

**Narragansett - URI Coalition
Steering Committee Minutes
11/01/05
4:00-5:00 PM
Narragansett Town Hall**

Members present: Tom Dougan, Nancy Devaney, Krista Garrett, Jim Hurton, Maury Loontjens, Toni O'Neil, Joseph Robenhymmer, Rob Rossi, Chief David Smith, Carol Stuart, George Tracy, Doug Wardwell for Eileen Desforges, Leslie Williams, Coalition Coordinator, Paula Santos
Absent: David DeRouin, Britney Gannon, Pat Zito

The meeting began at 4:05pm.

1. Review/Approval of past meeting minutes

Minutes for the 10-04-05 Steering Committee were approved as well as Coalition minutes for September 20 and October 18 with minor grammatical revisions.

Action:

- They will be posted on the web site.

2. Student Code of Conduct Update

Dr. Dougan stated that the changes will go into effect first day of classes, January 23rd, and clarified that the university can only take action for infractions of violations of university regulations as specified in the student handbook. This would include federal, state laws and local laws but not local ordinances. This does not preclude the university from intervening with students who habitually violate local ordinances.

3. Introduction

Elizabeth Corey attending for Coleen Lally who is the Pan Hel appointee and Rob Rossi, IFC, were introduced to Doug Wardwell who was serving as an alternate to Eileen Desforges.

4. November Coalition Meeting

In addition to the regular meeting format, there will be a short signing ceremony for those taverns who did not sign on at the October 12th signing ceremony.

Action:

- Paula will notify all members via the listserv, have it highlighted on the web site, submit to the local newspapers and put an ad in the *Cigar*.

5. Subcommittee Reports

All agreed that communications between each of the subcommittee has greatly approved. In lieu of formal reports, the committee chose to jointly discuss new business items.

6. New Business

- Issues raised at October Coalition meeting:
 - Door Tags: Leslie will update the door tags and bring a revised process to the Steering Committee for review at the December meeting.
 - Community liaisons: Carol inquired as to which neighborhoods these students live. Leslie will provide her with this information.
- Assessment of open house and fall orientation program: postponed to a later meeting.
- Recruitment of Additional realtors: all agreed it would be good to bring additional real estate agencies on board.
Action:
 - Paula will get information from Joe and Jim and will draft a letter of invitation for Tom and the Chief's review.

- **Neighborhood Day:** Carol Stuart had introduced earlier this new national movement held in September to the Steering Committee. Tom shared that Lorne Adrain, a URI grad, and founder of this movement, is available to address the Coalition possibly at the December meeting.
Action:
 - Tom will invite him.
- **Open Forum parameters and role of Steering Committee:** After lengthy discussion, it was decided to keep the open forum at the end of the meeting, again, with the hopes, that any issues someone may have will be addressed (and possibly) diffused during the subcommittee reporting period. All agreed that individuals have the opportunity to share pressing and legitimate concerns during the open forum. Also, it was agreed that the entire Steering Committee will sit at the front table including the moderator. Although there was a negative tone to the last meeting based on comments by two members, Joe Robenhymmer posited that the meeting was overall very positive. As coalition coordinator, Paula agreed and added that the positive comments made by various members were endorsed and even applauded. The negative comments were not furthered.
Action:
 - Rules of decorum will be drafted and reviewed with the moderator.
- **Subcommittee reporting:** Chief Smith suggested that someone other than the subcommittee chairperson make the presentations at the coalition meetings, such as the student on the communications subcommittee who reported at the last Coalition meeting. All agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. The next Steering Committee meeting will be held December 6, 2005 at 4:00pm in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Santos
Coalition Coordinator