

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:38 pm**B. ROLL CALL:**

Bedard, Birch, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Elliott, Farrow, Ferreira, Holland, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, MacKinnon, Messineo, Navilliet, Petit, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Shah, Sharkey, Simon, Slater, Stewart, Stewart, Timas

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Holland - strike SS-09/10-80 from agenda

K Stewart 2nd

Petit – strike SS-09/10-86

Birch 2nd

Not stricken

Messineo- special orders motion fix Holzman's spelling

Prata 2nd

MacKinnon – SS-09/10-87 needs recommendation from finance
(5-0-0)

Agenda Approved! ☺

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Coates - motion to table approval of minutes to next week

Prata 2nd

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Segal – please put nametags out, so I don't mess up.

Petit – motion for pledge

Rodrigues 2nd

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Senior Speaker Finalists:

Matthew Brum

Nevan Richard

Erica Richard

John Bockner-Enterprise Rent-a-Car

Bockner – We have no franchises, our employees think service is most important, larger amount of locations than competitors. There are lots of offices around here in RI. Location 15 minutes away from wherever. ☺ 854,031 automobiles in US! We Car is car sharing. 52 years of success. Bring what customers want! Lots of hybrids and environmentally friendly cars because we listen to customers. Would help get rid of people getting around parking sticker. 18-20 years needs own insurance, 21+ \$500 deductible. Highly customizable in type of vehicle to rent. Car includes fuel. Easy enrollment process, you get membership packet then go online to book reservation, wallet card to get into car and drive. Billed hourly end of month on credit card statement. Choose car online. We have business with lots of other schools. Can get up to 50% back in operating budget after hit the amount we would owe We Car each month. Maintain the cars for us, unlike other companies. Dedicated team.

Holzman – Will there be EZ passes?

Bockner - Anything is possible, we listen to customers.

Holzman – Will there be larger vehicles? 1 way trips?

Bockner - Designed to keep car on campus so no 1 way, vehicle selection up to Senate. Nissan Cube is one of most popular at schools.

Petit – Is there a limit for how long we can rent?

Bockner - It is possible to make one, there are daily rates, overnight rates and hourly rates.

Rosati – How much gas do you get?

Bockner – All is free, membership ID card to use at fuel station, limits to prevent theft, but essentially no extra charge for fuel.

MacKinnon - Bigger cars on one of the slides?

Bockner – Tech can be free standing car runs on own, any size cars, up to school.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Petit – art club isn’t here again, strike art club again.

Boiteau 2nd

SS-09/10-68– CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ART CLUB

Whereas, Art, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas Art 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 \$762.56 from our General Contingency to the Category #400 (Capital Improvements) line in the budget of Art.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, April 7 th , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-09/10-87 – CATEGORY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Senate would like to transfer money, and

Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, 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 transfer \$6,924.42 from our Travel Contingency and \$4,455.87 from our General Contingency to the Programming Contingency of the Student Senate.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, April 7 th , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Petit – Motion immediate consideration

MacKinnon 2nd

Motion passes! ☺

Petit - Program contingency running low, deadline for travel is past, also general category there as buffer is transferred to programming to help groups that need it.

Sharkey – For Petit, how did you get this number?

Petit – It’s the remaining balance in those contingencies.

Vote passes! ☺

SS-09/10-88 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Whereas, EMA, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, EMA 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 \$2,650.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of EMA.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, April 7 th , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Petit – Motion for immediate consideration

K Stewart 2nd

Member – We do Dance Till Dawn every year and other activities, It’s been here for 9 years. One of longest running successful events. Bunch of diverse people there. Getting acclaimed DJ from UK. We’re asking for contingency to pay sound crew and other people that need to be paid for this.

Other member – Compared quote from supreme sounds and turned out to be less than other place which was lower than other place. \$7,820 needed but have \$4,000. So finance meeting proposed \$2,650 to help with the event to make it successful.

Sharkey – For Petit, last week another group came to ask for money and said they were working with other groups so is their money going there?

Petit - That’s Exposure, similar event but different thing, money from that isn’t. They participated but not their event.

Vote passed! ☺

Petit – Also, we approved \$63 for Gay Straight Alliance for awareness day. \$100 for NAACP beat boxing tournament. \$500 to NAACP for banquet.

SS-09/10-89 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR STUDENTS FOR A SENSIBLE DRUG POLICY

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 \$2,500.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of SSDP.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, April 7th, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-09/10-81 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Apple Users Group at Category R

Whereas, Apple Users Group will support the growth of Apple brand on campus through seminars, demonstrations and other events that educate new or current Mac users about Mac features.

Whereas, Apple Users Group 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 Apple Users Group.

SPONSOR: SOARC
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Holland
DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION: Vote Tonight

SS-09/10-84 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Financial Engineering Club at Category A

Whereas, Financial Engineering Club will actively engage in social and professional networking and focus on advancing and increasing the awareness of finance among students.

Whereas, Financial Engineering 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 Financial Engineering Club.

SPONSOR: SOARC
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Holland
DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Member – We have 10 members, the idea is to get more education in engineering stuff outside the classroom and trips to places to help. Want to plan more events. We meet 2 times a week, and are recruiting more members.

