

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:31 pm

**B. ROLL CALL:** Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Cologna, Davis, Ferreira, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, MacKinnon, May, Nicastro, Prata, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sinapi, Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**MacKinnon:** Bill SS-10/11-84 needs rec

**Boiteau:** Bill SS-10/11-79 4<sup>th</sup> whereas the resolve on 4<sup>th</sup> line should match first resolve...should be \$922,853

**Agenda approved ☺**

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Minutes approved ☺**

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Coates:** URI foundation is taking nominations for 2011 excellence awards. So if you want to nominate somebody send it in

**Boiteau:** Motion pledge

**Stewart 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Prata:** Senate picture

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Finalists for Senior Speaker

Valerie Damon-Leduc

Brandford Davis

Brenden Hall

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Boiteau:** Motion to SOARC

**Rossi: 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SS-10/11-78 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR OUTING CLUB**

Whereas, Outing Club is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Outing Club would like to purchase punch passes, and

Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and

Whereas, Outing Club would like money to help cover the costs of the purchase, and

Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate's custom to grant such requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,200.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Outing Club.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Boiteau
DATE:	Wednesday, March 16, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Boiteau:** Outing club contingency

**Member:** another 100 passes, they're going fast. Hoping it will take us to the end of the semester with 100 more.

**MacKinnon:** If they don't get all used up roll over to next semester?

**Member:** Yes they don't expire, so then we'll have some before we request more

**Boiteau:** Every pass they sell they charge \$5 which goes back to contingency

**Bill passes** ☺

**SS-10/11-79 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGETS FOR STUDENT SENATE ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Whereas, Student Senate is responsible for budgeting funds to the student organizations, and

Whereas, the following organizations are recognized by the Senate, and

Whereas, the Finance Committee has carefully considered each request and furthered recommendations for each organization's budget, and

Whereas, the Finance Committee has based their recommendations primarily on past usage of budgeted funds, across the board policies applied to all groups, and rationales for request provided by the groups themselves, and

Whereas, the Finance Committee has determined a conservative estimate on how much the Senate can expect to receive in Student Activity Fee income and in rollover income, and

Whereas, the Finance Committee has prepared a balanced budget, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate budget \$922,853.00 to the Student Organizations, including the \$6,890.00 automatically budgeted to all category R and A, based on the Financial Benefits Package in the Finance Handbook, as provided by the budget breakdown accompanying this bill, and therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Student Senate budget \$71,000.00 to the Contingency Categories as provided in the budget breakdown accompanying this bill, and therefore be it

Resolved, the funds budgeted to the Student Organizations over \$993,853.00 shall be deducted from the contingency categories proportionally according to the percentages listed on the budget breakdown accompanying this bill, provided that the total amount allocated to the contingency categories will not be less than \$65,000.00, and be it further

Resolved, that any further funds budgeted to the Student Organizations which would cause the contingency categories to fall below \$65,000.00 will be raised by an across the board percentage cut according to each organization's share of the total amount allocated to organizations, and be it finally,

Resolved, that any additional income collected from student fees or from higher than anticipated rollover may be allocated, at the discretion of the finance committee and the Student Senate executive committee, to the contingency categories proportionally according to the percentages listed on the budget break down accompany this bill

Resolved, that any additional income voted or approved into contingency categories by the Student Senate will be allocated to/from tax apportionment.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee

**BILL HANDLER:** Chairman Boiteau  
**DATE:** Wednesday, March 16th, 2010  
**RECOMMENDATION:** (6-0-0)  
**EXPIRATION DATE:** Upon Dispensation  
**ACTION:** Vote Tonight

**Boiteau:** Category by category, group by group  
**Boiteau:** Abstain if in group, r is first, only m and s has to be here  
**Sinapi:** Comparisons from last year?  
**Boiteau:** I have spreadsheet  
**Sharkey:** If you are member of Greek or sorority are you able to vote?  
**Boiteau:** As long as you're not part of that group

