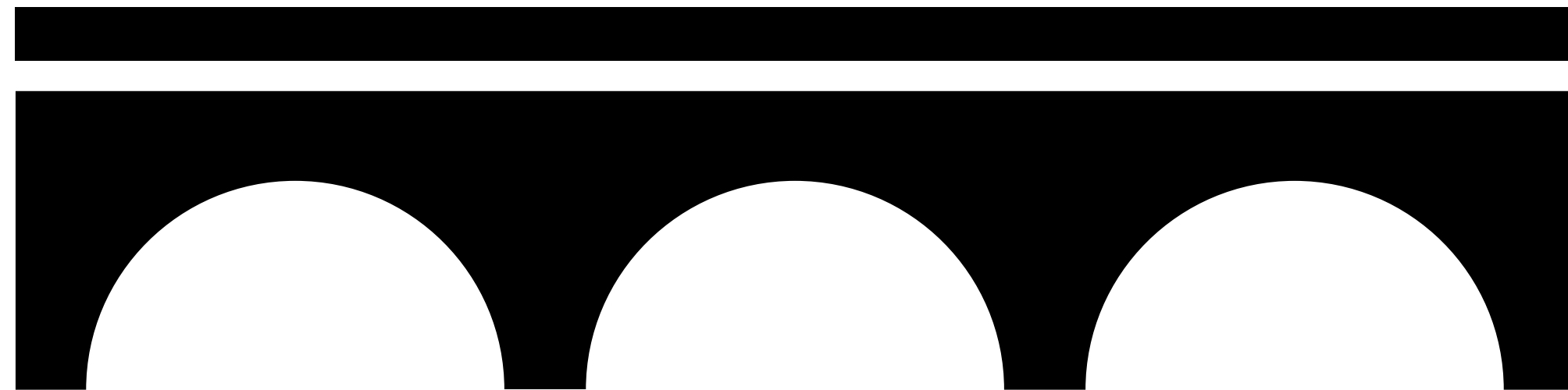


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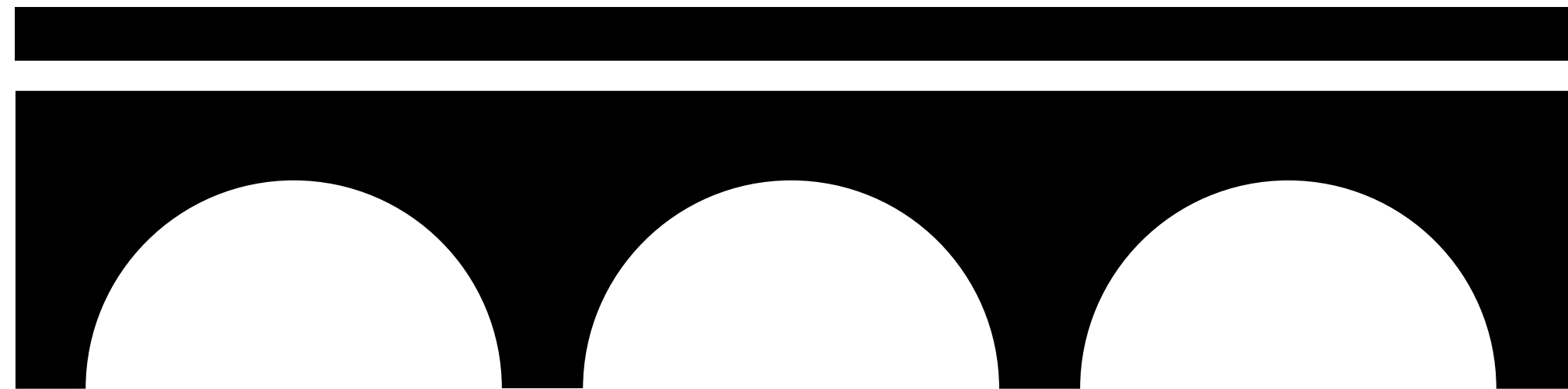
—The Polytechnic, April 19, 1967



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“The [Director of the Union hiring committee] concluded more time was necessary to interview both candidates and requested that conference calls be conducted to this end, but this request was denied by Vice President for Human Resources Curtis Powell.”

