1. Call to Order- Meeting called to order by Student President Michael Wenzel at 1600 hours. Nirmala Kotagal, Steve Schmall, Renee Engelmeyer, Scott Sahs, Alex Herzog, Michael Wenzel, Katharine Viker, Micheal Olson, Dirk McGrane, Scott Krook, and Cody Pogalz are present.

2. Student Senate Update- Senate President Wenzel discussed the Senate’s involvement with advocacy at the state and federal level. Wenzel made several visits to the capitol with MSCSA cabinet members to get a feel for the current legislative climate and advocate for full funding of the MnSCU request. Advocacy Day was held during the following week; students from across Minnesota gathered to meet their representatives. The bill to lift the PSEO advertising gag rule is back on the table and is being watched closely. The Executive Board will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to advocate on the Federal level.

3. Student Concerns Follow-Up- Most of concerns have been addressed.

4. Promotional Vehicle- The plan is to still move forward with the purchase and inform as many people as possible about plans for the vehicles.

5. Spring Enrollment- Enrollment for the college came in better for this spring. FYE for this spring is 4169.

6. FY16 Budget- Under any scenario the college will likely be into reserves to make up for shortfalls, may be as little as $300,000 in a full funding scenario or as much as a million + in the event of an unfunded tuition freeze.

7. SEMC- A SWOT analysis was recently started by SEMC and will be completed after last meeting next week. The work groups continue to work on their projects.

8. Intramural Sports- Student President Wenzel leads discussion. There were intramural sports at RCTC until 2010, and there is current an interest from students in such a program. Due to the program almost being nonexistent from 2007 to 2010 the finance committee of 2010 needed to make some cuts for the budget, and the program was cut. Student Life will actively look at possible ways to revive this.

9. Mass (All College) Emails- Student President Wenzel discussed the Senate’s opposition to the policy. Overall the Senate feels that the proposed moderation system could be used as a device for censorship and it adds another layer of bureaucracy to the college. Sahs and Herzog point out that RCTC is one of the only colleges in the system that allows unmoderated mass emails. An email outlining the Senate concerns will be sent to the administration for consideration.
10. Student Data Practices- Alex Herzog led discussion about policy. Wenzel noted that the policy was reviewed by the Senate and it was the first time that many had even heard of its existence. The general feeling was concern over why the college would voluntarily be releasing this much student information to the public. Herzog stated that the policy will continue to be reviewed for possible changes.

11. Return to Title IV Refund and Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress- Steve Schmall led discussion. We recertify our federal aid March 31st of this year, and the feds review our policies and make recommendations for what they want our policies to say. The policies are being updated so that the college remains in compliance.