**R**

Alima passes ☺  
Anime club approved ☺  
ASA approved ☺  
Cape Verdean student association approved ☺  
Classics society approved ☺  
College democrats approved ☺  
Rodrigues abstain  
College republicans approved ☺  
Stewart abstain  
Cycling club approved ☺  
Exposure approved ☺  
Fashion merchandising club approved ☺  
Gaming club approved ☺  
Gay-straight alliance approved ☺  
Ghost hunting team approved ☺  
Hillel approved ☺  
Humans v. zombies approved ☺  
Marine science society approved ☺  
Mini baja club approved ☺  
Model UN approved ☺  
Musicians guild approved ☺  
NASO approved ☺  
Philonymous approved ☺  
Quidditch club approved ☺  
Juhr abstains  
SAAHP approved ☺  
Sankofa Christian ministry approved ☺  
Slow food approved ☺  
SAWA approved ☺  
SAAC approved ☺  
SMAC approved ☺  
Students for a sensible drug policy approved ☺  
Student action for sustainability ☺  
Uhuru SaSa approved ☺  
Wildlife society approved ☺

A

Best Buddies approved ☺  
 C.L.A.S.S. approved ☺  
 Davis abstains  
 Colleges against cancer approved ☺  
 Habitat for humanity approved ☺  
 Origins – intervarsity Christian fellowship approved ☺  
 Mob approved ☺  
 NSBE approved ☺  
 Nutrition Club approved ☺  
 Pre-Physical Therapy club approved ☺  
 Psychology club approved ☺  
 Schools for schools approved ☺  
 SWE approved ☺  
 Sports medicine student association approved ☺  
 St. Jude’s up til dawn approved ☺  
 Student United way approved ☺  
 URI saves approved ☺  
 Davis abstains  
 URI students of speech language hearing approved ☺

**Boiteau:** Now we’re going to ask groups if they are happy or not. If happy then ask questions, if not debate issues

M

Cigar  
**Bruce:** They’re happy  
 Cigar approved ☺

IFC

**Member:** Not happy

**Member:** Since we’ve been recognized, we’ve gotten stipends for exec and service chairs. Defending it because we’ve always had them. The mission hasn’t changed. Something that is always spent, and just out right taken away, and not decreased asking why. What is the warrant for that. In finance meeting points made that were dealt with in past, and have always remained. I’d rather you guys discuss that and then when I see your points. I see us being given stipend expense and taken away because more or less the feelings people bring to finance. If for the past 5+ years have had stipends don’t understand what has changed.

**Boiteau:** IFC and Panhel collects own dues for operational costs. Various expenses. Don’t serve whole campus community, limited membership. Group is exception with special membership requirement. Compact doesn’t say they get stipends it says they get supplies

**Sharkey:** To address your after 5 years, every year rerec and new budgets, so it doesn’t mean anything, we see issue now. For myself sitting on finance I was happy because even though you do benefit small portion of people, when you recruit open to whole campus. Believer in Greek life, I believe you are getting enough to improve everything, as long as you impact entire campus, first step of it. Budget given is good for that. The \$36 you collect, because they benefit them, spend it on stipends if you want. If that doesn’t cover it, then raise fees.

**Jones:** Sharkey answered first question about fees used towards stipend and why are we going from a decrease to a cut. I know issues from last year, but I know they’re not going away, why didn’t we do more of a decrease instead of cut?

**Boiteau:** Committee did complete cut, decreasing doesn't work. If you're going to decrease it over time then might as well cut.

**MacKinnon:** Yield time

**Member:** In compact our agreement is there are 3 points. 1 with money facilitate event for entire student community. This semester doing chariot race, open to all students. Compact also says taking care of this like expenses and contingency. Stipends is on our budget.

**Sinapi:** Does club sports collect dues?

**Boiteau:** Yes

**Sinapi:** Sailing club we pay \$18,000 for secretary which isn't for leadership. Slowly decrease instead of cut so group can find a way to find funds their losing so they aren't stumbling to find them.

**MacKinnon:** For Boiteau, you gave them money for leadership summit, is for presidents of chapters and IFC and Panhel. Doesn't serve all URI community why that and not stipends?

**Boiteau:** It's in compact, we have to abide by that. It says leadership retreats in the school year.

**Coates:** Misleading to suggest that IFC stipends have been reduced. Last year it was reduced due to a penalty not because we thought there shouldn't be stipends. I think that is relevant.

**Jones:** If stipends were taken away why can't you increase dues or fees to compensate?

**Member:** Collect \$18 per person, we would have to raise to \$24 to cover that. For large fraternities that would be about extra \$1,000. They are also paying dues to nationals as well. We could raise membership dues but it puts burdens on people who have other obligations for their money.

**Holzman:** 2 questions and speak after...1) What is annual operating IFC budget?

**Member:** \$50,000

**Holzman:** Last few years given \$2,500 for stipends and then requested \$7,000

**Member:** That was me using the process of ask high cut low and find somewhere in the middle. Not necessarily expecting \$7,000.

