

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL:
- C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
- D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
- E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- F. PUBLIC FORUM:
- G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-29 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR URI COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Whereas, College Democrats is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, College Democrats would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, College Democrats 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 College Democrats.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, October 15 th , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

SS-08/09-30 CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR C.I.A.O.

Whereas, C.I.A.O. is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, C.I.A.O. would like to co-sponsor an event with URI Foundation, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, C.I.A.O. would like to transfer these funds from their co-sponsorship line of their budget, 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 approve the transfer of \$50 from cat.# 127 (Co-sponsorship) of C.I.A.O.’s budget to the URI Foundation.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, October 15 th , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-08/09-32 Bill Calling For The Annual Re-Recognition of URI Student Senate Organizations

Whereas, all of the following organizations have met the requirement for recognition at their designated levels and,

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Whereas, it is the duty of the subject senate to recognize these student groups annually therefore be it,

Resolved, that the URI student senate re-recognize the following groups:

Group	Level	Recommendation
Alima International Dance Association	3	(4-0-0)
Anime Club	3	(4-0-0)
Asian Student Association	3	(4-0-0)
Ballroom Dancing Club	2	(4-0-0)
Best Buddies	4	(4-0-0)
Black American Society	3	(4-0-0)
Cape Verdean Student Association	3	(4-0-0)
Cultural Italian American Organization	3	(4-0-0)
Club Sports	1	(4-0-0)
College Democrats	3	(4-0-2)
College Republicans	3	(4-0-0)
Colleges Against Cancer	4	(4-0-0)
Dance Company	2	(4-0-0)
Electronic Music Association	2	(4-0-0)
Fashion Merchandising Society	3	(4-0-0)
Fencing Club	3	(6-0-0)
Flavor Unit	3	(6-0-0)
Future Health Professionals & Advocates	4	(4-0-0)
Gaming Club	2	(4-0-0)
Ghost Hunting Team	3	(4-0-0)
Good 5 Cent Cigar, The	1	(4-0-0)
Habitat for Humanity	3	(4-0-0)
Hillel Organization	3	(5-0-1)
Independent Scribe	2	(3-0-1)
Interfraternity Council	1	(3-0-1)
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (Origins)	3	(4-0-0)
Keep a Child Alive	3	(4-0-0)
Latin American Student Association (LASA)	2	(4-0-0)
Marine Science Society	3	(4-0-0)
Memorial Union Board of Directors	1	(4-0-0)
Musicians Guild	3	(4-0-0)
Muslim Students Association	3	(4-0-0)
NAACP	2	(4-0-0)
Newman Club	4	(4-0-0)
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)	3	(4-0-0)
Nutrition Club	4	(4-0-0)
Outing Club	2	(4-0-0)
P.I.N.K. Women	4	(4-0-0)
PAGE	3	(4-0-0)
Panhellenic Council	1	(3-0-1)
Phi Beta Lambda	4	(6-0-0)
Philonymous	3	(4-0-0)
Ping Pong Club	3	(4-0-0)
Public Relations Student Society of America	3	(4-0-0)
Renaissance Yearbook	1	(4-0-0)
Rhody Mug, The	3	(4-0-0)
Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC)	3	(6-0-0)
Sailing Club	2	(4-0-0)
Schools for Schools	4	(4-0-0)
Scuba Club	2	(4-0-0)
Snowboarding Club	3	(6-0-0)
Society of Women Engineers	4	(4-0-0)

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Speakeasy	3	(4-0-0)
Students of Speech Language & Hearing	4	(4-0-0)
St. Jude's Up 'Til Dawn	4	(4-0-0)
Student Action for Sustainability	3	(4-0-0)
Student Alliance for the Welfare for Africa	4	(4-0-0)
Student Entertainment Committee	1	(4-0-0)
Student Senate	1	(4-0-0)
Surf Club	2	(4-0-0)
The Mob	4	(3-0-1)
Uhuru SaSa	3	(4-0-0)
URI Classics Society	3	(6-0-0)
URI Contender Academy	3	(6-0-0)
URI Gymnastics Club	3	(4-0-0)
URI Men's Swimming and Diving Club	3	(4-0-0)
URI Physical Therapy Club	4	(4-0-0)
URI Robotics	3	(4-0-0)
Wakeboard/Wakeskate	3	(4-0-0)
Wildlife Society, URI Chapter of the	4	(4-0-0)
WRIU Radio	1	(4-0-0)

Sponsor: SOARC
Bill Handler: Chairwoman Clarke
Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2008
Recommendation: Passage (6-0-0)
Expiration Date: Valid until next re-recognition
Action: Vote Next Week

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**
- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

SS-08/09-31 BILL CALLING FOR STUDENT SENATE'S OPINION ON RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RIPTA) BUS LINES

Whereas, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate is a government of elected representatives who act as the voice of the student body, and

Whereas, there have been proposed changes to the RIPTA bus lines mainly concerning commuter routes, and

Whereas, these bus lines directly benefit University of Rhode Island students, and

Whereas, it is our duty as a governing body to bring these concerns to the forefront, and

Whereas, it is against the best interests of the entire student body to reduce these lines, and therefore be it

Resolved that the Student Senate oppose these new cuts and aggressively oppose the removal of RIPTA commuter routes.