Holland – It’s an organized group, working to help build academic department. Great idea for groups like this on campus.

Vote passed! ☺

SS-09/10-85 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of C.L.A.S.S. at Category A

Whereas, CLASS will help build leaders through facilitation of diversity and student services through events, fundraisers, charities, workshops and community service at URI and in the RI community.

Whereas, CLASS 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 CLASS.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, April 7, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Member – Purpose is to develop more culture and diversity by collaborating. Through community service, build unity, leaders and services for students aimed at diversity. In February put together something to give funds to Haiti.

Prata – If recognized, do you plan on working with other organizations?

Member – Yes. Built on philanthropy, trying to get everybody to come together also around the state of RI.

Timas - What does C.L.A.S.S. stand for?

Member – Classy Leaders Achieving Student Services

Holland – Talked about building relationships with organizations. Some multicultural organizations struggle, and with this organization we would be able to further help campus unite.

Petit – Why recognition, when they do what cultural affairs committee does? So why would we recognize this?

Prata- I know this has happened in past, as a negative thing but I think giving them a shot as a positive thing it would be good. Cultural affairs can't do philanthropy, but I think it will be good to have a student group working with us. We do a lot among the union so with student liaisons I think it would be good, not negative and should give it a shot. If it doesn't work, it doesn't work.

Coates – Yield time to member

Member - Apart from cultural affairs, we're based on philanthropy, and want to incorporate organizations outside URI. Had show at RIC, URI members came to, makes it more diverse.

Messineo – I support this group, regardless of cultural affairs mission. At very least they can work with cultural affairs. I support them as a middleman to help cultural, I think they can do much more. They can hold events; cultural doesn't have the will power or time. I think it can only help.

Sinapi – This is category A. They get no contingency or funding, so it's no big deal. Last time we let a group in like this it was called 500 Family.

Clarke – Doesn't matter category, it's still a big deal. What are the causes for raising money?

Member - Breast Cancer, St Jude, Red Cross, etc.

Clarke – Nervous about having lots philanthropy groups on campus, and overlapping of other groups. I don't know why they need to be senate recognized.

Holland – He was part of St Jude's fall event, and worked with them to achieve their goals, his goal is working with other groups to do what set out to do. Thinking of doing something for Chile disaster. He's thinking things like this. Things other people don't think of. Let him help campus and community.

Sharkey – SOLC is helping groups with what wanting to do, I don't understand how they separate from SOLC and cultural.

Prata – Yield time

Member – Last year I was part of 500 Family. Knowing they weren't structured, I did St Jude's by myself because they had no leadership and structure. I know what needs to be done for diversity. St Jude's was a good cause, regardless. I tried to help Chile but because I was unrecognized I couldn't do it. I want to create more opportunities for that. In my 3 years here a lot of people haven't done it. Working with cultural affairs could do great things. Working with other organizations. Our organization believes URI needs diversity improvement and we can bring it without slacking or overriding Senate.

Petit – Just because a group doesn't receive funding doesn't mean we should just recognize them. I don't think they fit into Senate because they overlap. Why do we need middleman? If members wanted to do what they're saying, cultural affairs does a lot of it. Any student can join it. They can do it through an existing committee. Not necessary to recognize it. It will overlap Senate. If we aren't doing it, we shouldn't recognize somebody to do it, we should step up our game and have them help us.

Holland – I believe cultural under Prata has started working with the MCC and making better relations. We don't know if new chair will keep it up. I don't see how comparing it to the new thing will give you reason to not recognize.

Bedard – Senate should make sure the cultural affairs does it's job. I have no vote; we shouldn't assume lack of leadership in future Senate. Dave Coates and cultural affairs chair has to do a job, if not Coates should remove them.

Coates – I want to point out philanthropic goals that Senate doesn't have. Groups on campus, means different philanthropic causes. Groups have many causes. Working towards flooding, Red Cross, Haiti and Chile, no other organization is doing that. They are worthy of recognition.

Sinapi – The one event 500 Family did correctly was run solely by him, and he's now going to be the new president, he knows what he's doing.

Sharkey – For Holland, what does the SPO office do that couldn't help them?

Holland - They help groups put on events, go there they help plan it. If he wanted to do it he still goes to SPO.

Coates - Yield time

Member - To branch from philanthropy, we do other things. We try to build leaders, and leadership workshops are another aspect. Members could do workshops and work with leadership committees and the minor in union to build leadership. Work for philanthropy and be better person.

Rodrigues – All for it. Not to reiterate, but I agree with Holland and Coates, what he said about opportunities I believe they can achieve it and do good things.

Prata - Off what Holland said, I tried to develop relations with the MCC. Did good job but its difficult and time consuming. Good job but can do better job, next chair will keep it up. Other students for networking is good. Don't know all members of organizations. I can't split myself. A group like this can help working with us, positive change. Please recognize.

Clarke – Points of information. SPO and SOLC, SPO is programming, schedule rooms, and setting up events, the group wouldn't. SOLC helps group development they are more about collaborating. We're not recognizing an individual, it's an organization. Also in past we worked with the MCC and we will move forward. Opinion is Senate recognition won't help if you want to collaborate and work together. Joining cultural affairs is important.

