

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:32 pm

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

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Agenda approved ☺

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

Minutes approved ☺

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**MacKinnon:** Monday 5-8 fiji is hosting friendly's night, 20% of bill towards philanthropy

**Holden:** Motion pledge

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

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- FINANCE COMMITTEE

**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 9, 2011
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4- 0- 0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**Boiteau:** 2 bills today. 2 next week.

**Member:** This year having 5<sup>th</sup> annual show.

**May:** How successful past few years?

**Member:** Very successful, collect money for charity.

**Rodrigues:** Where money go towards?

**Member:** Usually \$10 for non-URI and \$7 for URI money made goes back to senate, but we do ask for donations.

**Wynne:** What are you doing?

**Member:** Hair show, started 5 years ago.

**Davis:** How does it create diversity and community experience?

**Member:** We show how hair represents beauty in women and we are multicultural but focus on Africa most and show hair, this year doing hair that represents elements.

**Boiteau:** Theme is 4 elements so they are doing performances and having speakers as well

Bill passes! ☺

**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 9, 2011  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**Member:** 2<sup>nd</sup> annual pow wow on campus. Native American gathering for different cultures. Asking for \$3,750 for drummers

**Ferreira:** Free?

**Member:** No, last year was \$2, think \$3

**Zaman:** What goods will be traded?

**Member:** Jewelry, arts and crafts, food vendors

**Davis:** How do you plan to advertise?

**Member:** Last year passed flyers, hopefully news. April 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

Bill passes! ☺

Rodrigues abstain

**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 9, 2011  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6- 0- 0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Next Week

**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 \$993,858.00 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 9th, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	(6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

**Boiteau:** Look over budget bill and ask questions ahead of time. Long meeting next week, groups will be coming so you can ask questions, be prepared to be here for a few hours. Yield time to EMA  
**Member:** Annual event, dance till dawn, well be at finance on Monday to request money  
**Coates:** I'll help cosponsor

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

**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, March 9, 2011  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**Rossi:** 1 bill

**Member:** President en around for 2 years...weekly meeting Monday nights teach mediation and yoga. Trying to get rerecognized

**Rodrigues:** Why not fall?

**Member:** Transition old treasurer graduated and didn't carry through

**Ferreira:** Where/what time meet?

**Member:** Lippit top floor room 404 at 7pm on Mondays

**MacKinnon:** How many members?

**Member:** Email list about 55, meetings range between 10 and 20 people

**Bill passes** ☺

**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 9, 2011  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Rossi: ill next week presidents meeting was Monday and went well

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Labate:** Bill for next week look it over and ask questions. Pilkington is researching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade option at similar schools. Be used to issue opinion on it. Newspapers for pro journal increased by 5 papers because papers have been selling out. Cologne has written a memo for faculty senate working on report for advising. Academic affairs committee option on advising. Ask people from academic if have questions. Provost student advisory counsel is March 16<sup>th</sup> 5pm in green hall. If you plan to attend for first hour its beneficial. Free pizza.

**Segal:** Increased by 5?

**Labate:** Draw in papers?

**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 Cologne  
DATE: 3-9-2011  
RECOMMENDATION: 6-0-0  
EXPIRATION DATE: Perpetual  
ACTION: Vote Next Week

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Jones:** Planning road to statehouse, put in purchase rec for post its. Got good info on bills and an excel sheet and news from state house that has to do with higher ed. I’ll look at it and forward it out. It will be good to know for when we head up there. Alexa is still working with coalition and she’ll bring back some news. Ill have a sign up sheet next week, you can get class excused note.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Davis:** Next Thursday is 2<sup>nd</sup> MCC presidents meeting of semester. After spring break March 31<sup>st</sup> diversity services of URI will take place 12-4. Ads will be out tomorrow. Also Rammies is April 26<sup>th</sup> 2011, Tuesday. Date for rock the pond, 3 day thing April 29<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. for Ellery pond.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Sinapi:** A lot of stuff is back to what it was before waiting for responses. Up to 8 or 9. send out a few memos by Wednesday.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

*a. Chief Information Officer*

**Holzman:** Transition binders coming along. Props to Brenden for making the most progress. Come ask me if theres things you need to know.

**Coates:** What are 4 requests for information?

**Holzman:** Surf club fund raising issue, 500 family recognition situation, request for veto power stuff, and some budget stuff

**MacKinnon:** If we would like, is there forms in office?

**Holzman:** Currently no formal way

**MacKinnon:** So ask you?

**Holzman:** Yeah email is good

**Rodrigues:** How alumni contact list coming along?

**Holzman:** Getting there. Talk to alumni association to get info.

**b. Director of Communications**

**Pezza:** Dave and I are going to work on letters Friday. Enewsletter has been started

**Coates:** To talk about enewsletter, anybody on senate can contribute, I want to make it fun not just informative. So if you're creative and theres a particular event on campus or something to make fun of write something

**c. Secretary**

**Segal:** Kudos is for Bill and Sue for being the only people to go to the Q and A session yesterday along with the cigar reporter. Minutes are good. Liaisons haven't been getting me stuff they were missing, so whatever if you're not going to do your job I guess I can't make you. My transition binder hasn't been started but I'm not worried because there isn't much for it. Also Chi Omega alumni I met the other had a mother who was a Chi Omega and the secretary of Senate, so somebody else is living my life.