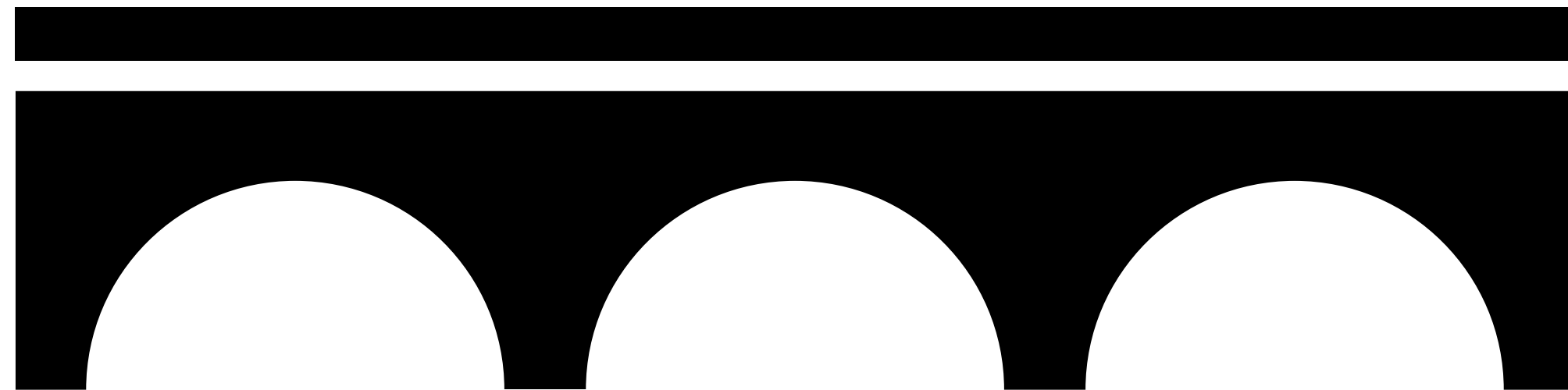
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“As the aforementioned events unfolded, it became clear that the RPI administration expected the [Director of the Union hiring committee] to **recommend both candidates** [for Dr. Jackson to choose].”

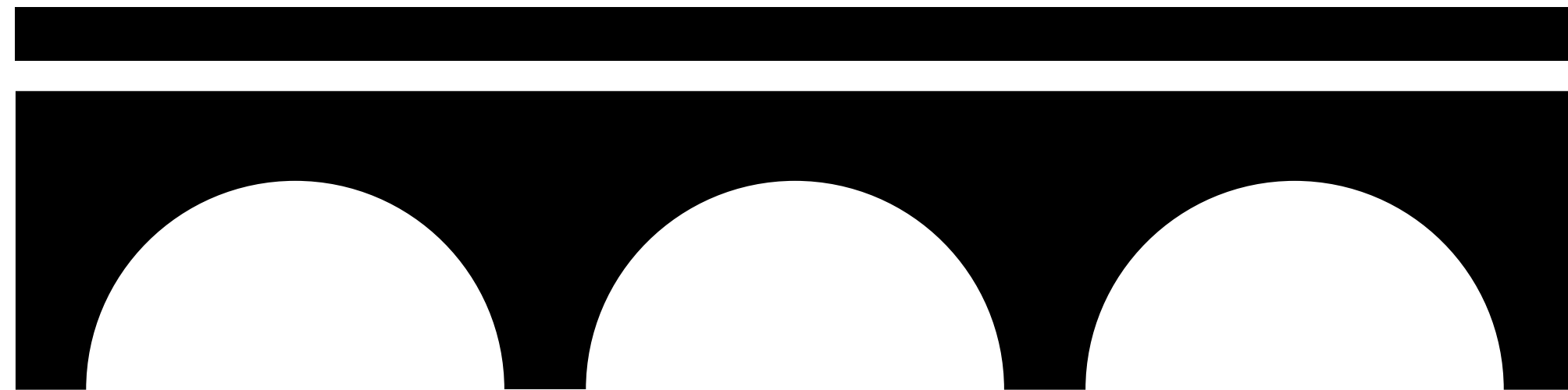
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“Many committee members feel that their time and participation in [the Director of the Union hiring] endeavor **failed to matter in any real, positive way** with one committee member going so far as to say **members are just “props”**—a means to an end to allow HR to tout student involvement was included in the process.”