Holland – Yield time

Member – Major thing, working with cultural is beneficial. As I said cant base everything on one person. Starting from top if the top is strong helps the rest. Hope to build and make stronger by top being strong. With cultural affairs, I can benefit them by going through specifics and individuals and letting them no what is going on with diversity on campus. Also recognition is wanted because when I wanted to do something for Chile I couldn't.

Simon– I knew him since 2006 and he’s been talking about diversity and helping it. Although this isn’t personal, I believe in anything he has to put forward because he wouldn’t put himself in that situation if not, so I believe in the group. I give full support over this group. It will be positive aspect.

Sinapi – Motion to vote

Sharkey 2nd

Motion passes! ☺

Bill passes! ☺

Holland – That’s it for now. Last presidents meeting of year was on Monday. It went well. I need presidents contact info. Any info get me, sometimes there’s miscommunication with new and old presidents.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Coates – I didn’t run my meeting, I turned it to Cologne. Academic standing and calendars had emergency meeting Monday. Talked about extending school year 2 days, taking away reading days. I lodged some vigorous opposition. I did put forth alternate proposal. It’s not being considered. Voting happening online through Sakai. Faculty Senate can’t get quorum to hold meeting. Also posted on Sakai where we stand to let faculty go. They’re 50/50 right now so I don’t know.

Meeting Friday to go over ideas for teacher evaluation. Turn over to Cologne.

Cologna – We talked about exam rights. Planning to get flyers out at Senate meeting, in 2 meetings from now. Going to meeting Friday, we’ll then flyer campus so students know. Hopefully goes well.

MacKinnon – If vote passes tomorrow is it a done deal?

Coates – Yeah they have the power, in that case class would end the 5th not 3rd. It screwed up honors program. If they vote that, I told them to consider easing grading criteria for tests at beginning of finals.

Sinapi – What is the time for revising syllabus?

Coates – At conclusion of add period, professor needs approval from department chair/dean to amend syllabus.

Sinapi - Couldn’t we say that altering the day finals are would be an issue?

Coates- We can try. There’s things student can do, I have theories what to do if it passes.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Clarke – A few reminders, special projects, and check mailboxes next week, there will be something exciting there. Also up at state house possible bill to tax non-profits. I don’t think it would affect Senate but probably URI. Don’t think it will go through, better alternative to raise money for state. Keep you posted. Road to state house coming up. Great event, meet state legislators. Meet other students around CCRI, RIC, Bryant. We’ll talk about it later and about carpooling.

B Stewart- Narragansett cleanup coming up Saturday April 17th at 9am all students that want to go to Bonnet Shore community center and then split up to clean. Encourage everybody to go, especially new senators. More you will participate in future. Facebook group soon.

Clarke – Please support it, important outreach for Senate, great opportunity to meet everybody on senate. Thanks for organizing Bobby.

Boiteau – Is orange sticker in works?

Clarke – That’s the special project.

Messineo – Congrats Clarke and committee because sticker is hilarious and gets message across, well done.

Petit – Stop talking, it's secret for reason.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Prata- Rammies are soon. April 26th at 6:30. Finished ballots, all votes in. Forgot to add to agenda, so next week we'll do it. Flyers going out this week. Gene was awesome and got them done. Going out tomorrow or Friday. Food all set. Nadine will be working on facebook group soon. Purposely made it before finals so try and stop by. Last thing, diversity awards next Tuesday night at the MCC to honor groups and students. Need tickets for dinner but try and stop by.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Sinapi – Ask if you want to see comparison report of car companies, other than that decision that's all for this week. Ellery flooded because they didn't dredge it. That's it. University fails.

Holland – I appreciate the potholes being filled in fine arts lot.

Sinapi – I did it by hand.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. *Director of Communications*

Juelia – I'm going to be sending out brochures and the next newsletter.

Coates - Thanks for doing the brochure!

b. *Secretary*

c. *Treasurer*

Boiteau - Paying the bills and ruining secrets.

d. *Vice President*

Shah – Oh my god, my last report I'm graduating. Senior speaker committee thanks for the hard work. I hope these ballots help, sure they will. Senior speaker I'm leaving so I'll email you. Also assassins, who is the winner? Gianna and I are planning a BBQ, all better be there. Before graduation. Probably Bedard's house.

Messineo – I have a grill and a house.

e. *President*

Bedard – Oh my god my last report, I'm not graduating. Last bit of real business, inauguration is tomorrow at 2pm in the Ryan Center. Open event, classes haven't been cancelled but faculty is advised to bring classes. Probably could get in trouble for skipping but talk to professor. Following there is campus community celebration in Keaney MCed by me and the handsome David Coates. A lot of groups at that event. Open to community and free of charge. Might get a tee shirt, another reason to go. After there is a dinner. At 9 pm in ballroom there is a jazz festival dance party. Other than that follow up, I read a few cards from a few weeks ago. She wrote us about pink out and soda machines at the Ryan Center. Got another card the other day. This is a little bit funny, others appreciated. (letter) We will be writing a letter. I'll save my wisdom for passing of the gavel. This is my final report so I did spend time going over minutes from past year from March 25th 2009 to today and I compiled a list of most but not all. By January I got tired of reading. Most of what this organization has accomplished. Putting it all on one piece of paper, shows why were here for each of