**Holzman:** Approx 600 Greek men all paying \$88 to their senate. Talking about granting them 11 or 12 percent. I think there is value in having budgeting a stipend line for IFC. If violated compact its easy way to fix that.

**Boiteau:** In regards to that they receive a budget aside from stipends that I can freeze.

**MacKinnon:** Can you freeze for anything whatsoever?

**Boiteau:** Yes

**Member:** You give about 50% of what we need. Makes up for things you can't give us money for. Like philanthropy week. Programming would be first thing to take hit of where expenses are going. Less we will be able to do for non Greek and eventually become self serving organization

**MacKinnon:** Holzman makes a good point. All Greek males pay \$88 dollars. Then another \$18 from dues that go towards IFC budget. Additional \$48 per year on top...\$172 for each student. Hurting more than not. Events are open to everybody. Sponsoring walk for habitat for humanity, involved in relay. Work hard. To NIC to pay dues to their exec boards and members. Denying them is forcing them to take money from other categories for other campus or hurt their members.

**Juhr:** How much does a member have to pay fraternity?

**Member:** Up to fraternity

**Boiteau:** Asking how much is paid to each individual by chapter and how much to dues?

**Sharkey:** At end of day about penalizing fraternity if benefiting small group why should activity tax burden them. If need to increase then talk to fraternity men and tell them. To continue giving stipends out. If you can readjust your programming then

**Segal:** I agree with what Holzman said, that many Greek students, don't do other activities but still pay the tax, and yes the money for stipends might not go directly to the majority of the Greek students, but if this is where IFC would choose to allocate the money, I think that is their business.

**Boiteau:** Just because Greek students decide to participate in things, don't think it should be put back into it

**Caisse:** Saying stipends in compact, but it's not, so why wasn't it?

**Boiteau:** I didn't write compact, can't answer

**MacKinnon:** Why charge people not in Greek life? Why not SEC? Why not Cigar? Why not yearbook? Why not senate? Can be argued back and forth. People who don't do anything, we aren't taking it from and just applying to IFC. Every male has chance to be a part of it, less than 2% rejected.

**Davis:** All students pay activities taxes no matter what. You have a choice to pay a fraternity. Most people will say yes only \$6 dollar increase. Why do you feel IFC should have stipend?

**Member:** When join to be part of IFC all exec members and service chairs are given a stipend. People join Greek to be in the fun, IFC is forfeiting and volunteering time, but don't get to participate because facilitating people in events. \$300 a semester lightens the blow of the amount of time I've spent.

**Holzman:** Speak and ask question. How much do you actually need for stipends?

**Member:** to give to all members as bylaws state \$7,720 as far as allowing things continuing as has, 50% \$4,000

**Coates:** Not addressing stipend line specifically but negative attitude, just because it's going to them, not specifically Greek community. My own fraternity is having event tomorrow night trying to get as many people as possible there. Other campuses gets direct money from senate and do amazing events. I want to address attitude.

**Segal:** In regards to the comments about raising dues to pay for this. I don't think many of you realize exactly how much dues are. I pay close to \$1,000 and that is considered cheaper. So when they raise it a small \$6 here and there it adds up and soon you're paying hundreds more.

**Sinapi:** Stipends we pay are more towards working expense, IFC is looking for less than other organizations. For senate exec you know the pay you get is not equal to the amount of time you put in. freezing of budge to handle issues you cant do that, so Holzman was right by freezing that it is more effective. Student activity tax, when raised by a few dollars, it was a huge deal to raise just that much. Wasn't a small issue and only a small raise. But it is a big issue stipends weren't in the compact already because wasn't issue

**MacKinnon:** Davis raised point that why doesn't all groups get stipends...all M's do.

**Boiteau:** All M members don't charge people to join

**Sinapi:** Point of info club sports pays dues

**Caisse:** At what secretary said my understanding Greek members do take on financial burden and are aware of that beforehand and choose to.

**Zaman:** How long have gotten stipends?

**Member:** Been budgeted for

**Davis:** How many members all of fraternities?

**Member:** About 550

**Davis:** 18 per person, \$50,000 a year

**Sinapi:** Point of info how much does hockey charge per person in hundreds?

**MacKinnon:** Yield time

**Member:** Talked recently in compact how have obligations to meet with so having compact we have standards to meet with as well as you. Asked we have senator at IFC meetings and haven't

**Coates:** Shared 2 exec members

**Member:** Is that enough?

**Coates:** I considered efficient

**Holzman:** Regarding hockey, their annual budget allocation mens was under \$31,000 womens over \$26,000...dues increased \$2,000...don't have info about what membership number actually is.