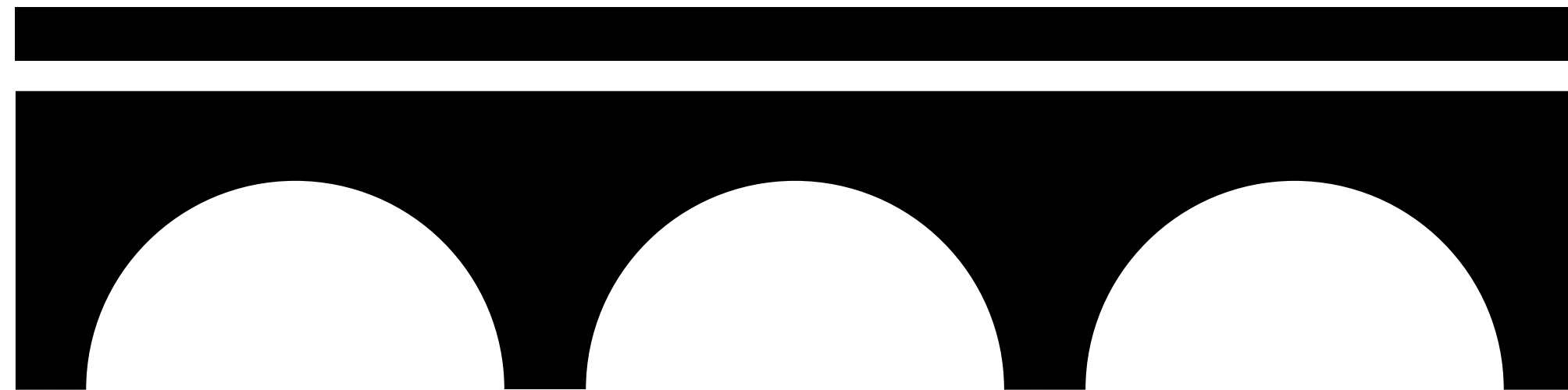
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“The only reference to the Union’s ‘student governed’ nature was found in quotations, which [Director of the Union selection committee] members believed showed the general attitude of the administration toward the student-run Union; that **they wanted the Rensselaer Union to be student-run in appearance only.**”