you to realize impact we've had. I am the longest single term serving pres in Senate history. Accomplishments, first Rammies, send sailing team to France, increased funding, dedicated to Community Service, raised \$475 for cancer, helped preserve century forest, first roles and goals exec meeting, survey students, say goodbye to president and welcome new one, survive swine, tailgating at football games, revamped website, went green!, fall retreat, helped plan homecoming and most epic hotdog eat off, on top of it Vidhi came close to being homecoming queen. First meeting between Senate exec and President leadership team, laid foundation for future lobbyist affiliate, indoor rock gym and football lights, grad student liaison, providing buses to away games, pink out, Narragganset lawsuit which made national news through our work. Assisted stopping the hate, first cultural appreciation fair, holiday clothing drive, new crew team boat, spearheaded President meetings with Dooley, helped Haiti campaign, debates in Senate room like academic calendar, football team thanks Steve Boiteau. Winter formal, senate social events, BBQ without grills, assassins, Gmail, proposed single semester parking permits, proposed student handbook changes, advance Ellery pond, helped plan/run inauguration, up to date recognize 25 new student organizations, and were awarded Rainville 2009 award for leadership and excellence, etc. It's not everything but just some and makes me proud and you should all be proud. I will no longer be on Senate, but take this and realize the impact you have on the community. But my final report is officially over.

Clarke – Can we just show up to inauguration?

Bedard – Just show up, there are reserved student sections, it begins at 2. Get there like 1:30, try and get there early they plan on starting at 2.

Holzman - Attire?

Shah– Business casual

- **RULES AND ETHICS:** no report

Sinapi – Motion to move to unfinished business, so we can address the bill during this administration.

Opposition so vote

Vote passes! ☺

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Elections for Finance Chair-

Jacob Holzen
Steve Boiteau
Bill MacKinnon

Shah- Election for finance chair. First reopen elections. Any nominations?

MacKinnon - I respectfully decline my nomination.

Holzman – I respectfully decline my nomination.

Shah – Nominations closed.

Bedard – 2nd Boiteau. Boiteau as you know, his report may have been short, but if spent time in the office he does a lot. Did a great job. Previous to treasure was on finance

committee, was Allen's vice chair. Knows system and is prepared for position, very personable. Great for position. Vote for him, don't have much of a choice, I support nomination, but he doesn't keep secrets.

Petit – Nominated Boiteau. I encourage you to vote for him, Dave covered most. Because we sit across from each other I have talked to him a lot and I think he can handle things in this position. He would be able to enforce different finance regulations good. Accounting background to help with inventory next year. Encourage to vote for him. Not many other choices but don't vote other things because he needs majority to win.

Boiteau – Thanks Allen and Dave. I would take it seriously. I have recognized the system by reading finance handbook, I'm organized and think I can do a good job please vote for me.

Coates - he's awesome for position and he's level headed and respectful not much more you can ask for in candidate.

Petit – How do you feel about being personally liable for what Senate and groups do?

Boiteau – We have a lawyer.

Coates – 5 minute recess!

Roll Call: Bedard, Birch, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Elliott, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Holland, Holtzman, Jones, Juhr, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Petit, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Shah, Sharkey, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stewart, Stewart, Timas

Elections for SOARC Chair-

Jorge Rodrigues
Steve Messineo
Bill MacKinnon

Shah- Reopen SOARC.

MacKinnon - I respectfully decline.

Shah - Holland 2nd Messineo

Holland – Messineo has been on SOARC since spring 07, 3 years, 3 different chairs, lots of experience of how SOARC is run. If he wins has experience, building manager also and knows a lot of people, so he is in contact with groups a lot. Also he has great ideas with what he wants to do next year, he's level headed, calm if upset, which is important.

Sharkey – Nominated Messineo. In addition, the way I vote is on a 5 point scale 40 % if want it 40% potential 20 % good person. Last year I found out he was going to stay for a second year and wanted SOARC and Holland knew the intention, and while on it they talked about the position. Potential - building manager, rules and ethics, knew him, on Sig Ep in addition was with them when they transitioned from bad to good. He turned them over. In addition to knowing him he's respected by many, also rules and ethics, sound body sound mind. I've known him through many things; I think the world of this one.

Messineo – Thanks to Sharkey and Holland. To start with my frat is still in a weird period. They covered a lot of history and what I've done. I'm a senior who will be here for a 5th year. Good because I've served for a long time. I've seen a lot of organizations go to leaders. Also lots come and go some fail, succeed, some do better than others my goal is to encourage debate and ask questions. My goal is to focus on groups we have. Still recognize groups but also not neglect groups. Use committee effectively. Which

Holland attempted to assign us to groups, I want to do that. Simple things. Sending reps to meetings once a semester. Also help group by knowing Senate is keeping up and watching what they're doing. Also encourage groups to have leadership retreat. Groups have lots of problems so to help sort it out. How to resolve stuff. A lot of it is staying on top of things. Also during SPO properly, its supposed to facilitate programming throughout, but lots of times it gets lost in middle. If something happens we hear about it as Senate. I am building manager I'm here a lot, 35, 40 hours a week regularly crazy but fun. I see a lot of the events and work them so I see where stuff goes to and if they do what they told Senate they would do. I'd be the first to report it to them. It's hard to have a presidents meeting, but I'd like to make them more efficient and faster, if you've been there groups make announcements of events and what is to come. If I say something at meeting and you don't remember it's not so good. So sending out email working with DOC is good, so groups know everything. When people just talk it gets repetitive. If we facilitate and have groups respond rather than just telling them, we would actually have people pay attention and retain info. I have more ideas but I'll keep it short. Ask questions. Debate, I've been on SOARC 3 years, I have the time next semester.

