



SENATE OPEN FLOOR: 101

The student body's trustworthy guide to proposing an idea to Senate

➤ WHAT IS SENATE OPEN FLOOR?

Many people think that being elected to RSG is the only way for new ideas to be considered concerning how to make our campus environment the best that it can possibly be. **Did you know that Senate meetings are open to the student body? And, we want to hear from you.** During each Senate meeting, there is time set aside for the presentation of new ideas. This "Open Floor" period is a time for general feedback about new ideas from Senators concerning which Senate committee would be the most beneficial to work with.

Senate Committees:

- **Academics**
- **Communications**
- **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**
- **Student Services**

Senate meetings are Thursday nights in Buckman 110 from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

➤ WHAT SHOULD MY PROPOSED IDEA INCLUDE?

- I. The problem that you are seeking to reduce/resolve
- II. The proposed idea/solution that you are hoping will help reduce/resolve the problem
- III. The benefits of and/or the potential obstacles for your proposed idea
- IV. Ways that Senate can support you

➤ WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT I SHOULD KEEP IN MIND?

- How will my proposed idea impact the student body as a whole?
- What is a reasonable timeline for accomplishing my goal?
 - A timeline may be much clearer following your initial Open Floor presentation, however, having an unofficial timeline in mind may also help when beginning the planning phases
- Which Senate committee would be the most beneficial to work with?

➤ WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

There are different points of contact. **Reaching out to a Senator directly** is one of the best ways, however, that isn't your only avenue to Senate Open Floor. You can also email RSG at **rsg@rhodes.edu**!