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Rensselaer Union Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2018

MEETING BEGINS AT 8:16 PM

Turning Point USA

Matt Rand:

*read logistics of the meeting that will be attached below*

Nessa Costa:

Serves as the President of Turning Point on campus, Sophomore, business prelaw, from San Diego, California

James Rockwell:

Treasurer, Sophomore

Daniel Schnoll:

Social Media Coordinator, Sophomore, Computer Science

Curran Kalia:

Secretary, Sophomore

Nessa:

Turning Point is a national organization that spreads across campuses and high schools nationwide

Geared towards college students and high school students

Educates and focuses solely on fiscal values and conservative values

Matt Rand:

The queue is opened

Brian Johns:

People are concerned as to how personal and social opinions tend to overlap with conservative opinions

Have you thought about how you would address this?

Nessa:

I will not be addressing questions about Turning Point regarding social issues as that is not what Turning Point focuses on educating on
James:

Our club is not focused on social justice

David:

Turning Point has done sketchy things in the past, such as putting money into student government elections in order to have more control over school governance as well as institute a professor watch list

How would that tie into this Turning Point?

Nessa:

We have already talked about the professor watch list previously and will not be participating in the watch list or in student government elections

David:

What made you choose Turning Point?

Nessa:

Turning Point is a lot different than other large organizations and provides a lot of resources such as free boxes of buttons, posters, and stickers

Talei:

Do you also back up hate speech?

James:

We are focused on economic policy so we don’t deal with that kind of stuff

Nessa:

We support free speech and all speech

A space for people to speak without repercussions

We are 100% free speech and anti-censorship

Brookelyn:

What will you do if you’re not affiliated?

Would you be willing to not exist with your national organization if it meant being affiliated with the union?

Nessa:

We would be willing to exist as a different organization or continue meeting and discussion educational issues as a group

Sudjarta:
I was briefly a member of the Facebook group and although you say you focus on fiscal policy, the first post I saw was on the black community

How would you limit those kinds of posts?

James:

Our Facebook group is a place for people to share their opinions on anything and the demographics of the voting community is a valid discussion.

Daniel:

Individual members don’t speak for the whole.

Kay:

Every club should serve for their club purpose.

I think the Facebook page should follow your club purpose and stick to the topic of fiscal policy.

If someone wants to speak on anything other, would you encourage them to move it to the Facebook group?

Nessa:

I do agree with you in following club purpose.

The Facebook is open for conservative issues in general, but we never bring up social issues for education or discussion by the administrators.

James:

We have gone through and deleted posts that are not related.

Kay:

Have you removed members?

Nessa:

We remove members who argue without an open mind, members who do not want to learn, and members who are constantly showing to be problems.

The only other time I have removed members is when people did not fill out our membership google form I posted in the group.

CJ:

I’m going to ask about your national organization.

What role does your advisory board and how often do they meet with the Board of Directors?

As I was learning more about turning point, they provide you with more resources, but when someone tries to see the activist kit, they are completely password blocked. Do you know why that is?
Would you be willing to make the requirements currently in your constitution more stringent?

By being RPI students, if this is posted, it can be judicial boarded if this crosses a line of going onto another student’s rights?

Have you found a faculty advisor?

Nessa:

No faculty advisor

The role of the advisory board, we don’t actually know the difference and haven’t looked into it

I don’t really know what you mean about the password block

Brian Mansaku:

I just got into the store with no problem

Matt Heimlich:

First, do you support Turning Point USA as a whole?

Do you support safe spaces and brave spaces on this campus?

I read that Turning Point USA only supports having the two genders, so could that stance be clarified?

Have you seen anything deemed as hate speech?

David:

The founder of the organization has brought up his social beliefs on his twitter page, including the belief that there are only two genders

Nessa:

I have not seen any hate speech

James:

I have seen things that don’t relate, but I have not seen hate speech

Jahari:

I think most people are concerned with the local group

In a Facebook post, a member of the officer board stated that there should be a separate water fountain for the “colored”

How could you say you do not support hate speech when your individual posts have been filled with it?