Bedard – I seconded Jorge because he's qualified and deserving of the chance. I think I know most of you wrote him off in beginning because of his attitude but honestly Senate needs somebody like Jorge. This year I was so wrapped up that if I didn't have Jorge come in office to make fun of him to his face I wouldn't have gotten through. He takes it with a grain of salt. Has qualities to do this position. Always been on SOARC. What people don't see is he has passion and commitment. If you took time to sit down and talk with him you would see. I've done it numerous times. With his commitment with school work he will bring it to SOARC. Has leadership, in fraternity, starting help it get started. It's difficult, he's trying to do that, hits some bumps, stepped up made him vice president and stabilized group. Best example for Jorge I can compare him to is somebody from last year. A lot wrote him off for being a goof and I'd make fun of him like Jorge. But he had commitment and passion that Jorge had. He went on to do 2 Broadway shows but Jorge can't sing or dance so not an issue. Give him the opportunity and he will do great work. He will keep you sane in meetings, exec meetings; exec needs somebody like Jorge to keep everything going. A lot wrote him off because of personality, I hope people talked to him about the position and he talked to me about it. I wouldn't give a good review for somebody unqualified. He could definitely keep the position going. Consider it, give him a shot.

Holzman – I nominated him because first he's approachable and friendly, we can all agree. That's critical to SOARC chair. SOARC can make you nervous and not like it. Jorge will cause that to change. With him people will not be nearly as on edge as in past. Not against current SOARC chair at all. Same time new group recognition, assuring groups are in category need to be and led to standard needed and has critical eye necessary. Second thing most important is concept of organization leadership conference. Something I had talked to Amanda and Katherine about, discussion I had with the SPO intern and something that really stands to improve quality of operation. If it grows involvement in them will grow and support for Senate. Point is, Jorge will work hard. In advisement of SOARC they spend lot of time reviewing, not dive on current chair but haven't done level of advising I think they should do. Responsibility of committee as well. Tried tactics to support groups checking in on committee basis, we've tried but haven't lived up to expectation, Jorge wont give up fight if elected. Point of

parliamentary procedure, this is open discussion, people in back can talk with out yielded time.

Rodrigues – Thanks Dave and Jacob I appreciate it. I'm Jorge, I'm a junior Poli Sci Math major. My qualifications - I was vice president of Sigma Chi before that the previous vice president was not efficient. No organization, disenfranchised. After I left we are stable and closer to getting chapter. During time as vice president, I helped efficient socials, philanthropy, budgets. My help helped frat to gain leverage with nationals. Here since Fall 2008, started with SOARC committee I was assigned to. Very knowledgeable to what can and can't do. Know what I help groups with. Ideas to present, in exec boards will have conference one day in Fall and exec positions will be specified president will get specific lecture, etc. some people fail to do so because people graduate and don't talk to them. Second idea is transparency. In form of compacts. If elected SOARC chair, IFC compact Panhel, club sports. Showing to Senate everyone will know what it consists of. Creates transparency with Senate and organization. Third main focus would be advisement. I like to help people. By going out to all organizations I can explain who I am to speak with me with issues and a friendly conversation with their exec. This is some of the propositions I'm proposing but there's more. Thank you.

Sharkey –How do you feel about IFC/Panhel and why?

Rodrigues – Here on campus it is a necessity. It is 10% to 15% population can't ignore them, they should be recognized, huge necessity

Messineo – Somewhat agree, believe they are so many students, can't be ignored but more transparent. May not know but case where SOARC had to decide if they would have compact. 6 people shouldn't get that say if they should have it, the whole Senate should be able to vote on it. If issues arise we can come back to Senate. Also it's tough for IFC and Panhel to fulfill every part of what SOARC group should be. As president of a Greek organization, it's difficult for somebody not affiliated to feel the same way. All of Senate should know the agreement and if issue all Senate should have say.

Prata – SOARC is one that should be friendly. Throughout years I've seen Katherine meet with groups and moderate conflicts. The fun and outgoing aside, how do you both think you're qualified and how would you deal with conflicts in organizations?

Messineo – Anything in conflict with organization needs to be addressed ASAP. It shouldn't hold group back or deter them. Needs to be addressed as soon as it occurs. Being president of a frat, conflicts still arise and anytime people work together people will have conflicts. They can be avoided, if you know the mission. Leaders want to go in one direction and others don't want to. A lot of it if came to simple compromise would be good. Leadership wants to be seen in a group and what group wants and what is realistic. Gigantic events aren't feasible for all groups. Set realistic goals at beginning of semester would be helpful and if conflict arises then can look if you're trying to do to much or whatever.