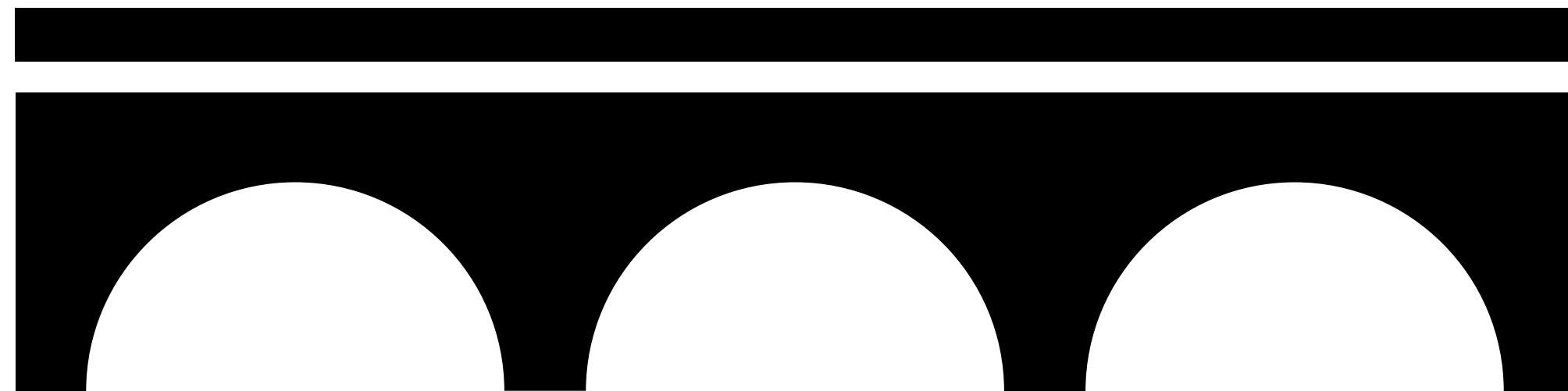
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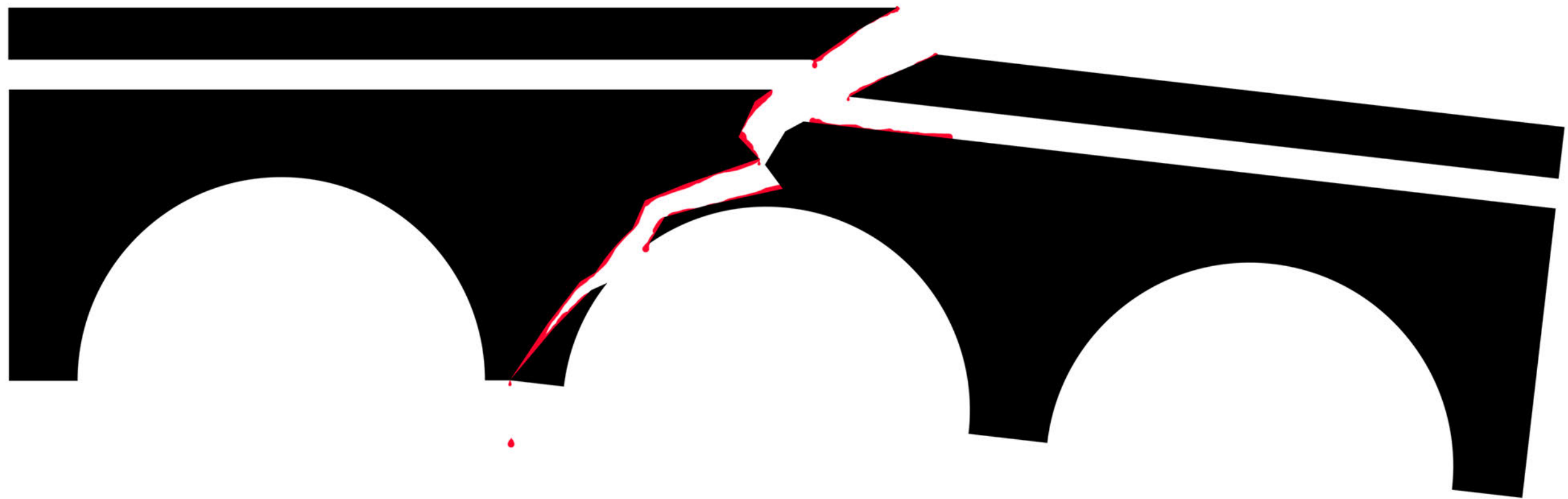
“We want to hear from all the members of our community **to ensure that any decisions we make reflect their interests**, and the greater good of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.”

—Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson



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Here's to ~~old RPI~~ the New Polytechnic
(Whose plans do not include a student-run Union)
~~Her fame~~ The Rensselaer Union may ~~never~~ die.



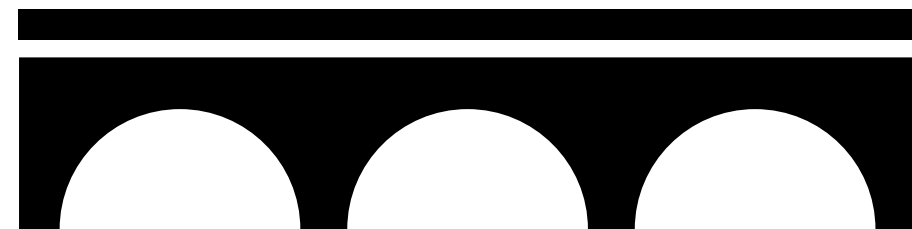
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“The [Middle States evaluation] team suggests ensuring the consistent opportunity for [student government] to engage in timely dialogue in policy development and decision making processes relating to them.”