Daniel:
These posts were satire, regarding the time when Harvard Students held a separate graduation for black students.

I believe it is absurd because it says I am graduating from Harvard and this is my skin color.

It just shows that you are a fool.

Only a fool says that you can have a graduation for people from a single skin color.

Just because a comment offends someone doesn’t mean it should be silenced.

Jahari:

The post regarding separate water fountains was made before the comments on the Harvard graduation.

Daniel:

As stated previously, this was satire.

Ciera:

In the situation that you are approved, would you allow an advisor to be part of your page to help with regulation as an outsider?

Would you be willing to post a disclaimer on your page showing the issues you support and the rules of the page and speech of any kind is encouraged from both sides whether or not they agree with conservative values?

Would the group be willing to affiliate with another group instead?

Nessa:

We would consider adding an advisor to our page’s administrative group and think posting disclaimer is a good idea.

If we are not affiliated as Turning Point, we will consider something else.

Maya:

What are your goals on this campus? Why do you need a club representation? If you want to be Turning Point on campus, why can’t you share their opinions? I don’t understand why this has to be a club when you just want to speak about fiscal policy?

Nessa:

I do not know what directors at Turning Point think on specific issues.

I can only speak as to the issues stated in the mission.

James:

On this campus we hold discussions between people with different opinions on fiscal conservative policies and would like to register people to vote.
Erica:

There is a difference between recognized and affiliated group in the Union. As an affiliated group, they will not receive funding from the Union, will be able to reserve meeting rooms, and will be allowed to table at the activities fair.

Ida:

Why is this chapter of Turning Point choosing to not participate in the Professor Watch List?

James:

The point of our organization is not to attack people.

Nessa:

We support everyone holding their own opinions, but we do not agree with having a professor watch list.

Kissa:

If you’re going to be union affiliated, what would your programs look like?

Nessa:

We would meet with Young Democratic Socialists and other clubs to have a monitored debates and discussions. It would be open to the public for anyone who wants to hear both sides.

Kissa:

What are you going to do to support the community?

Nessa:

Our organization will have posters and educates the community through our discussions. We want to have a free speech ball where you roll it around campus and write anything you want on it.

Erica:

To clarify, a club does not need to have programs to be affiliated, it just has to promote values that align with Rensselaer.

John:

Can you elaborate on the role of your national organization?

Nessa:

It would allow us to get posters, buttons, shirts, and a resource lady.
They mainly provide funding, but we need to ask for it

Sean:

I am the Public Relations officer of Young Democratic Socialists and I haven’t heard anything from the club in regards to collaborating

Daniel:

It is one of our ideas for the future

This was an example of one of the clubs we wanted to collaborate with

Chris:

Can you give examples of speakers and why you would bring them?

Nessa:

Laura Trump, Ben Shapiro, Dave Reuben, Tomi Lahren

Brian Johns:

I want to clarify my question from the beginning

If people have concerns that social conservatism is leaking into the Facebook page and eventually into the club

How would you address that criticism?

Nessa:

We are not professionals at this

We emphasize not speaking on stuff like that

We will limit that topic because it always gets out of hand

Steve:

I was raised in a very fiscally conservative household and was taken to protests based on fiscal beliefs, but people there did have very strong social beliefs that would not be accepted here

How would you address that?

How do you plan on dealing with the fact that many of the fiscal issues are closely tied to social issues?

Curran:

I grew up in a liberal household in Massachusetts

I agree that people at protests come off in a very offensive manner

There are times in our meetings where social issues may come up, we will not shut it down
CJ:

I was reading on how to become a collegiate chapter and one of the things was to have a strategic plan. Would you mind sharing?

How much data sharing do you do as far as member lists emails and phone numbers between local and national chapters?

