



MOTION

Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate

Date: October 1, 2018 | Motion #7

WHEREAS on August 13, 2018, Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President of RPI, announced to the RPI Community the hiring of a new Director of the Union;

WHEREAS during the Fall of 2017, a search for a candidate to fill the Director of the Union position took place, and said search was reconstituted due to a myriad of issues regarding the process;

WHEREAS the extensive student feedback regarding the hiring process for the Director of the Union, including but not limited to memos from the interview committee, statements by the Grand Marshal and President of the Union, on-campus protests, and other public comments in Rensselaer publications, was largely ignored; and

WHEREAS the Rensselaer Union Executive Board was not provided an opportunity to vote on the Director of the Union candidates, a prerogative delegated to the Rensselaer Union Executive Board by the Rensselaer Union Constitution, resulting in a violation by the RPI administration to uphold their promise of substantial student involvement in the hiring process;

The Rensselaer Union 49th Student Senate hereby RESOLVES:

1. To express its dissatisfaction with both the recent hiring process for the Director of the Union as it has been inconsistent throughout its duration, and with the point to which student involvement was limited,
2. To assert the necessity and momentous benefits of genuine student representation in operations and procedures on campus, especially those which directly impact the student body,
3. To insist all participating parties of future processes follow and abide by the pre-approved and agreed upon procedures regarding the hiring and continuance of new employees, and



4. To confirm that the Rensselaer Student Senate will continue to examine the hiring process for the Director of the Union to ensure any future searches for the Director of the Union position include significant and meaningful student involvement.

SO MOVED BY

Bryan Johns '19

AND SECONDED BY

Advaith Narayan '21

VOTE

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PASSES | FAILS