Rodrigues – There can be exec board conflicting with general members or exec members themselves. For general vs. exec, I'd be notified and go to meeting and try to compromise with 2 parties. Find common ground amongst them. For 2 exec members I can go to their exec meetings and moderate that all exec can agree with. Dealing with that as vice president I was chairman judicial board and had to deal with issues. As vice president I had no problems but close enough to having to have that. I understand resolving.

MacKinnon - Break vote down to experience vs. passion. Steve has experience, Rodrigues has passion. They both have both, but that's what really stands out. Personal

note, passion wins. Been talking to Jorge over break, emails over break, pretty in depth shows enthusiasm. I throw my support behind.

Elliott – I throw support behind Messineo, seen him effectively use 2 types of committees, served on 2 different exec frat boards, membership development committee, best job seen in 4 years, ran exec board committee as president. I ran under him on that committee, he did best job I've ever seen. Everything he'll give 100% under SOARC. Look at wealth of knowledge. Able to bring knowledge to committee, we haven't seen in past because building manager and sees groups from working with them. This I why I support him.

Petit – Both talked about conflict resolution and finding common ground. What do you do when it fails?

Rodrigues – If it fails and there is faculty advisor then I'd report to them and have 3rd party help. If fail to compromise leads to disaster, I'd try to do my best to work out issue with group.

Messineo – Bring 3rd party or ultimately comes down to fact that if group can't fix issues, they won't succeed. If can't get along still in the end, everybody will get little of what they want. Ask if they are sure they want to be in this group or if it's the right group for them? Would throw them out but whatever is best for organization is what will be.

Anyone who can work with groups on campus, if they're willing to make it work is what it comes down to. If not, look at each individual and see if they are sure what they want.

Petit – Asked because think of few instances where dispute resolution failed and SOARC had to make decision if you didn't know.

Clarke – As former SOARC chair sometimes you have to defend unfavorable positions and sometimes feel personally attacked and have to rise above what experience you've had on being persuasive.

Messineo – Currently rules and ethics, generally we only meet if there is an issue or concern. Basically like court of law we make decisions where one side is happy, ones not. But I can think of things this semester where individual person on Senate and had to evaluate performance. Doing job well or not? Different actions. Be prepared to know they won't be happy at first but try best to see where decision came from. As long as have concrete relief and back it up you'll be happy at end of day. You have to persuade people to do things and go to event they don't want to go to. In a Frat where you have to go to recruitment event 5 in morning nobody wants to go. But you have to be persuasive and make them. I've been here 4 years and experience is a lot. I won't pout and cry that people don't like me.

Rodrigues – As vice president I had to assemble bylaws in Fall 2008 bylaw reform overhaul it. Many brothers weren't happy, and disappointed I went about it. I did what I had to in order to defend myself. After if it failed I worked with them to get a consensus. Defending yourself and having thick skin, 'been through a lot dealing with nationals, brothers, Senate. Thick headed, thick skinned.

Farrow – What Mackinnon said before I agree, I got to know Rodrigues a lot over the past 2 months, he shows so much passion and would do a great job.

Holzman – How to address recognition of similar organizations?

Rodrigues – In terms of similar organizations like that what has been done in past, during Katherine's job, tried to merge 2 groups so very often similar groups formed a bigger group. Hillel is dealing with more Jewishness and Christian is Catholicism.

Messineo – Tried before, wasn't receptive. Didn't end well. Case by case basis though. Group willing to work with another group fine but if not then create umbrella and

hopefully they work together without merging. Each group should have say. Probably with 401 is kind of concerned with equipment sharing and time. And leadership who makes decisions and what goes on air. When?, How much program time, things like that. Issues either way but each group has fair say and is up to them if they want to merge or put under umbrella or Senate can regulate umbrella.

Holzman – There is sentiment held by some that there are too many groups and we recognize to many and should have a cap? Would you create it? Why? How would you do it?

Messineo – I at this time, I would not. I'd like to see groups that have similar missions working together. Instead of 20 groups doing same thing, work together for big event. I see this campus with community. There are a lot of groups in that community. So I think of event Exposure had, their name on it but asked for help and groups helped out because looked good for them. I worked event and people thought working together was good. What you have to do is make groups want programming. Maybe not on that big of a scale. It has to do with asking for help at events. If groups willing to ask for help, other groups will give it and sense of community. And people won't say we have so many groups that don't do anything.

Rodrigues – A lot of things Messineo said but I think no cap for amount of groups. It would restrict resources on campus. If there are other groups with similar missions I would tell them to refer to that group. Agree that groups itself need to form community with other organizations they haven't worked with before. Promote more URI community.

Slater - We know they are both driven, but when it comes down to it I'm on finance and have seen irrational groups that scream at Allen and he has to put his foot down and say these are the rules. It's not what they want to do with the position but if they can do it properly. There is pressure from others and it's about if it can be done properly, not what they can do.

Petit – It is opinion of some that there have been groups that have been acting or doing things far outside mission statement. What do you do as SOARC chair to help groups or make groups act as mission statement without being recognized as something different?