**Davis:** \$50,000 estimated correct in dues how allocated

**Member:** Leadership conference, stuff for office, events.

**Sharkey:** Things mentioned and according to compact, that's covered by our budget. If spending your money on office supplies, then see that you're spending things incorrectly

**Member:** Those were more generalization, took care of registration and insurance.

**Segal:** In response to the comment about expectations of increased due, I think saying that you expect dues to increase, is a generalization because tuition increases, housing increases, but that doesn't necessarily make people happy and people do complain about that. So that's all I have to say.

**MacKinnon:** 2 questions. Boiteau, reports about contingency money, largest attendance this year?

**Boiteau:** Don't know off top of head

**MacKinnon:** Guess

**Boiteau:** SEC concerts

**MacKinnon:** Ok I would assume that, as well selling 2-3000 tickets. Depending on set up. I was hoping for R or S event. Give countless groups money and as far as I know, there is middle to decent attendance at events, most people in groups and friends. Lipsync and greeking have 1-2000 people show up

**Sharkey:** Point of info cant compare to different categories

**Davis:** Have larger number of members so I see why

**MacKinnon:** IFC only has 12 exec plus a few others

**Davis:** Specifically fraternities and sororities so I can't understand why it is being compared to small group

**Caisse:** Motion to limit debate

**Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Walsh:** Motion to amend stipend to \$4,000

**Roy 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Holzman:** Point of info more precise number...you said you needed how much?

**Walsh:** Half of \$7,720...\$3,860

**Roy 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Opposition**

**Goes to committee**

**Finance Recommendation (0-5-1)**

**Debating motion to amend**

**Lamoureux:** Asking for a lot less, not that bad

**Boiteau:** Not the amount, it's principle

**Roy:** Coming from somebody not involved in Greek life, as a senator, don't think its about principle or statement about granting stipends, people who work for their job

**Holzman:** Said he came for \$7,000 knowing have to negotiate, don't think its best approach, know that's how it functions, everybody argued for the happy medium. Poor perception created. Treat this as though he came for this money from beginning because what he needs

**Davis:** If granted how much of dues is allocated for stipends?

**Member:** It would be \$20 per person.

**MacKinnon:** Amendment would allow IFC to work with constituents to work with budgets for year afterward instead of just doing this

**Stewart:** I don't think they should be blindsided, so I don't see why they should now have 1/2 what they expected until there is no more or decided on. And not just give them 1/2 of what they wanted

**Renzi:** Adequate money for money didn't get this year

**Boiteau:** Meeting regarding stipends and money regarding. But IFC not notified

**Sinapi:** As far as having plenty of money that's not factual, stating they will have to raise dues. The decrease will be appropriate it would be a blindside. Help fill gaps.

**Sharkey:** In past have had issues with groups and finance and we've had offered loans in past...

**Juhr:** Question right to speak. Who was at meeting?

**Boiteau:** Panhel, Kim and Alyssa and Coates and myself. IFC was not there.

**Juhr:** No rescheduled meeting?

**Boiteau:** No

**Member:** Originally talking about amendment about how it wasn't in URI's favor to settle for middle amount, said it was matter of principle, what was that?

**Boiteau:** I should have said policy, believing one thing and debating this, Stewart said we shouldn't go half way.

**MacKinnon:** IFC didn't take place in meeting, this amendment would be an adequate warning showing they are in danger and help them restructure budget.

**Segal:** There is record of all of this, my minutes, Steve has last years budget so he'll have this years finalized budget as well. The cuts are recorded. So if we were to give them the cut amount, cut it again next year. You can't say they'll just ask for more and we'll end up giving them the same amount next year if we look at our records like we're supposed to.

**MacKinnon:** Point of info how much of senate needs to approve?

**Holzman:** 2/3

**Vote on amendment**

**Division called**

**8 yes 15 no**

**Amendment fails, back to original bill**

**Renzi:** Seems shady to take away something expecting to have from past, doesn't reflect well on senate

**Coates:** Amendment was shot down, unless somebody amends again I suggest to move along with vote

**Stewart:** Motion to end debate

**Sharkey 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sinapi:** What happens if whole budget is voted down?

**Bruce:** They don't have a budget

**MacKinnon:** Somebody tried to amend that and it's shot down no problem with rest of budget so I think should vote on whole budget together.