RPI has a speakers’ forum where speakers have to go through the union, a vetting process, and a contract

We would not be paying for the speakers, but would you be willing to have speakers vetted by the union?

Nessa:

The plan included being affiliated with the union and going through this official process

We would be willing to have our speakers vetted

James:

We went to the board to figure out how to be a club and that founded our course of action

Nessa:

I do not have to send them a list of members and we are not planning to

Lorelei:

A number of people in this room attended one of your general body meetings, and the primary part of the conversation was on social policy, and the leadership did not do much to curb that speech

Could you resolve this for me?

Many students have expressed that many things stated are hurtful and not satire

Are you willing to listen to members of the community that are deeply hurt by your comments?

Nessa:

I specifically said if anyone wants to stay after meetings, the space can be used for further discussion on whatever people want to talk about afterwards

I’m not going to tell them they can’t do stuff like that but we did not bring up any social issues

James:

No one has brought up things that are deeply hurtful for us to address other than one series of comments on the Facebook

Brookelyn:
When we approve clubs and they are union recognized, do we need to approve and not approve programs?

Erica:

No, when it is questioned it would end up with us or the J-Board

Matt Rand:

Can any member of the administration give a definition for the spirit of Rensselaer?

Dean Apgar:

It is the values of Rensselaer as it relates to discrimination or hate speech

Tatiana:

I want to know if you wanted to be the Young Democratic Socialist's (YDS) counter part

Is YDS affiliated or recognized?

Sean:

We are working on becoming affiliated through the Club Operations committee

Tatiana:

If you're not going to endorse hate speech, but you want to allow all speech on this ball, how does that align?

Daniel:

Anything on the ball is a reflection of the individual and not of Turning Point

Tatiana:

Do you feel that students will benefit from this? Or that this will work with students and help them grow? Does it bother you that students may feel discriminated against during these programs?

Nessa:

Education doesn’t discriminate

It wouldn’t do anything but help to learn about free markets or free speech

James:

It would benefit the student body

Josh:

Are you willing to publish your minutes in your weekly newsletter and have that seen by a larger audience?
Nessa:

Yes, we would release minutes

Sean:

Turning Point USA National has made it a point to fund student government elections, have specific students elected, and have them follow a political agenda

Is this something you would be interested in?

Nessa:

We do not have an underlying agenda and have no interest in that

Erica:

*read from club classifications policy attached below*

**MOTION #1: MOTION TO CLOSE THE QUEUE PASSES 16-0-2**

Kissa:

Where do you get funding from?

I’ve heard lots of not real solutions and not knowing what you’re doing

Are you ready to be an official organization?

Do you plan on suing RPI if the school rejects affiliation?

Nessa:

We do not plan on suing the school

Curran:

We are ready to be a club

Advaith:

Can only members come to meetings?

What would it take to remove someone from the club who comes in person?

To what extent are moderates and liberals allowed to participate in discussion?

Curran:

Meetings are open to the general public

Anyone can participate

Durasi:

It does not seem as if you are prepared and the club has not been able to develop
How do you plan to make the club sustainable?

Erica:
Clubs that are not yet affiliated are only allowed to have three meetings and provisional status to have more has not been granted to Turning Point

Daniel:
Just like any club, we get members and have a stable membership that will cycle through the different classes as people join and graduate

Curran:
Sustainability has not been one of our priorities because it has not been an issue

Aaron:
Does Turning Point have a formal definition of hate speech?
Does the organization have a formal definition of it and if it doesn’t how will you determine it because it seems really subjective?

James:
There’s a very clear and distinct difference

Justin:
There is a limit as to how much candidates may spend during our student government elections

MOTION #2: MOTION FOR A 10 MINUTE RECESS PASSES 11-5-0

Erica:
I have no intentions to edit my motion
I request a roll call vote

David:
I don’t suggest they become a club

Brookelyn:
I have been hurt and offended and scared by both the national organization and the local one
We are a budgeting body and we were appointed by Matt
As obvious as these violations may seem to us, they may not be to others
Not deciding if they violated our policies or not
It would be more fair and due process if it went through the J-Board
We currently have the Rensselaer Christian Association that has leaders say that gay couples are coming to Africa to turn children homosexual.