Rodrigues – If occurred, I would go directly to them and say what you have been doing is wrong, and failure to stop will be derecognition no ifs ands or buts. Do what mission statement says.

Messineo – It can be prevented. Programming, fill out form what programs can be everything involved. Work with SPO office to review it and see what is happening. Form working events. I can say that what occurs is different to what they say will happen. Review with groups make sure you're on the same page with what will occur, ask group if event doesn't fit in with mission statement. Work with finance, say well this is worthwhile but not right for group, working with scheduling office and SPO is good so you don't have to look back and say it didn't fit in.

Coates – Respect for both, both friends, both care. Talked to both beforehand to get idea what they would do. If you look at it it's similar. One question is what kind of drive Messineo has? One thing is they might not know because he has a lot of humility. He does things not in his recognition but to better others. He does it for everyone else not himself. When it comes down to experience vs. passion, Steve has both. Have respect for both. Whatever Senate decides, they decide.

Petit – What Coates said, but lack of experience, passion it's debate that always comes up. My opinion SOARC and finance, there aren't a lot that change year to year. Set

positions. Both have good ideas. I think that as much as you want to change, a lot is currently existing. A lot won't change or change very little, so think of people who know what has happened in the past, if you don't know that you won't be able to do well in future.

Holland – Passion vs. experience. Passion is good and bad. It helps get through tough times but can get in the way. Block all normal levelheaded thoughts when going too crazy in mind. SOARC is experience helpful. When I was chair I looked towards Steve because he has more experience than me. It helped me asking him for information I didn't have.

Bedard – I think as were reaching an end, if you look at it both are equally qualified, the experience level is fairly equal and passion can't be given to one over another. So as far as passion goes Jorge has more outward where Steve is humble passion that's not as obvious. They're equally qualified. Now ask how to make decision. 2 or 3 things personally. Who has personally that will fit particular position? Another is they're specialty is in SOARC, they are part of exec, which has broad knowledge? If all they know is SOARC they aren't effective on exec. 3rd is how they fit or conflict with rest of exec. There's only handful of people in place but by being in office you would know who would fall into other exec positions. When I look they're both equal candidates but Rodrigues has edge because of personality and broad knowledge working with other committees in office a lot. He talked to me about a lot on Senate. Look at others on exec already, I can tell you first hand when having a large group of people when people have similar views is not good, where people already on exec have different opinions than Jorge. He's better qualified because you can make some changes and challenge the status quo and spark debate. If I had a vote it would go to Rodrigues.

Clarke – Both qualified, you decided. Need to resolve conflict, not be fazed by personal attacks, strong knowing of groups.

Sinapi – Motion to vote
Sharkey 2nd

Shah – Congrats to Finance chair – Boiteau

Shah – Congrats to SOARC chair- Messineo

Passing of the Gavel- cute stories! ☺

Swearing in of President Coates by President Bedard

Sworn in

Swearing in of Vice President Prata by President Coates

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Swearing in of 2010-2011 Student Senate by President Coates

- Off-Campus Representative – Brian Dlhopsky
- Off-Campus Representative – James Canonico
- Off-Campus Representative – Chris Knight
- Off-Campus Representative – John Navilliat
- Off-Campus Representative – John Renzi
- Off-Campus Representative – Gene Rosati
- Off-Campus Representative – Andrew Ruggeri
- Off-Campus Representative – Curtis Sellon
- Off-Campus Representative – Robert Stewart
- On-Campus Representative – Matthew Berger
- On-Campus Representative – Steven Cahill

On-Campus Representative – Christopher Caisse
On-Campus Representative – John Centracchio
On-Campus Representative – Lexi Harrington
On-Campus Representative – Thomas Javett
On-Campus Representative – Chrissy Jühr
On-Campus Representative – John Passa
At-Large Representative – Harrison Burgess
At-Large Representative – Tyler Curry
At-Large Representative – Peter Espinal
At-Large Representative – Brittany Ferriera
At-Large Representative – Casey Holden
At-Large Representative – Tanya Jones
At-Large Representative – William MacKinnon
At-Large Representative – Steve Messineo
At-Large Representative – Jorge Rodrigues
At-Large Representative – Stephanie Segal
At-Large Representative – Kristen Stewart
College of Arts & Science Representative – Corey Long
College of Business – Brenden Cologna
College of Environmental Life Sciences – Nadine Timas
College of Engineering – Jacob Holzman
College of Human Sciences & Services – Abigail Farrow
College of Nursing – Katherine Holland
University College – Ryann Rossi

Sworn in

Presidential Appointments

Director of Communications – Samantha Pezza
Secretary – Stephanie Segal
Treasurer – Bill Mackinnon

Nominations for Elections Committee

Clarke – Motion to strike to next meeting.

Petit 2nd

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J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS-09/10-86 - Bill Calling for the University of Rhode Island Student Senate's Response to the Libel Defamation on College ACB

Whereas, College Anonymous Confession Board (College ACB) allows the anonymous defamation of students, faculty, and staff, and

Whereas, the defamation results in severe social and emotional damages to students while also damaging the University's image, and

Whereas, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate acknowledges every Individual's right under the First Amendment, and

Whereas, the Senate also acknowledges that libelous statements are not protected by the First Amendment, and

Whereas, the University of Rhode Island administration has taken action in the past against similar vehicles of illegal activity such as Lime Wire, a file sharing network, and

Whereas, the Senate cannot and will not support access to such a site that allows for anonymous and libelous statements to be posted through the use of campus resources, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate will continue to advocate against slander, libel, and

hate speech on campus, and therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate will work with the University of Rhode Island
 administration and the Rhode Island Board of Governors for positive change concerning
www.collegeacb.com.

