items/services to be purchased. (copy of quote, etc.)

b. Demonstration of need/interest, or background.

c. How will this impact future budgets. (service/maintenance cost, replacement cost, etc.)

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**COMMENTS** by Rensselaer Union SARP

**COMMENTS** by E-Board Representative

☐ Approved  ☐ Reserves  ☐ Not Approved  ☐ Contingency

Form available for download at union.rpi.edu/club-finance
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Due to the fact it is so far away, and only one of the students has a vehicle, our members in the class will require transportation to the class. We arranged carpools from our very dedicated membership for a few of the classes in the past weeks, however we do not have a consistent group of people with cars to drive every Wednesday and Thursday evening both to the class (by 1830) and back (at 2230). This has led us to a few options.

The first, and most preferable, option would be to use vans from Parking and Transportation to bring the students to the class, along with the one student who has a car and can bring a few others. This would likely require us to pay for the gas. There are eight more classes scheduled, the practical exam on 12/9 and the written exam on 12/21. Additionally, there may be a few make ups for the times the instructor refused to show up. Allowing for three makeup sessions, this is 13 trips. The distance is approximately 21 miles one direction. Assuming a union subsidy of $.25 per mile, the total cost would be $21 x 2 x 13 x 0.25 = $136.50

The second option would be to rent a van from Enterprise each class. Assuming the maximum rental van subsidy of $65, the cost would be 13 x $65 = $845. This is obviously an expensive option, but still allows all our students to go to the class reliably. We have some members who are trained to drive Union vans and also our drivers who are certified for emergency vehicle operation and are experienced in driving in hazardous conditions.

The third option would be to continue with our carpool arrangements, with the risk of not being able to transport some students if no one is available. This also typically means our members will pay towards
the gas, and the driver might stay in Stephentown for the duration of the class, especially during hazardous road conditions (which could occur regardless of whose vehicle is used).

The final option would be for a number of the students to drop the course. This is naturally the worst case scenario and not preferable. These students have already put in the work for half a semester, and would have to start from the beginning again if they waited for the next semester. This also hurts our membership morale, as already some students have become discouraged and dropped the class.

RPI Ambulance prides itself on the quality of care we provide to the campus community. This is a service students have paid into and they deserve the best service we can give. But in order to do that, we need our membership to be trained and credentialed. With a large number of our fully trained members graduating in the spring, it is absolutely crucial we lay the foundation for those coming after us. Losing this semester’s class of EMTs would be a major setback for our agency in terms of training. We would like to do all we can to support them for not just our agency’s benefit, but for their benefit and for the effort they have put in so far.

Ciera Williams, President
Harrison Leinweber, Captain
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First club meeting

Time: March 4th, 2017, 8:00 PM

Purpose: Modification and approval of Constitution of The Unanimity of Culinary Alliance, Version 1.0

Number of members attended: 12

Location: Union 3510

How we advertise: We have post announcement in our UCA group, and people in our group who are interested will tell us and join the meeting. We also make announcement in resident hall and big Chinese student groups on Wechat.

Minutes:

- Voted for cancelling Article IV. Officers, Section 1, part a, i
  
  Instead of keeping this term, merge it into term ii from the same section, which is making the Director of Alliance to be the President of the club

  Reasons: 1. Right now, the core of our club is on cooking 2. As a result, chief is the only one with decision. So chief should be the leader of our club 3. Later when our club is well developed, we will revise this term again

  Passed

- Voted for revising Article IV. Officers, Section 3, part c

  Change 20% of members with voting rights shall constitute quorum for the Elections Meeting into 50% and minimum of 8 people is needed in order to hold the Elections Meeting

  Reason: Since our club is still at the initial stage, with small amount of club members, we need a bigger percentage and a guaranteed number of people

  Passed

- Deleted Article IV. Officers, Section 4, part b

  Reason: Because we passed the motion of cancelling Article IV. Officers, Section 1, part a, i. so our club no longer has the position of Chief Director
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- Voted for adding one more term \( f \) into *Article IV. Officers*, Section 5. *Removal from Office*

\( f. \) Person who propose the hearing to remove an officer shall be excused from voting section of such a hearing

Failed

- Voted for deleting *Article V. Committees*, Section 1, part c

Which states: Decisions of the Board of Directors may be overridden by a majority vote of the Club Membership when called for at a General Meeting.