How do we deal with organizations that begin to violate our policies?

Erica:

All clubs and organizations are supposed to meet and maintain

Ryan:

Clubs shall not perpetuate hate mongering and I feel that they have shown that through their Facebook group

CJ:

As my time as a senator, we learned about peer institutions
I went through 15 peer institutions and only three had a turning point on their campus
The policies are nearly the same as rpi
There are other institutes that have done this
These people will be strongly tied and the artifacts that support that are not there
They said they would allow their speakers to be vetted
The one area that I see that is lacking is having it connected to the Turning Point name
Having it connected to the turning point name means good and bad is funding
We could give them an extension and give them another three meetings because the organization is a very good idea, but I don’t think it has been executed well

Matt Heimlich:

Our Union at Rensselaer is very unique
We are very stringent on our policies and on our Union as a whole and I don’t think we can just ignore our club classification policy, especially the section on hate mongering and discrimination or a national organization that does perpetuate one
Look at what the national organization has done and look at what they have said
It is part of RPI’s values that we are an inclusive community

David:

No one said they had to join Turning Point, granted the funding is nice
The national organization may start putting pressure on them to do more in order to gain their propaganda

Erica:
It says Cru is affiliated but those are incorrect because phrasing was different back then.
The wording is out dated

Caitlin:

Why join turning point if they don’t agree with so many things they have done?
At what point does someone’s words insult you and become a threat?

Brian Mansaku:

I’m still not really convinced that it would be racist or hate speech
I could argue that MLK is racist, it would be nonsensical but I could
Ben Shapiro is a prominent speaker of another organization they could potentially join
I think it’s an attack on conservative views
Under Article five it says approval and affiliation doesn’t mean we stand behind what they are aiming to do
There has not been concrete examples
When you say that it is a racist organization please give concrete examples

Ciera:

I’m assuming everyone in here is trying to align with the mission statement of Turning Point which aligns with what they were saying and does not mention social issues
At what point do we separate the individual and the group?
The members seem very willing to work with the union
The only people who have been mentioning violence or protest are the people not in Turning Point
The people that would be stating the issues within Turning Point are not inside of Turning Point

CJ:

If we choose to deny them based on their national organizations, we will need to explain the reasons why
I suggest that there is a committee that looks over clubs with national organizations
What is your personal definition of hate speech?

Ida:

There are two specific examples that I would like to bring up against the national organization, neither of which I would put under hate speech or racism
Materials provided by the national organization include sayings such as “socialism sucks” which doesn’t create an inviting campus nor does it align with the values of Rensselaer.

Would this be considered expressing opinion or threatening to socialists?

I don’t want posters going up saying republicanism, libertarianism, liberalism, or conservatism sucks either.

The officers were asked about the professor watch list and admitted it seemed attacking and that does not add to an inviting environment either whether done by the local chapter or not.

I motion to close the queue

*MOTION #4: MOTION TO CLOSE THE QUEUE PASSES 15-2-1*

Ezra:

I motion to call the question

*MOTION #5: MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION FAILS 5-11-2*

Paul:

In previous years a max a candidate has been able to spend is 300 dollars.

I have Nigerian parents and have lived part of my childhood in the middle east.

I was the black American kid at a school in the Middle East where there were people ranging from people who hated America to people who loved it.

They understand the controversy around it and I don’t think they understand the steps they should take to work around it and how it effects everyone else.

I see kids who began to get closed off and annoyed near the end and didn’t really realize what they were getting themselves into.

Matt Heimlich:

The wording of our club classifications is “hatemongering…” *again, club classifications below*

Professors have been threatened and Turning Point speaks about professors personally and that is hate mongering through the national organization and it is well documented on the website.