—2016 Middle States Report

Less than two years later:

Board of Trustees *“misunderstanding”* resolution



Middle States accreditation requirement:

**Ensuring complaints are reviewed
and resolved in a timely manner.**

**“THE INSTITUTION IS NOT
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REQUIREMENT”**

—2016 Middle States Report

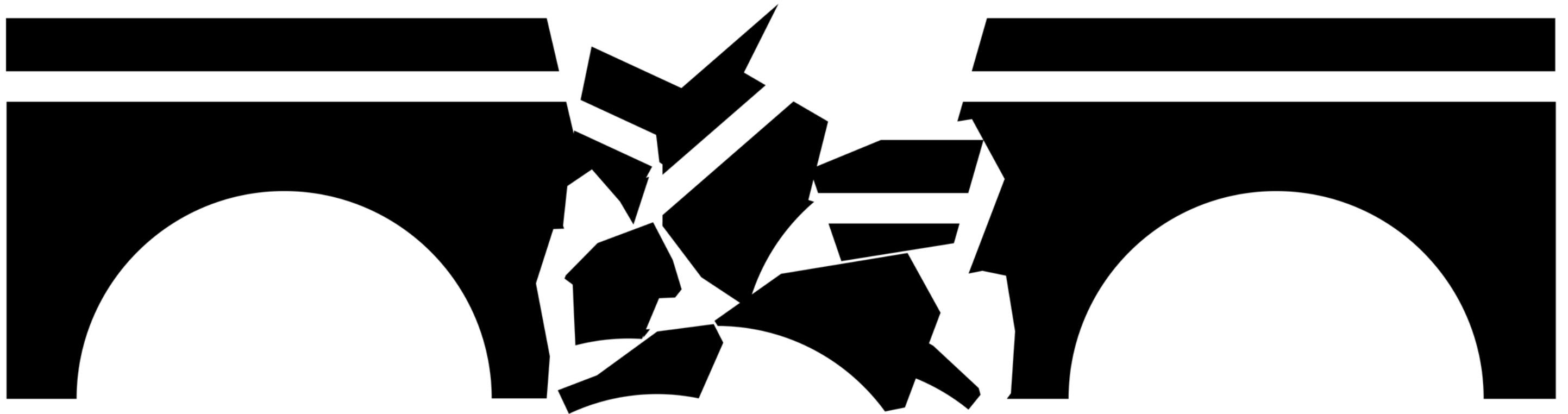
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Is there a pattern of student complaints that raises concerns?

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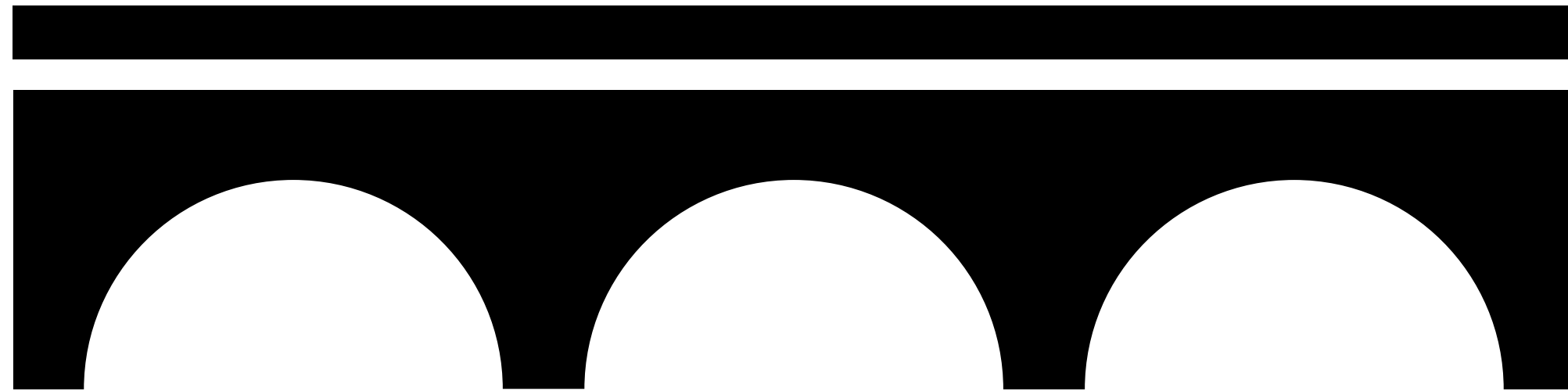
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127 years and...
no longer counting.



