

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

B. ROLL CALL: Acevedo, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse Cicero, Coates, Dallinga, Davis, Dlhopsky, Ferreira, Holden, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, MacKinnon, Pezza, Pilkington, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Sinapi: Rec on my bill

(6-0-0)

Agenda approved! ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Minutes approved ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Coates: May know last week general manager of Ryan center passed away after long battle with cancer, on behalf of us offer condolences and moment of silence

Boiteau: Motion pledge

Rodrigues 2nd

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Boiteau: 2 bills on floor for next week, ask questions this week. Committee worked on 2nd rec of budgets, 3 hours on Monday. Thanks to committee. Gave outing club \$499.99 for new tents and stove.

SS-10/11-74 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SAWA

Whereas, SAWA is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, SAWA would like to hold a programming event on campus, and

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

Whereas, SAWA 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 \$9,504.84 from our Programming Contingency to Category #130 (Programming) in the budget of SAWA.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Boiteau
DATE:	Wednesday, March 2, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

SS-10/11-75 CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR NASO

Whereas, NASO is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, NASO would like to hold a programming event on campus, and

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

Whereas, NASO 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 \$3,750.00 from our Programming Contingency to Category #130 (Programming) in the budget of NASO.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Boiteau
 DATE: Wednesday, March 2, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE:

SS-10/11-71 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP AND HUMAN RESOURCES CLUB AT CATEGORY A

Whereas, The Leadership and Human Resources Club will expose students to careers in Leadership and Human Resources and provide students the skills, experiences and networking opportunities needed to be successful in those fields.

Whereas, Leadership and Human Resources Club 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 Leadership and Human Resources Club at Category A.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Rossi
 DATE: Wednesday, March 3, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

Rossi: 1 bill tonight

Member: No actual human resources major, 1 class, students have shown interest in getting into field so help make connections to field

Boiteau: How many members currently and are you promoting throughout whole campus?

Member: currently 40 in sakai group and its not just business sociology and psych and communication as well.

Pilkington: Where do you guys meet and when?

Member: A room in Ballentine and Thursday morning at 8:30

Bill passes! ☺

SS-10/11-76 – BILL CALLING FOR THE RECOGNITION OF THE SEEKERS MEDITATION CLUB AT CATEGORY R

Whereas, The Seekers Meditation Club will provide the student community with an opportunity to experience and practice meditation on an introductory level to better themselves and cope with the stressors of college life.

Whereas, The Seekers Meditation Club meets the requirements for recognition at category R, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Seekers Meditation Club at Category R.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Rossi
 DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2011
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Rossi: 1 bill for next week check out and come to SOARC if have questions. Presidents meeting Monday at 7 in atrium 2.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Labate: Drop period proposal failed 17-16 in faculty senate. Make up day proposal passed so academic affairs wants to thank senate for that. Rumors that classes are being missed of finals being missed is untrue. There was academic complaint, more to follow. Transition binders for college reps done and being sent to Holzman. Also exploring new resolution and more to come next week.

Holden: Thanking people who worked on survey vote was extremely close

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

SS-10/11-73 – Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on Proposed Federal Budget Cuts to Higher Education

Whereas, the current Federal budget proposal would cut support for higher education by \$89 billion over 10 years, and

Whereas, the number of Pell grants received by students will be significantly decreased, and

Whereas, Pell grants give college students from low-income families as much as \$5,550 per school year to pay tuition and other costs, and

Whereas, these cuts will be severely detrimental to the Students of the University of Rhode Island and the United States’ public higher education system as a whole; therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Student Senate opposes any federal budget proposal with significant reduction to higher education.

SPONSOR:	External Affairs
BILL HANDLER:	Vice-Chair Roy
DATE:	Wednesday, March 3, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	(5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Jones: Bill that was explained last week.

Boiteau: Motion to amend 2nd whereas and resolved strict significantly and significant it weakens statement were trying to make

Rodrigues 2nd

(6-0-0)

Coates: The first whereas was good there is a significant decrease, the 2nd one is unnecessary

Roy: Motion to put the significant back in 2nd whereas

Rodrigues 2nd

(6-0-0)

Bill passes! ☺

Rodrigues: Motion to mention it was unanimous

Boiteau 2nd

Jones: Talking about road to state house, April 7th 2-4 planning on giving out post it notes to give out there. Talking more about that next week. Vice chair Roy went along with Boiteau and Troiano to the coalition meeting and brought back interesting news.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Davis: March 31st is diversity service fair in front of union. Flyers will be out by next week. Also Rammies April 26th, notices will be out next week and announcement at presidents meeting. Next MCC presidents meeting March 16th and Rammies nomination booths March 15th, so info if willing to help.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

SS-10/11-77 Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Proposed Tootell East Renovations

Whereas, the URI Student Senate is in support of a varsity only workout facility, and

Whereas, the proposed renovations to Tootell East would displace student activities, and

Whereas, several of the displaced student activities would be left with no alternative and would be ended, and

Whereas, the URI Student Senate ultimately represents the interest of the student body, therefore be it

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate cannot support the proposed renovations to Tootell East.

SPONSOR:	Campus Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Sinapi
DATE:	Wednesday, March 2, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	(- -)
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	

Sinapi: Bill on floor...questions?

MacKinnon: Yield time to Bruce

Bruce: Immediate consider?

MacKinnon: Sinapi can you give synopsis about renovations?

Sinapi: Why we have bill or general?

Sinapi: Being renovated to provide varsity only gym. No longer useable by undergrad open rec or anybody else.

Holden: Student body feedback?

Sinapi: 2 classes will be displaced and intramurals displaced. And for that likelihood some sports will get cancelled.

