

RIT Charter Collection

Inventory by Becky Simmons 21/1/2011

Original copies of charters and amendments are in the box.

There is also a volume of the Laws of the State of New York containing the 1830 Act to incorporate the Rochester Athenaeum. (Box 2)

Published booklets: Charter and By-Laws, 1898, 1966 1972.

There are also photocopies and negatives of some of the documents.

Summary of RIT Charter:

1. Laws of the State of New York:

Chapter 33, Laws of 1830:

An Act to incorporate the Rochester Athenaeum.

Chapter 387, Laws of 1891:

An Act to amend Chapter 33. Establishes the Rochester Athenaeum and mechanics institute.

Chapter 500, Laws of 1892:

An Act to amend Chapter 33. Established the quorum of the Board of Directors.

Education Law, Chapter 16, Section 219, of the Consolidated Laws:

Established the authority of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York to change the name or charter of an institution. (Became law April 14, 1947 to be effective July 1, 1947.)

2. Amendments approved by the Board of Regents:

July 21, 1944:

Established the Rochester Institute of Technology and changes the governing board from Board of Directors to board of trustees.

May 18-19, 1950:

Authorizes RIT to confer the A.A.S. degree

June 26, 1953:

Provisionally authorizes RIT to confer the B.S degree.

May 25, 1956:

Authorizes RIT to confer the B.F.A and B.S. degrees.

December 19, 1958:

Authorizes RIT to confer the M.F.A degree plus various honorary Degrees. Restates RIT as non-profit corporation.

April 26, 1963:

Authorizes RIT to confer the M.S degree.

June 28, 1963:

Changes the location of the corporation from "city of Rochester" to "county of Monroe."

January 29, 1969:

Authorizes RIT to confer the M.B.A., M.S.T., A.A., and the A.S. degrees.

January 27, 1971

Authorizes RIT to confer the Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) degree.

October 29, 1971:

Authorizes an increase of the number of Trustees from 35 to 43.

November 16, 1973

Authorizes RIT to confer a master of engineer (M.E.) degree

April 26, 1985

Authorizes RIT to operate a daycare on campus.

December 15, 1989:

Authorizes RIT to confer the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree.

April 21, 1998

An amendment to decrease the proportion of trustees required to constitute a quorum from one-half to one-third.