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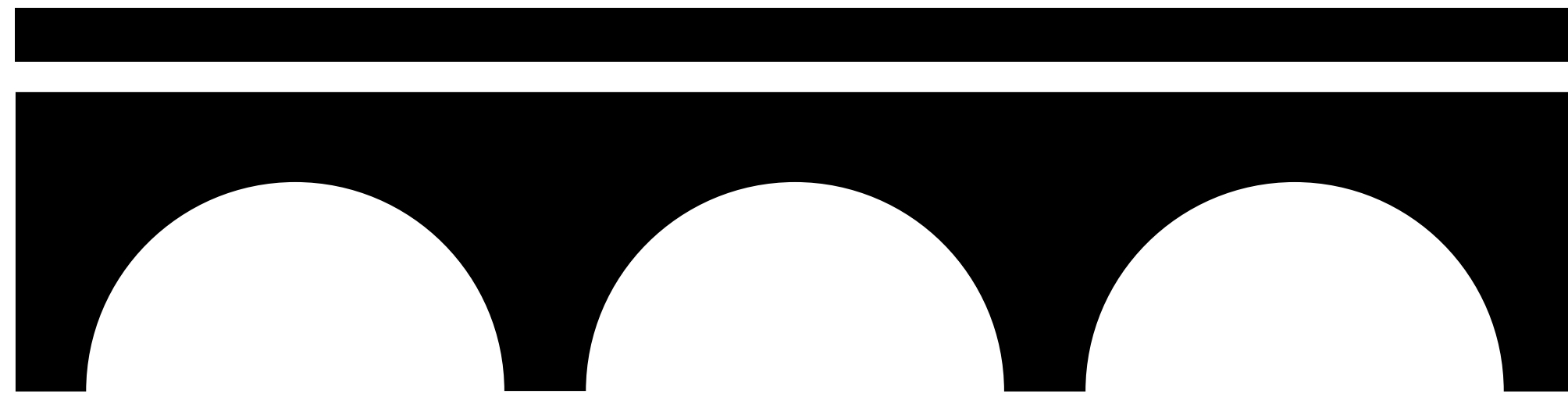
Save the Union Protest



Friday, October 13th
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Peaceful demonstration and "Lab Safety Class"