**ROLE CALL VOTE:**

**AYE:** Blanchette, Boiteau, Caisse, Cicero, Davis, Ferreira, Holden, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, May, Nicastro, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Stewart, Troiano, Wynne, Zaman

**NO VOTE:** Coates, Holzman, MacKinnon, Prata, Segal

**ABSTAIN:** Cologna, Sinapi, Walsh

**IFC Budget passes**

Renaissance happy

Renaissance budget approved ☺

SEC happy

SEC budget approved ☺

SEC concerts happy

SEC concerts budget approved ☺

Rossi abstains

SEC speakers happy

SEC speakers approved ☺

SEC special events happy

**Holzman:** All 3 committees going up a bit, planning on more events expanding on programming?

**Member:** Operational costs, running low on

**Stewart:** Point of info last year special events ended with a negative balance

SEC special events approved ☺

Student Senate happy

Student Senate approved ☺

WRIU (not here but happy)

**Sinapi:** Capital improvements not giving why was it there?

**Boiteau:** Figured they could request because don't always inventory it.

WRIU approved ☺

**S**

Ballroom dancing happy

Ballroom dancing budget approved ☺

Dance Company

Dance Company budget approved ☺

EMA

**Holzman:** Had to step out but happy

EMA budget approved ☺

Fencing Club

Fencing Club budget approved ☺

**Boiteau:** Motion to Panhel

**Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## M

Panhel

**Boiteau:** Same issues, dues, funding from outside sources, may serve whole community but limited membership. Different group. So still encourage debate

Panhel not happy

**Member:** We have a bigger budget, we are for women, we have more members. Stipends are segmented, different oppositions receive different amounts. Rotating positions receive less. Issue of limited membership, but everybody has the option to join at any time. You do pay dues in organization, our national dues per house is the \$18. We pay a fee to our nationals coming out of the \$18 which is separate from houses. Little bit different breakdown. When you're a student you choose to be in organization and other organizations receive stipends. Ours are smaller. We are only asking what about 1 month of other organizations stipends. And for the whole semester. We don't have opportunity to participate in events. Anybody can come. Have been established for so long, so we get high turnout. Our membership will go down if we keep increasing. Raised \$16,000 during philanthropy week. Planning habitat walk on campus, already raised over \$2,000 and goal is \$10,000. We have advertised to the presidents meeting so we aren't limiting. As Greek leader given opportunity to tell other people about everything you do and the small amount of money is an incentive towards that. I'm willing to meet halfway if need be. I do have a few more people than IFC.

**MacKinnon:** How many total members in Greek life that are women?

**Member:** 500

**Davis:** How much for nationals?

**Member:** About \$6 per person varies from year to year depending on economy. Problem is people paying due sin their houses and the small little things from their dues. There is no charge of event entrance

**Davis:** Upon notification for budget cut, have you started making plans?

**Member:** Either upping dues or fundraiser for student leaders, but its not in budget.

**May:** What was exact number for 134 stipends last year

**Boiteau:** \$7,584

**Knight:** Does national organization require stipends like IFC?

**Member:** Yes

**Davis:** How many members on exec board?

**Member:** 5 exec members which is staggered then rotating members...which is 15 but some are volunteer

**Rosati:** What would be either bare minimum

**Member:** In the \$5-6,000 range but I'm willing to compromise

**Sharkey:** Provide you with certain things under the compact, stipends aren't stated. Some expense you have been paying out of your fees are things you can come to senate for and that could be an issue. You might be spending your money the wrong way and work on that

**Member:** I understand that but along with contingency in addition we are supposed to have a member of senate on our board and that hasn't been completed.

**Rosati:** Motion to amend the stipend to \$3,000

**Rodrigues 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Finance Committee (1-4-0)****Debate on amendment**

**Stewart:** Like we discussed, they were at meeting and received notice stipends may be cut

**Rosati:** Should still give them something, next year fix compact

**Nicastro:** Since Panhel did attend meeting, what was discussed, told them they would be cut?

**Boiteau:** Told them planning on being cut, and talked about stipend issue from last year.

**Stewart:** Voted down similar organization, so should probably treat this the same

**Sinapi:** Point of info, this is a different organization

**Member:** Battle for a long time, if there was some way in compact to agree. Think about cost for student and stipend and how they help you.