Failed (undemocratic)

- Voted for adding one more term \( c \) into *Article V. Committees*, Section 2

\( c. \) Make additional committee permanent through majority vote during general meeting

Passed

- Voted for adding additional term \( c \) into *Article VI. Meetings*, Section 3. *Other Meetings*

\( c. \) Any meetings conducted by other committees shall be supervised by the Board of Directors

Passed

- Voted for adding additional term into *Article VIII. Policies, Standing Rules, and By-Laws*, Section 3. *By-Laws*

Unconstitutional By-Laws are not effective

Passed

*Personal Evaluation:* The goal of this meeting has been achieved.
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Second club meeting

Time: March 25th, 2017, 8:00 PM

Purpose: Pass and sign the final version of UCA Constitution & Activities conception

Number of members attended: 14

Location: Union 3510

How we advertise: We have post announcement in our UCA group, and people in our group who are interested will tell us and join the meeting. We also make announcement in resident hall and big Chinese student groups on Wechat. We make poster and hang on the freshmen five halls.

Minutes:

- Pass the final version of UCA Constitutions.
- Club premier members sign on it and one of the board of directors affix a seal
- Activities conception: Chefs’ Lectures
  
  We plan to invite chefs from local restaurants to give lectures on cooking, and make healthy choices on eating. As chefs of restaurants, they know how to arrange dishes, how to picking, how to pair up two kinds of food and have a magic taste, and how to match different types of food with different ingredients. They will teach our members on spices, different ways of cooking and even show us how they cook a certain dish in person. We can know how the dishes we order in restaurants are made. More contents about Chefs’ lectures will be talk about and implement.

- Activities conception: weekly delicious food providing
  
  We will provide delicious food from different parts of the world to our members. Our current prime chef Anthony Dai will make the food. Members’ ideas on “what is going to eat this week” will be collected and the final decision of what kind of food we going to provide that week is made by Anthony. We plan to hold this food providing every Friday or Saturday. The exact date will be varied by our members’ schedule. The chef, also as one of the board of directors is a well-trained, professional chef. He was trained and worked at several restaurants. He is familiar
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with kinds of styles of food, but in order to add the diversity of the food we provide, we will also try to have more professional students chefs in RPI to join us.

- Activities conceivement: Local restaurant food appreciation
  
  We will come to local restaurants to eat and have our food appreciation as group. Eating alone is not good; eating good food but not having shared interests friends who are good at appreciating food is not good, too. Sometimes we just eat food, for solving hunger or accompany with friends, or something else. However, we rarely appreciate food. The great nature makes great food materials and spices, and human do manipulations to cook them, and make them tasty. Different ways of cooking, or different combinations of food makes magics. And different people or different restaurants, cook a certain dishes, will have subtle difference in taste. Dishes or food materials or spices have their stories, their cultural backgrounds and characteristic, by knowing them, we can do better appreciations on food, and love our life.
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Second club meeting

*Personal evaluation:* It is good and successful meeting.
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Third club meeting

Time: March 26th, 2017, 1:00 PM

Purpose: Continued activities conception

Number of members attended: 11

Location: Union 3510

How we advertise: We do all the thing we used to did: post announcement in our UCA group, and people in our group who are interested will tell us and join the meeting. We also make announcement on Wechat. We ask our member also to as their friends to join in us. Some of the old members did not come since they already talk about their ideas on activities conception. This time new members have a lot of ideas.

Minutes:

activities conception

- Food research: we will do research on cooking food and how to eat healthily. We will research healthy materials picking and how to pair up food and get good taste. Also, some food are not good to eat together, we will also research on it.