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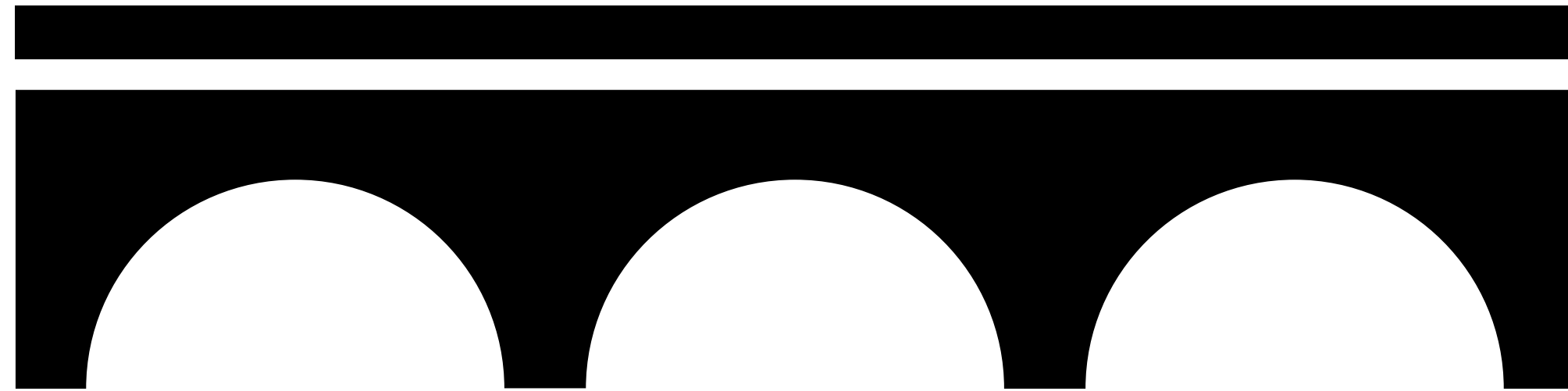
This is what they want.



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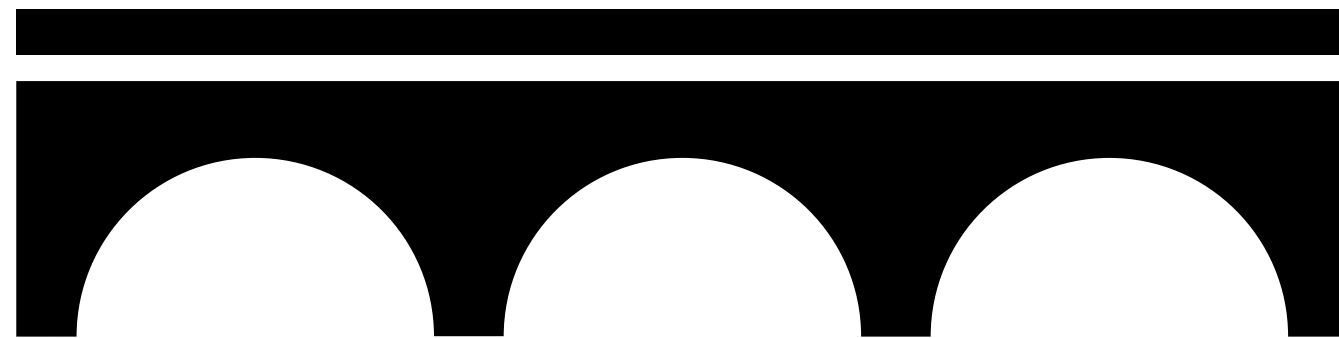


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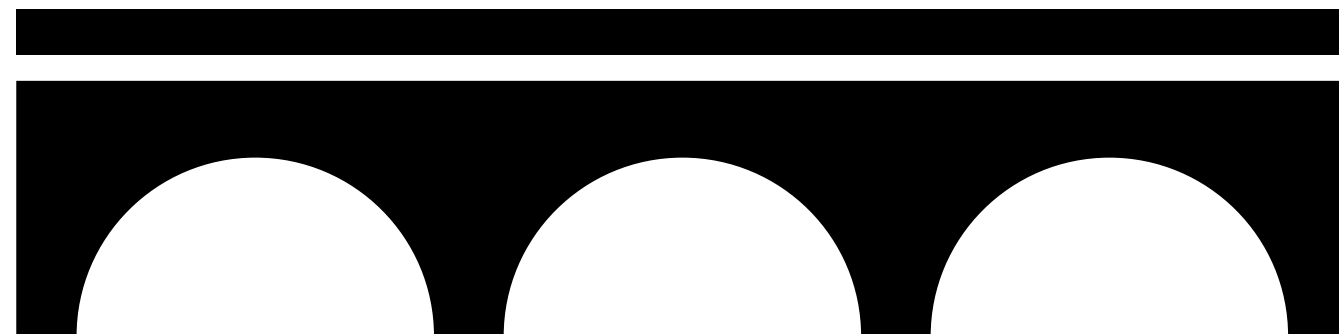
The Rensselaer Union as a true auxiliary service of the Division of Student Life. This language, which students want included in The Rensselaer Plan 2024, RPI's long-term strategic plan, would formally define the Union as part of the Institute, but would also carefully re-affirm the Union's autonomous and independent status within the RPI community.