**May:** If not cut the stipends, what would it be?

**Boiteau:** No proposal

**MacKinnon:** Point of info...figure...

**Rosati:** \$3,000 exactly

**Zaman:** In regards to meeting in the beginning of year what regards on being cut?

**Member:** We would lose members because of dues increase and people wont consider anymore, more for my treasurer

**Cologna:** Stipends from last year, were small, so reduction probably wouldn't benefit

**Stewart:** General note, hold all groups to same standard keep in mind when voting

**Member:** What other groups receive stipends and then if I can respond?

**Boiteau:** MacKinnon noted all other M groups do because open to all other groups. Cigar, renaissance, SEC.

**Boiteau:** This is different than other groups

**Vote on amendment****Division called****Amendment fails****Back to original bill**

**Boiteau:** Happy with remainder?

**Member:** The rest yes

**Vote on bill as whole**

Panhel budget approved

**S**

Fencing club

Fencing club budget approved ☺

Independent scribe

Independent scribe budget approved ☺

Martial arts: capoeira

**Holden:** They were happy?

**Boiteau:** Yeah

Martial arts: capoeira budget approved ☺

Outing club

Outing club budget approved ☺

Cologna abstains

PRSSA

PRSSA budget approved ☺

Sailing Club

**Member:** Happy

**Sharkey:** Clarify capital improvements

**Boiteau:** Budgeted for because use this frequently, don't know how I would inventory sails

Sailing club approved ☺

Scuba club

**Member:** Happy

Scuba club approved ☺

Snowboarding club

**Boiteau:** They were happy

Snowboarding club approved ☺

Surf club

**Boiteau:** Happy

Surf club approved ☺

**WHOLE BILL**

**Mackinnon:** Programming and contingency enough for next fiscal year?

**Boiteau:** Yes

**Budget bill passes ☺**

**SS-10/11-82 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SSDP**

Whereas, SSDP is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, SSDP would like to hold a programming event on campus, and  
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and  
Whereas, SSDP would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and  
Whereas, this request is within the finance policy of the Senate and it is the Senate’s custom to grant such

requests, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) in the budget of SSDP.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Boiteau
DATE:	Wednesday, March, 15th, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**Boiteau:** Motion 5 min recess

**Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:20 pm

9:26 pm

**ROLL CALL:** Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Caisse, Cicero, Coates, Cologne, Davis, Ferreira, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, MacKinnon, May, Nicastro, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

**Boiteau:** 1 bill for next week. Ask me and committee questions. Thank you everybody for patience.

**- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:**

**SS-10/11-80 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE URI COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN AT CATEGORY A**

Whereas, The URI Council for Exceptional Children will provide future educators, and other pre-professionals with resources and knowledge to benefit the lives of persons with special needs.

Whereas, The URI Council for Exceptional Children meets the requirements for recognition at category A, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes URI Council for Exceptional Children at Category A.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Rossi
DATE:	Wednesday, March 16, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Rossi:** 1 bill

**Member:** 22 members meet 1 time a month. Keep educators and future educators aware of practices.

**MacKinnon:** How many members

**Member:** 22

**Segal:** How many meetings a month?

**Member:** 1 to get people to come then go to events

**Sharkey:** What do you do?

**Member:** Talk about stuff, gain knowledge

**Bill passes** ☺

Boiteau abstains

**Rossi:** Bill for next week and presidents meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> at alumni center

**Rossi:** Motion to finance

**Holden 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SS-10/11-83 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF CAMPUS MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER AT CATEGORY A**

Whereas, Campus Ministry International University of Rhode Island Chapter will provide an in depth study of the word of God through prayer, worship, and relationship as well as set up programs and services encouraging and maintaining spiritual awareness.