Sharkey: Where are funds coming from?

Sinapi: Alumni donations

Holden: Explain why good thing for student body?

Sinapi: Not, that's why there bill. Varsity would enjoy it and donations were meant for that.

Sinapi: Motion to immediate consider

Cahill 2nd

Rosati: When do they plan on doing this?

Sinapi: Has been completed for some time but waiting for architect approval. Can happen any day lucky hasn't yet

Coates: Originally planned as stand along separate facility but because not enough funding they're doing this. I oppose measure, they already have gym facilities and were already short 2 basketball courts. Still haven't gotten lighted intramural field even though in works.

Davis: This is area around swimming pool?

Sinapi: East is being renovated but yes around the pool

Davis: West where large gym is?

Sinapi: Yeah, problematic is large gym doesn't offer same things for intramurals. Can utilize courts for everything.

Coates: Losing intramural floor hockey

Davis: 2 questions. East where basketball practices sometimes?

Sinapi: Yeah

Davis: Sports do not use east, its west where they use basketball and volleyball

MacKinnon: West is upstairs and East is downstairs

Sinapi: We will have students that lose out if renovation does go forward and small renovation would benefit...in best interest

Ferreira: First whereas confuses me

Sinapi: We aren't against varsity only, its just that it is going to be at Tootell east

Boiteau: Sinapi, if do go forward what are doing with old varsity only?

Sinapi: Variety of plans...anything from dance studio to classrooms to martial arts area. Several different ideas

Davis: If they do this renovations in East, will varsity teams utilize Keaney less

Sinapi: With loss of East less alternatives for practicing.

Dallinga: Do we know plans for new gym on Butterfield road?

Sinapi: It's not going to be varsity only and they still want varsity only

Stewart: Like Brittany has mentioned first and 2nd whereas make no sense, it makes it sound like were in favor. Understand it's not like that but its rather unclear

Coates: 3rd time in 2 weeks we will have been rewriting bills on floor. Don't see a problem. The resolve is all that matters when it comes to our stance. It says we don't support it on this site. Because it replaces a gym we wont be getting back in another form. Losing a basketball court.

Sinapi: Wording is specific so there is no room for misinterpreting

Cahill: I agree with Coates, people are taking that much issue you could add but nothing wrong currently

Bill passes! ☺

Sinapi: If anybody sees blue lights out let me know. Hertz is up and running so feel free to sign up. You get it free for a year.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Chief Information Officer

b. Director of Communications

Pezza: Next week constructing e newsletter. Think it would be great for committee chairs to give me info to relay

c. Secretary

Segal: Kudos is for Sinapi for getting Hertz up and running. Minutes I've been getting so that's good. Liaisons, still have not got some, so do that. And it is not necessary to reply to the listserv or tell me you do not meet every month when I included that I know who you are.

d. Treasurer

MacKinnon: I missed senior night to say something important, I'm paying the bills

e. Vice President

Prata: Senior speaker application is being extended to March 8th. Committee meet in back after meeting. If you are interested in applying do so. Extended until March 8th in office. As far as ski trip goes we cant get enough people for bus so carpooling with it instead. If you have paid you will be refunded cost of bus. March 12th. Still meet here early. Senate barbeque ill be planning soon. It's usually for outgoing and new senators around finals time. Not sure of location yet. Between our 2 houses. If you can make it ill get a date back to you. Working on transition binder

f. President

Coates: Since passed external bill even though passed without a whisper, I don't know if you realize we passed resolution of closing federal budget proposals know talked last week but should have had talk tonight and discussion of aftermath. I will

be writing to each member of RI congressional delegation. Depending on where they are I'll deliver in person if I can. March 9th or 10th is ballpark of when governor will make higher ed budget proposals. Making letter to him as well. Reached out to RIC and tomorrow talking to somebody from CCRI about this. Important it doesn't just come from us, they are in same mess. After that well have better idea of what fiscal year 2012 will look like. After annual meeting I plan on inviting Dooley to meeting to get updates. Aside from that currently engaging in job search for new DOC. If you know anybody in pr or comm. Let me know. Worked well last year. Technical skills, voice to speak with press is required.
Rodrigues: When you send letter, you can send providence offices of both congressional. They fax electronically to DC office.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

Caisse: No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Bylaws

Holden: Making a lot of progress with list we compiled, looking for other suggestions. Talk to us or put in suggestion draw or send to email

Elections

MacKinnon: Declarations end Friday at 1pm if still looking for spot make sure you sign up. 6 on campus and 7 off declared. More spots to fill. Elections Wednesday and Thursday from 9-5. Cannot work if you are currently running. Next Tuesday q and a session. In atrium 1 at 7.

Jones: When is booth?

MacKinnon: Wednesday and Thursday 9 -5

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Sinapi: Forgot to mention in report, Chrissy met and few updates about dining. Rams den accepting Visa and MasterCard. Dunkin may come to campus. Hope got refloored and butt is getting new TV. Already got. Emailing that out.

Davis: They have new TV but its in front door. No point the workers sit there and watch it but nothing on it

Bruce: Won't be here next Wednesday but Maureen will be. Budgets in 2 weeks, will be fun.

Stewart: Can you leave elections sign up in office hasn't gotten around?

Rodrigues: Motion to adjourn

Rosati 2nd

M. ADJOURNMENT:

AYE: Acevedo, Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Cicero, Dallinga, Davis, Dlhopsky, Ferreira, Holden, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Labate, Lamoureux, Pilkington, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Sinapi, Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

NAY: Rodrigues

NO VOTE: Coates, MacKinnon, Pezza, Prata, Segal

7:12 pm