It is not just what you say, it’s what you do.

There are people who do not identify with male or female and whether they discuss or not it is still perpetuated and it goes against our classifications policy on discrimination.

I will not look for them to be affiliated.

Matt Rand:

The queue is empty.
**begins roll call vote**

Anissa Choiniere: No  
Rasika Ekhalikar: No  
Ida Etemadi: No  
Matt Heimlich: No  
Caitlin Kennedy: No  
Erica Lane: No  
Chris Maria: No  
CJ Markum: Pass  
Brian Mansaku: Yes  
Ananya Murali: No  
Brookelyn Parslow: Yes  
David Raab: No  
Caroline Ringel: No  
Kay Sun: Yes  
Ezra Teboul: No  
Joe Venusto: No  
Andrew Waltzer: Pass  
Ciera Williams: Yes  
CJ Markum: Abstain  
Andrew Waltzer: Abstain

*MOTION #3: MOTION TO APPROVE TURNING PONT USA AT RPI AS A UNION AFFILIATED CLUB GIVEN THEY UPDATE THEIR CONSTITUTION FAILS 4-12-2*

Matt Rand:  
    A new and separate organization would be allowed to go through the process even with the same members and purpose

*MOTION #6: MOTION TO APPROVE RYAN DELANEY AS CLUB ICA REP PASSES 18-0-0*

*MOTION #7: MOTION TO APPROVE COHEN AS MEMBER AT LARGE PASSES 18-0-0*

Matt Rand:
Small caveat, they have to go through the senate

**MOTION #8: MOTION TO INVESTIGATE CLUBS THAT HAVE CONNECTIONS TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE PASSES 13-3-2**

Erica:

Would this be tasked to ClubOps because it is hard to gain members for Ad Hoc committees

Brian:

Creating another committee, I don’t know who would join because everyone is already in two and it wouldn’t really be that successful so we should put it under ClubOps

Cameron:

There are 212 organizations on campus, many of which are through a national

Ciera:

Would it be purely investigative? Would they report back to the SARPS?
What would the end game of the committee be?

CJ:

As soon as someone finds out why orgs are affiliated and others not, all hell would break loose
I was looking for the ad hoc committee so this can be taken in a timely manner

Brookelyn:

In CMS Cru is listed as union recognized so we just need to do some updating

Matt Rand:

Would you (Dean Apgar) be willing with us and the GC office to do work for the committee

**MOTION #9: MOTION TO APPOINT CJ MARKUM AS CHAIR OF AD HOC COMMITTEE PASSES 15-0-3**

**Director’s Report**

Cameron:

Welcome Ben, Miciah, and Lauren on January 24th in Mother’s at 4:00 PM
Nachos will be provided
Ribbon cutting in the Veteran’s Lounge, we are waiting on the president’s office

Steve:

New carpeting in the lounge
New racks put in before new student came in we’ve got tons of positive feedback
Dean Apgar:

I think you should all be proud of how professionally the process tonight was handled

Senate Report

Joe:

Next week the activity fee will be voted on for approval

President’s Report

Matt Rand:

Next Wednesday the budget will be presented to the senate to educate them on the process of budgeting and why there is an activity fee increase of 1.7%

If anyone would like to be in attendance next Wednesday, contact me

Member Reports

Ida:

MAP is moved to 5:00 PM next Wednesday instead of the usual 4:00 PM due to the Meet Your SARPS event

CJ:

If there is any interest in joining the ad hoc committee, send me an email

Rasika:

I nominate Ezra as member of the week

MOTION #10: MOTION FOR EZRA TO BE MEMBER OF THE WEEK PASSES 17-0-1

Erica:

ClubOps will be meeting Wednesdays at 7:00PM in SGS library

I resign from the Executive Board and as Chair of the ClubOps committee effective immediately

David:

Surveys may be added to the end of all budgets
Rensselaer Union
Executive Board

Agenda
January 18th, 2018

1. Roll Call @ 8:00 PM

2. Welcome

3. Presentations
   a. Turning Point, USA – 8:05 PM

4. Reports:
   a. Committee of the Week – Not this week
      i. Next Week – Policies
   b. Director’s Report
   c. Senate Report
   d. President’s Report
      i. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Veteran’s Lounge
      ii. 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 $22,122.65
Meeting Logistics for 1/18/18

- **These rules are to be read at the start of the meeting to all members present**
- At the beginning of the conversation, members of Turning Point, USA may give a presentation on the merits and values of their organization. They will act as the presenter for the remainder of the evening.
- Once the presentation has concluded, a queue will be opened for questions to the organization on their presentation. Anyone present (members and guests) may enter the queue simply by raising their hand. The Vice President of the Union will add the name of the individual to the queue, and they will be able to speak in the order in which they were added to the queue.
  - Anyone present (members and guests) may only enter a queue twice during conversation.
  - If a question is repeated or if a topic is repetitive, the speaker will be interrupted and given the chance to change their speech to a topic that is not repetitive. If the speech continues to be repetitive, the speaker will lose their remaining speaking time, and the next individual on the queue will be called upon.
  - An individual is allowed to speak for 10 minutes per time the individual appears on the queue.
  - The Chair (President of the Union) has the responsibility to ensure discussion remains civil, on topic, and on the merits of the discussion. The chair will interrupt a speaker if they break any rules of speaking as defined by Robert’s Rules of Order. The speaker will be allowed to continue speaking, but a repeat infraction will end the speaker’s remaining time immediately.
  - There will be no direct responses to speakers unless the speaker directs a question to another person in the room. That person, and that person only, can reply to the question. The time taken to ask and answer the question counts against the 10 minute speaking time limit.
  - If a member feels that someone has violated the rules of speaking (merits, no personal attacks, etc.), they may interrupt the speaker to raise a Point of Order to the PU.
  - Guests cannot interrupt.
- Once the queue is empty, the motion will be heard.
  - At that time, all interested members of the community will be asked to leave the room. This includes members of TPUSA, speakers, members of the group who are active members of the group.
  - The Board will hear the motion, discuss, and vote accordingly.
- Once the Executive Board has voted, interested parties will be invited back in and informed of the decision.
- At that time, the meeting will continue as scheduled.
THE RENSSELAER UNION

CLUB CLASSIFICATIONS

This document defines the classifications under which a Rensselaer club may be approved by the Rensselaer Union Executive Board (E-Board). The classification will further characterize the benefits, resources, and responsibilities applicable to the club. Within each definition is the process for approval under that classification. The E-Board may deny any group seeking approval, even if the group meets the general requirements for a particular classification. However, the E-Board does not have the right to overrule the qualifications, such as the E-Board cannot fund a religious organization. These policies align with the Rensselaer Union Constitution and the Executive Board By-Laws. Every on-campus organizations must follow all policies found within the Rensselaer Student Handbook. The closure of clubs is outlined in the Rensselaer Club Sunsetting Policies and Procedures.

All Rensselaer clubs and organizations are required to meet and maintain certain standards. The following are general guidelines to which all Rensselaer Union Recognized (Recognized) and Rensselaer Union Affiliated (Affiliated) Organizations must adhere to. All programs hosted by clubs and organizations must also uphold these policies. If any club, organization, or program violates any of the following policies, the organization may be immediately dissolved by the Executive Board.

- Rensselaer Union clubs shall not perpetuate or encourage hate mongering, violence, sexism, or discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual preference, age, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, marital status, or ability. Nor shall any club be linked to a non-university local, regional, or national organization that sponsors programs or activities that do perpetuate or encourage such activities.

- The purpose and/or program of Rensselaer Union clubs shall not encourage students to prematurely terminate their Rensselaer education.