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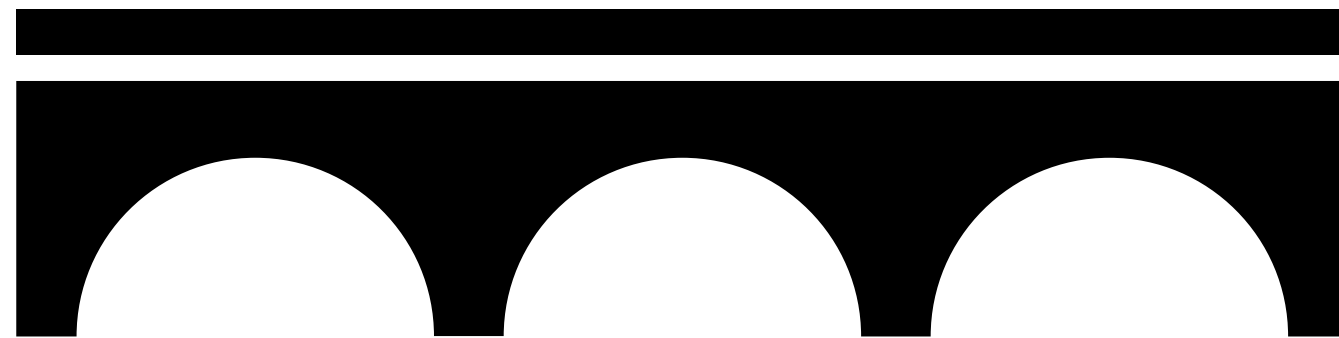
A Board of Trustee resolution confirming the approval of the Rensselaer Union Constitution in its current form, stipulating the need for an affirmative vote of the Rensselaer Union Executive Board to approve the hire and continuance of Union administrative personnel, and reverting the reporting structure of the Director of the Union to take direction from the Executive Board.



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Objectives

Recent alumni as members of the RPI Board of Trustees, to be voted on by each graduating class and serve a two-year term exempt from fundraising requirements. Initial documentation from students notes that this is not an unprecedented move; Skidmore, Dickinson, and Union Colleges all have this in place, and it is considered a “best practice” by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges.



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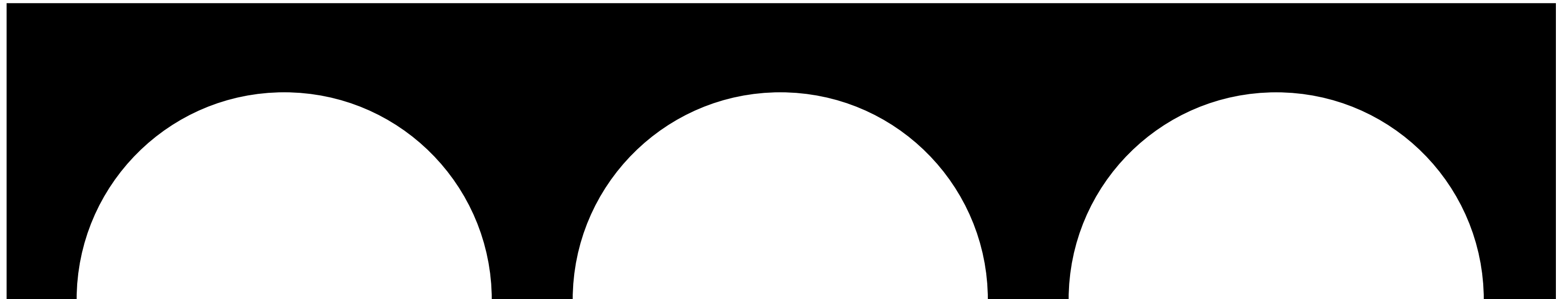
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