Whereas, Campus Ministry International University of Rhode Island Chapter meets the requirements for recognition at category A, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Campus Ministry International University of Rhode Island Chapter at Category A.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Vice-Chair Roy
DATE:	Wednesday, March 16, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**SS-10/11-81 – Resolution of Opinion on the Creation of Student Advisory Councils to each Dean of each of the Colleges at the University of Rhode Island**

**Whereas**, The Student Senate recognizes that student opinion is paramount, and

**Whereas**, the College of Business Administration has had great success in the use of their Business Student Advisory Council; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Student Senate calls for the creation of similar Advisory Councils to the Deans of all degree granting colleges at the University, and be it further;

**Resolved**, that the elected College Representative of the Student Senate sit on their college’s council.

SPONSOR:	Academic Affairs
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Cologna
DATE:	March 16, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	(6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Cologna:** Resolution of opinion on floor. About creation of recommendation to deans. College reps serve as member of counsel. We thought that they could follow model

**Segal:** How would we insure the college reps actually go, because most of them already don’t meet with their deans?

**Cologna:** Mentality is take pressure off college reps to meet monthly, they will feel more pressured especially because they would be more inclined to attend and could take minutes from counsel as report

**Boiteau:** Cologna and I serve on business and its great for students and faculty. We hear about all issues that we bring up within academics here. Unique environment for students to be one and one with dean.

**Bill passes ☺**

**Cologna:** Committee created memo regarding ill send follow up. Review UC advising survey. Results were advising in my opinion. Pilkington did amazing job researching sister school 2<sup>nd</sup> grade option. Should new drop period proposal come about it would give greater leverage. Attended provost meeting, issued advising. There with be a committee of that which will meet over next 2 months. Comprised of many people, 1 will be my successor and another student appointed by Coates.

**- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Jones:** Met Tuesday, planning road to the statehouse going well...post its should be in soon. Sent out email to you of bills that are at the statehouse regarding higher ed. Look at it talk to external about anything interesting and questions or concerns. Made sign up sheet for the event. Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> 230-430, write if you can go and if you can drive because we’ll probably need to carpool. More people the better. Can get excused note if needed.

**Boiteau:** Explain road to statehouse...lobbying and meeting or attending general assembly and senate sessions as well?

**Jones:** I didn’t go last year it will be new for me

**Coates:** Us, RIC and CCRI participate, food, set up table, met and greet and talk to general assembly about what is happening and URI. Network and show off what has been going on.

**Davis:** I went last year and it's a great way to learn about what is going on at different schools.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Davis:** Diversity service march 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. Rammies nominations tomorrow. Spread the word. Great job cultural.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Sinapi:** Safety and lighting walk before April 6<sup>th</sup>. Hertz mid march report. 4 members in January to 24 in March and cars have been used for 29 hours. Getting more and more usage. Not all handicap entrances work, let me know if you know of any. Same with blue lights.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

*a. Chief Information Officer*

**Holzman:** Working on alumni contact list. Coming along. Getting in touch with alumni center to get contact info for people we don't have. Make sure everybody is doing transition binders. Still have RFI's to address over spring break.

**Cologna:** I can get in contact with president of SAA

*b. Director of Communications*

*c. Secretary*

**Segal:** Kudos is for elections committee, they did a great job and filled all but 1 seat. I've been getting all the minutes so I guess that's irrelevant to my report now. Liaisons, your reports are due to me March 30<sup>th</sup> aka the annual meeting, so get those to me. But next week is spring break so I'm hoping you already have set up a meeting. My transition binder is unstarted, but is more like a paper and will be easy and will get done over spring break.

*d. Treasurer*

**MacKinnon:** I get my stipend by writing the checks, less work than IFC and Panhel

*e. Vice President*

**Prata:** BBQ May 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. 28 Gardina. Paid for by frosty, but if not enough money it will be a small amount. If you misbehave in office pay up. Working on transition binder over break. Fun fact, Charlie Sheen officially took last spot.

*f. President*

**Coates:** Aren't we all having so much fun!?!?! Presentation at equity counsel tomorrow. Need 4 individuals for advising committee Cologna was talking about, appointing him, ac chair to be announced and 3 others. People who want to improve advising situation. Please let me know, extremely time sensitive. Sbpcc meets Friday afternoon hopefully more info about additional state funding. Attending a meeting next week about an organization of ours. I will not support events that do not allow non URI students. Leaving or not please write me a note explaining what you think you're role as senator should be or was and what you think about goals of senate. Especially people leaving. So everybody can have say before they leave.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

**Caisse:** No report

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Bylaws

**Holden:** Working hopefully getting bill on floor

Elections

**MacKinnon:** Elections over need rec

**Elections committee recommendation (3-0-0)**

**MacKinnon:** Kayla Flynn denied so Chelsea Longa accepted. Congrats to everybody! Thank you committee!

**SS-10/11-84 BILL CALLING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPRING ELECTION RESULTS**

Whereas, the Spring Elections were held as scheduled with no irregularities and no challenges filed, and