- No non-university local, regional, or national organization shall have an unreasonable advantage in recruitment of members or a monopolistic forum for influencing students over other comparable organizations through a Rensselaer Union club or organization.

- Rensselaer Union club activities must not involve an extraordinarily high risk of personal injury, liability, or be unduly life threatening or uninsurable.

- It is the policy of the Rensselaer Union that all officers, appointed officers, committee chairs, and Voting Members of Recognized and Affiliated organizations be full-time activity-fee-paying students or their spouses. Only Voting members can vote in business and election matters. Only Voting members can run for and hold elected offices.

- Those not affiliated with RPI as students or their spouses or legal dependents, faculty, staff, alumni, or students of Hudson-Mohawk Consortium schools currently enrolled in courses at Rensselaer may comprise no more than 5% of the membership of any Rensselaer Union club without specific approval of the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.
In accordance with the Rensselaer Student Handbook policies on hazing: Hazing, reckless or intentional endangerment to health, or forced consumption of alcohol or other drugs for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any Rensselaer organization is prohibited.

The official language of all business meetings shall be English, unless, by unanimous vote of all of those present in the meeting, an alternative language is preferred. Interpretations in English must accompany all international languages on all club documents such as websites, advertisements, and official communications.

SECTION I: RENSSELAER UNION RECOGNIZED CLUBS

I. Unfunded

A Rensselaer Union Recognized Unfunded club (Unfunded) is a Recognized club that has been approved by the Executive Board and provides value to the RPI community. An Unfunded club hosts programs that do not require a subsidy from the Rensselaer Union and are fully funded on their own accord. However, an Unfunded club can use Rensselaer Union monies to subsidize program costs with agreement to return the monies within a timeframe decided by the RU Administration Office.

The following resources are available to any group approved as an Unfunded club:

- An Agency account within the RU, and the tax-exempt status of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Access to meeting space and event space in the Union and around campus
- Multimedia support from the Union Programming and Activities Committee (UPAC)
- Access to vehicle rentals
- The use of charge sheets from the Office of the Bursar to charge student accounts
- The ability to borrow funds from the Union for approved programs that are not subsidized, with the understanding that the borrowed funds will be returned in full at the program’s conclusion
- Marketing and publicity support from the Union’s Communication Specialist
- Access to the Club Management System (CMS) and web space
- The E-Board will not approve as Recognized organizations that fall under any of the following categories:
  - Clubs or events associated with a particular religious or political viewpoint
  - Charitable organizations with the primary purpose of fundraising for philanthropic purposes
  - Clubs or organizations that are exclusive or in any way prohibit membership of an RPI Activity Fee paying student. (such as honor societies, Greek Houses)

To become an Unfunded Recognized club the student group must precisely follow the steps outlined in the Rensselaer Union Club Recognition Procedure. Upon approval, the club will be formally known as an Unfunded Recognized organization.
II. Funded

A Rensselaer Union Recognized Funded Club (Funded) is a Recognized club that has been given a subsidy by the Executive Board. A Funded club holds programs for which the expenses exceed the income, and thus requires additional funds to maintain its operations. All subsidies given to Funded clubs by the E-Board are funded by the Activity Fee and RU incomes. As such, a club must fulfill its purpose as outlined in its constitution and must provide an opportunity to enhance the student life experience at Rensselaer. The process for becoming a funded club after gaining recognition from the Union is detailed in *The Rensselaer Union New Club Funding Policy*.

Each Funded Club is assigned a Rensselaer Union Executive Board Representative (E-Board Rep) who will guide the club through the budgeting process each year and assist the club with any matters related to its business with or within the Rensselaer Union. A Funded is club also assigned a Student Activities Resource Person (SARP) with whom it handles its day-to-day transactions, and a Rensselaer Union account. All money related to the club’s operations must be handled through the Union; no Funded club may have a bank account outside of the Rensselaer Union.