**d. Treasurer**

**MacKinnon:** Atlantic City beckons to me but then who will pay all the bills

**e. Vice President**

**Prata:** Ski trip cancelled. Not enough people signed up. Maybe next year. Senior speaker committee work in progress. People interested. Committee meet after meeting. Senate oozeball team may 1<sup>st</sup> in afternoon. Have to sign up in groups of 6. Let me know if interested. BBQ is also that day, after oozeball shower then come to my house. Don't know what time yet. BBQ is paid for through frosty money, so pay if you have bad behavior. If we need more well charge a few dollars per person. Relay for life, sent text to sec pres to see if we sign up with them or own team. Sign up by Monday it is only \$10 per person

**Holden:** Talked to oozeball today, open registration next week

**Rodrigues:** Comment about frosty, I paid \$40 so pay up

**Coates:** I put \$20 in and there's only \$37 so start swearing

**May:** I'll sponsor who can come up with the worst curse

**Holzman:** Somebody want to motion to strike that

**Coates:** Nahhh

**Nicastro:** Can you play on 2 different oozeball teams?

**Coates:** I'm not playing with senate either

**Stewart:** You get discount if sign up with senate recognized group or fraternity or sorority so sucks for you Coates.

**f. President**

**Coates:** Sorry late got out of class at 6. Friday dropped off letter to Chafee regarding budget issues. <<reads letter>> announced last night public higher ed receiving additional \$10 million. There would have been tuition increase if didn't happen. For short term gov to make commitment we can expect great thing in future. Follow up with members of general assembly. Narragansett coalition mailed me action plan looks ok I guess. Presenting to town counsel proposal limiting how many unrelated people can live together. Don't expect it to get past town counsel or realtors. Maybe a conflict of state law. Wrote letters to RI congressional leaders. Spoke with facilities and litter on campus has become bigger problem than in past. I haven't noticed because I don't live here anymore but Sinapi and I will be arranging a meeting. Meeting with equity counsel tomorrow with chairman Davis. Started taking exec suggestions on how can improve the office for next year, let me know if you have more suggestions. Brainstorm. Including buying new things, last year got whiteboard, looking for more stuff like that. I need 1 student to volunteer for teaching excellence committee, only meets 3 or 4 times. A grad student as well. If interested let me know. Advising working group, university wants to make advising better. We want peoples good or bad advising stories. Give a clearer picture than survey would. Be on lookout for an email about welcome days. Major recruitment tool. Met Pilkington there last year. Please sign up, they're Saturday morning. If you sign up I'll buy you coffee.

**Prata:** Will you buy coffee for people here but not for senate

**Coates:** No

**Stewart:** I have seen a lot of trucks around campus picking up garbage, I was going to write letter to cigar and housing about how to make life in the complex better. So if ideas let me know

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

**Roy:** No report

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Bylaws

**Holden:** Submit recommendations

Elections

**MacKinnon:** Had q and a session last night. Thank you to Coates, Holden, Sharkey and cigar reporter. It was informing if you were there. I thought it would have been more people or I would have canceled. Elections booth tomorrow 9-5. sheet in office to work booth. I'd like 2 people at all times. Bill confirming results next week. Some people are being confused. How to: you ask for id, look them up, you highlight and they initial. If it is not apparent on or off campus you ask. If they are confused, ask if in Greek house, women's center, IEP or Diversity they are on campus if yes. And they vote. If they have dorm they are on campus. If no to any of above, off campus. Instructions are there.

**Holzman:** Acceptable forms of id

**MacKinnon:** ID and drivers license

**Holzman:** Verifying them in house if other address in book

**MacKinnon:** They are in separate packet

**Lamoureux:** Somebody wants on list who lived in house?

**MacKinnon:** Most updated sheet I believe

**Ferreira:** If someone at booth not in book give them paper and they come back signed to we take their word for on or off? Or wait

**MacKinnon:** Good question

**Sharkey:** I can confirm the person today was in a Greek house the whole year so it needs to be updated

**Stewart:** Lists are up to date

**Juhr:** If in book but not in book bring to green. So they sign on or off

**Segal:** Lists might be most up to date but they still are not accurate.

**Sinapi:** FMA is more of less infamous for being backlogged.

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Lamoureux:** One of my friends just diagnosed with inoperable brain cancer. Family putting on shave off where you donate money to shave your head. If want more info see me it's a good cause the family and him are going through rough time.

**Boiteau:** Yield time to officer Mark

**Officer Mark:** Parking situation. A lot of complaints towed and tagged cars. If you can reach out to student body and encourage to park properly it will be better. student skate night April 3<sup>rd</sup>. 8:30 then 9 to midnight. Good play list. All free.

**Pezza:** On my way to senate got pulled over for stop sign, officer said they are going to be posted in every neighborhood in Narragansett

**Boiteau:** Motion adjourn

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

**N. ADJOURNMENT:**

**AYE:** Berger, Blanchette, Boiteau, Cicero, Dallinga, Davis, Ferreira, Gulum, Holden, Jones, Juhr, Labate, Lamoureux, May, Nicastro, Pilkington, Renzi, Rosati, Rossi, Roy, Sharkey, Sinapi, Stewart, Troiano, Walsh, Wynne, Zaman

**NAY:** Knight, Rodrigues

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

**7:27 pm**