SPONSOR:	Executive Committee
BILL HANDLER:	President Bedard
DATE:	Wednesday, April 7, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	(7-2-0)
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Bedard – Basically juicy Campus, just in new form. Student who runs it bought out Juicy Campus and made this, bigger like Juicy Campus on steroids. Juicer! Past few weeks and months different reports in our office because URI has sub page of ACB where anything and everything can be posted related to URI. Saying that student Senate recognizes negative affect on community and we understand and will work together to create positive change. Just saying it's an issue that need to be addressed. Bill is vague because exec couldn't come up with consensus to deal with this now. So this bill is the best way so it can be voted and passed through Senate, saying we recognize and will work to fix it, with the best, cheapest most effective way. Recommended to pass it. Just hurts a lot of our students.

Sinapi – Can't wait to here complaint for positive change wording, how can you complain? Other than that what Bedard said and Juicy Campus drove students to suicide, transfer, drop out, sue each other, destroy campus communities, no positive benefit and hurts campus. Keep in mind, should be given but I know its not. Nobody asked questions.

Sharkey- Question for 6th whereas. Is there an explanation to define that? I know you said you wouldn't give specific descriptions but what are you implying?

Sinapi – Implying cannot support access to such a site.

Sharkey – On campus computers wont provide access to site?

Sinapi – Not what I said or what that said.

Cologna – recommendation was 7-2-0, can the 2 explain.

Coates – I was one, it was about censorship, we don't support that, I don't recall 6th whereas on what exec voted on.

Sinapi – It was.

Petit – I voted against it because it doesn't say what positive is, but being a realist it's about blocking on campus, if we block that why not facebook, that can do the same? Nobody would want to block that. Saying this about this site, you can say the same about other sites. I know horrible things are said but I think the best way to get rid of something evil, let people see for themselves and not participate. Hiding it wont solve, it people will just ask why? People are going to disagree, but that's my opinion.

Sinapi – Facebook doesn't allow this.

MacKinnon - Nothing very informative on this site.

Bedard – Lost what I was saying...but basically part of what I love and hate about exec is this actually this hot button issue in exec, but that day nobody wanted to be there. Key point that kept coming back is the blocking of websites on campus. This is different from facebook and stuff because this is anonymous. Pretty damn hard to do anonymous confessions on facebook. If you see the things on this website, I can't get to level of ridiculous. Sometimes it might be hilarious and over the top, and degrading but this provides 0 benefit whatsoever. Discussion of whether or not we will ban this and cut other things. URI doesn't think like that and ban other websites. Honestly other ways to deal with this, personal goal, URI and board of governors take action with help of students to get the Rhode Island network off site altogether. I understand concern with

banning websites, but if you want to take out that whereas it doesn't take out the meaning, so feel fine.

Coates – Motion to strike 6th whereas
Prata 2nd

Exec (9-0-1)

Motion passes!

Slater – It says horrible things, so does rate my professor and faculty senate doesn't say anything about it. No form of censorship is necessary.

Holland – I voted for this bill because I personally disapprove of websites like this, I was disgusted that people at URI are posting things about their fellow students. Whatever happens I want my opinion known

Cahill – With the 6th whereas gone, there is nothing against censorship.

Clarke – I voted for this originally but now I'm torn. Censorship is slippery slope, any website can be offensive. Just saying should be known.

Sinapi – Hiding website not to do it. Decreases user ship. Removing it from everything hiding is quite affecting. Exposing it is opposite of positive. Instead of ignoring it everybody wants to check it. Facebook requires log in and registration, you can lie but be caught, criminal charges have been filed. Hard to do for ACB. They are committing illegal acts. Does have effects, have been met with suicide and destruction of community and sue in court for defamation. Everybody hates each other. For whoever talks about censorship, we aren't trying to. Its positive change. Unless we add censorship its not an issue.

Petit – motion to amend the bill, last resolve to strike positive change and insert after board of governors and to remove college ACB. And to removed RI from college ACB network .

Mackinnon 2nd

Exec (7-3-0)

Passes!

Sinapi – By removing URI from site it's still not censorship you v\can still go on and post just not straight up about URI. That's all you did. Great job.

Bill passes! ☺

Motion back to special orders.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

N. ADJOURNMENT:

Petit - Motion to adjourn

Clarke 2nd

Motion back to swearing in

Sworn in

Back to adjournment

AYE: Berger, Boiteau, Burgess, Cahill, Caisse, Canonico, Clarke, Centracchio, Coates, Cologne, Curry, Dlhopsky, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Holland, Javett, Jones, Juhr, Knight, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Navilliat, Passa, Petit, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Sellon, Stewart, Stewart, Timas

NAY: Holzman

Ended at 12:06 am