All resources available to Unfunded clubs are also available to Funded clubs. The following are additional resources available to any group approved as a Funded club:

- An Executive Board Representative and SARP
- An Account monitored by the RU and the tax-exempt status of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- A subsidy, as determined by the E-Board and funded by the Activity Fee
- The E-Board will not provide funds to organizations that fall under any of the following categories:
  - Clubs or events associated with a particular religious or political viewpoint
  - Charitable organizations with the primary purpose of fundraising for philanthropic purposes
  - Clubs requiring excessive startup or ongoing financial resources that do not provide a substantial benefit to the student body
  - Clubs or organizations that are exclusive or in any way prohibit membership of an RPI Activity Fee paying student (i.e. honor societies, Greek Life organizations)
SECTION II: RENSSELAER UNION AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

A Rensselaer Union Affiliated Organization (Affiliated) is an organization approved by the Executive Board and that betters student life at RPI. An Affiliated group may be comprised of RPI students, faculty, or members of the surrounding community and must have a purpose aligned with the values of Rensselaer. An approved Affiliated group cannot apply for funding but still receives certain resources of the Rensselaer Union.

The following are benefits and resources available to Affiliated groups:

- Support from the Union staff
- An Agency account within the RU, and the tax-exempt status of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Access to meeting space and event space in the Union and around campus
- Access to the Club Management System (CMS) and web space
- Support from the Union Staff
- The ability to hold bank accounts outside the RU provided that no account is opened with a Social Security number and that Rensselaer’s Federal Tax ID number is used only with the express permission of the Institute

The only restrictions for approval as an Affiliated group are those aforementioned in the pretext of this policy. Affiliated organizations may restrict membership under reasonable circumstances (i.e. honor societies) and may serve any purpose deemed appropriate by the Executive Board. Affiliated student groups may have direct ties to national organizations or other departments of the Institute.

To become a Rensselaer Union Affiliated Organization a group must first register as a new organization on the RU website and fill out the New Club Evaluation form. Then present the form to the RU Policies Committee along with justification for becoming Affiliated. The Policies Committee will make a recommendation to the E-Board based on the application and bring the group to the E-Board for approval. If approved the organization will gain Affiliated status and will obtain all of the benefits and resources that classification warrants.

i. This only includes organizations whose programs primarily fundraise for a specific cause or event. This does not include community service or volunteer based programs.

ii. With the exception of club sports provided they host open campus tryouts

iii. A subsidy is defined as the club expenses minus income.

iv. This only includes organizations whose programs primarily fundraise for a specific cause or event. This does not include community service or volunteer based programs.

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vi. All documents and forms mentioned in this policy can be found on Flagship at http://documents.studentsenate.rpi.edu/
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I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve Turning Point USA as a Rensselaer Union Affiliated club, provided they update their constitution in accordance with the Club Starter Constitution.

Postponed until next available meeting.

So moved by: 

[Signature]

Seconded by:  

[Signature]

For Against Abstaining

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Motion: Passes/Fails  

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Motion # 6

Date: 1/18/18

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve the President of the Union's nomination of Ryan Delaney as a Club/ICA Representative of the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.

So moved by: [Signature]

Seconded by: [Signature]

For   Against   Abstaining
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Motion: Passes/Fails

Christopher Marsh
Printed Name

Erica A Lane
Printed Name
Rensselaer Union
Executive Board

Motion # 7
Date: 1/18/18

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board approve the President of the Union's nomination of Cohen Davis as a Member at Large of the Rensselaer Union Executive Board.

So moved by: [Signature]
Christopher Markum
Printed Name

Seconded by: [Signature]
Anissa N. Choinière
Printed Name

For Against Abstaining
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Motion: Passes/Fails
I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board create an ad hoc committee for investigation to ensure all currently affiliated or recognized clubs/organizations affiliated with a national organization are in compliance with the current club classifications.

So moved by:

Signature

Seconded by:

Signature

For Against Abstaining

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Motion: Fails