- Write articles for publications: to make more people know us and more to join our clubs, and especially more people pay attention to diet and eat healthily and joyfully, we will write articles or re-write our researches to normal articles that fit the occasion and post to public. Like RPI facebook pages, Iron Chef facebook pages, and Wechat pages

- Cooking workshop: we will open cooking workshop and will teach our members to cook and let them communicate on the dishes they made.

- Cooking competitions: as our members are somehow skilled or trained, we will hold cooking competitions to make our cooking skills better.
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Third club meeting

*Personal Evaluation:* Good meeting overall
The Following is a suggested constitution for Rensselaer Union Recognized or Affiliated Clubs.

Articles, Clauses, or Sections that are underlined are mandatory for any and all Club constitutions. Additions may be made to these Articles, Sections, or Clauses but the underlined Articles, Sections, or Clauses may not be altered.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNANIMITY OF CULINARY ALLIANCE, VERSION 1.1

We the Foodie of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in order to research methods of gastronomy, experience diversity of culture, explore sustainable substitution of ingredients, develop appreciation toward cuisine, provide opportunities to improve culinary skills, and build understanding of a healthy, environmental-friendly lifestyle for the future, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Unanimity of Culinary Alliance.

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be Unanimity of Culinary Alliance (UCA), hereafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE II. Purpose and Lifetime

Section 1. Purpose

a. The purposes of the Club are to provide opportunity for our members to improve cooking skills, research methods of gastronomy, and develop appreciation of cuisine.

Section 2. Lifetime

a. The Club shall cease to be recognized or affiliated with the Rensselaer Union 12 months from the adoption of this constitution unless:

i. a new constitution is adopted by the Club and subsequently presented to and approved by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board or delegated authority;

ii. or this constitution is presented, with this section removed, as the permanent constitution of the Club to and approved by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board or appropriately delegated authority.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. Equal opportunity and Hazing

a. It is the policy of the Club to provide, to the maximum extent feasible, equal opportunity to all qualified individuals without regard to race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability for all aspects of the Club’s activities.
b. Hazing, reckless or intentional endangerment to health, or forced consumption of alcohol or other drugs for the purpose of initiation into or continuing membership of the Club is strictly prohibited.

Section 2. Definition of Membership

a. To be eligible for Regular Membership, a person must be a registered student of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and have paid the Rensselaer Union Activity Fee for that semester or be the spouse or legal dependent of a qualified person under this paragraph.

b. To be eligible for Associate Membership, a person must be a registered student of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute that has not paid an activity fee, a member of the RPI alumni, faculty or staff, or a registered student at a Hudson-Mohawk Consortium School currently enrolled in courses at Rensselaer.

c. To be eligible for Adviser Membership, a person must not be eligible for any previously defined form of membership; volunteer membership is open to any person whose talents, skills, or knowledge will assist the organization in fulfilling its purpose.

Section 3. Obtaining Membership

a. To obtain Regular Membership a person must attend two meetings per semester, pay any required dues and fees, and submit Membership Information to the Secretary.

b. Other Membership may be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors (as defined in Article V, Section 1). Decisions regarding the approval of new members may be overturned by a majority vote of the Club.

c. The Rensselaer Union Executive Board may verify the eligibility of any member through the Office of the Registrar or Bursar.

Section 4. Continued Membership

a. Membership shall be forfeited after the third General Meeting of a semester if the member has not renewed their membership by attending at least one meeting, paying any required dues and fees, and submitting any changes in Membership Information to the Secretary.

i. For the purposes of this document the summer semesters shall not constitute a semester.

b. Membership is automatically forfeited any time a member no longer meets the requirements for membership. If the person meets the requirements for another form of membership their membership shall be immediately transferred to the new class of membership.

Section 5. Voting Rights

a. Only Regular Members shall be eligible for voting rights. Each member with voting rights shall have one vote.

b. A member has voting rights by being an active member with the Club. A member is recognized as an active member if he/she has attended two General Meetings and one