Whereas, the Elections Committee produced a final count of the valid cast ballots and no recount was requested, therefore be it

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate confirm the following results (winners in bold):

President/Vice President (1)

**David Coates/Casey Holden – 335**

Zach Iadevia/ Sean Connerty – 2

Chris Aiudi/Anthony Aiudi – 2

At-Large Representatives (12)

**Hania Zaman - 107**

**Brittany Ferriera - 102**

**Chris Cicero – 105**

**Kristen Stewart – 105**

**Ted Wynne - 99**

**Alexa Roy – 94**

**Andrew Pilkington – 93**

**Derek Troiano – 86**

**Chrissy Jühr - 85**

**Kyle Weinreich – 84**

**Gabriel Lamoureux – 76**

**~~Kayla Flynn – 73~~**

**Chelsea Longa - 70**

Elizabeth Blanchette – 60

Kyle Riccio - 49

Thomas R. Frawley - 46

Kimberly Ann Barrena - 32

On-Campus Representatives (9)  
(ties to be determined by internal elections)

**John Krauss – 137**

**Andrew Sharkey – 134**

**Daniel Kessler – 118**  
**Chris Caisse – 116**  
**Patrick Brown – 101**  
**Erica Pishdadian – 98**  
**Patrick Brehio – 87**  
**Elizabeth Blanchette – 82**  
**Steven Paul Cahill – 80**  
Nick Groleaux – 77  
Kevin Walsh - 8  
Dave Bedard - 7

Off-Campus Representatives (11)

**Christopher Knight - 62**  
**Brittany Dobrzynski - 61**  
**Bryan Pestone - 53**  
**Nicole Labate - 53**  
**John Renzi – 50**  
**Philip Nicaastro – 50**  
**Julio Quinonez - 50**  
**Kimberly Barrena - 50**  
**Ashley Smith - 50**  
**Dave May – 49**  
*\*Patrick Brown – 2*  
*\*Daniel Kessler – 2*  
*\*Erica Pishdadian – 2*  
*\*John Krauss – 2*

\* Ineligible for Off-campus or won in previous election

College of Arts & Sciences Representative (1)

**Rosemarie K. Thomas – 21**

College of Business Representative (1)

**Michael N. Merolla – 13**

College of Engineering Representative (1)

**Brian Irving – 12**  
Adam Paul – 11

College of Environment & Life Science Representative (1)

**Matthew Berger – 20**

College of Human Science & Services Representative (1)

**Julie Mizejeski – 7**

College of Nursing Representative (1)

**Mardea Halley – 1**

College of Pharmacy Representative (1)

**Alev Gulum – 23**

University College Representative (1)

**Karim Azizi – 49**  
 Ramata Saygbe – 18

(In order to conserve space, the names of those not elected have been omitted).

SPONSOR:	Elections Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman MacKinnon
DATE:	Wednesday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Annual Meeting
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Nominations for Finance Chair

**Boiteau:** Stewart  
**Coates 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Nominations for SOARC Chair

**Holden:** Roy  
**Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

**L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:**

**Jones:** Thank you everybody who signed up for state house

**Bruce:** Rhody won ☺

**Bruce:** Emailed former secretary, she is a native of Japan and told her I was worried, they are in Tokyo and well. Want to do something as student body for Japan. Looked at pictures couldn't comprehend. She said it's like a fatal thing that happened to their country. Have fun over break but when come back take a look at this thing.

**Maureen:** Have a safe and relaxing spring break. For senate you need to turn in Rainville invitation or for other student organizations.

**MacKinnon:** Hope your spring break will be better than mine

**Coates:** 1 in other news gave cosponsorship to subsidize cost for tickets for the game, hope people went. Tomorrow sig ep will be hosting a sober party so behave. Proceeds go for youth aids and Japan. So if under 21 go to sig ep house.

**Rosati:** Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> filming my final project atrium 1, 11am I need as many extras as possible, need as many as possible. Food and drinks provided.

**Holden:** All got email last week about new senator orientation, not mandatory but if want to please go.

**Boiteau:** What time?

**Holden:** Tuesday 6pm

**Rodrigues:** Motion to adjourn

**Rossi 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**N. ADJOURNMENT:**

**AYE:** Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Caisse, Cicero, Davis, Ferreira, Holden, Jones, Jühr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, May, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Sinapi, Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

**NAY:** Cologna, Rodrigues

**NO VOTE:** Coates, Holzman, MacKinnon, Prata, Segal

**9:58 pm**