SPONSOR: External Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER: Andrew O'Brien
DATE: October 15, 2008
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (2-0-0)
EXPIRATION: Annual Meeting
ACTION: Vote Tonight

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:
- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-34 BILL EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' (BOG) FAILURE TO INVOLVE STUDENT SENATE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Student Senate is the official student government of the University of Rhode Island as recognized by the BOG, and

Whereas, the Student Senate is involved in all decisions that directly affect the undergraduate student body of the University, and

Whereas, the selection of the next University President is a decision that will greatly affect the future of URI and its students, and

Whereas, the BOG has failed to seek the opinion of the Student Senate on this matter, and

Whereas, the BOG has not offered a Student Senate appointed position on the search committee, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate publicly opposes the process in which the BOG formed the Presidential search committee, and be it further

Resolved, that the Student Senate calls for the BOG to provide an official Student Senate appointed position on this committee, and be it further

Resolved, that this position be publicly appointed by the Student Senate President.

SPONSOR	Executive Committee
BILL HANDLER	President Ahrens
DATE	Wednesday, October 15, 2008
RECOMMENDATION	Passage (12-0-0)
EXPIRATION	Annual Meeting
ACTION	Vote Next Week

- a. *Director of Communications*
- b. *Secretary*
- c. *Treasurer*
- d. *Chief Operations Officer*
- e. *Vice President*
- f. *President*

- RULES AND ETHICS:

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Bylaws Committee-

SS-08/09-33 BILL CALLING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, ARTICLES V, VI, AND XI

Whereas, the office of the Chief Operations Officer was created at a time and in conditions very different from those that presently exist or are foreseeable to exist on the Senate in the near future, and

Whereas, the office of the Chief Operations Officer has not been utilized to any degree of effectiveness for its entire period of existence, and

Whereas, the office of the Chief Operations Officer duplicates either on paper or in practice the duties of many other offices, and

Whereas, the duties of the Chief Operations Officer can be moved to existing executive officers, and

Whereas, the maintenance of such an office drains financial and personnel resources that could be re-purposed for more effective use, and

Whereas, the Senate has a duty to its constituents to use resources in an efficient and effective manner, therefore be it

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(additions in *italics*, removals in ~~strike through~~, ellipsis indicates unchanged text)

• **Article V. OFFICERS**

Section A. Popularly Elected Executive Officers

[...]

Part 1. President of the Student Body

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

10. Nominate the appointed members of the executive committee according to the following procedure:

- a. At the annual meeting of each year, the Newly Elected President shall make one nomination of a member of the student body for each of the following executive positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Communications, ~~Chief Operations Officer~~.

[...]

Part 2. Vice President of the Student Body

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

4. Act as President of the Student Body in the temporary absence of that officer; the moderator of the meeting shall be *appointed by the Executive Committee* ~~the Chief Operations Officer~~ during the absence.

[...]

8. *Develop and conduct Senate Orientation, Recruitment, Retreats and Social events assisted by the Chief Operations Officer.*

those over the Rules 9. *Appoint and remove members of the standing committees, except the chairpersons of committees. This power does not extend over the Executive Committee, nor and Ethics Committee.*

10. *Mandate the Senate's compliance with the bylaws.*

11. *Review Committee minutes and Attendance.*

12. *Advise the Senate on when elections are suppose to be held.*

13. *Maintain internal group dynamics and mediate informal internal disputes.*

[...]

Section C. Executive Officers Nominated by the President

[...]

Part 3. Director of Communications

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

functions 2. Shall have the responsibility to oversee the dissemination of information regarding the and activities of the Senate to the campus community and all relevant

external

parties including but not limited to a monthly newsletter informing the university community about the current and future projects of the Senate.

[...]

4. Maintain a running record of and promote completing of committee goals/projects.

[...]

Part 4. Chief Operations Officer

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) of the Senate shall have all the powers necessary and proper to:

- 1. ~~Serve as an *ex officio* voting member of the Executive Committee.~~
- 2. ~~Serve as legislative liaison between the Senate and the President of the Senate.~~
- 3. ~~Appoint and remove members of the standing committees, except the chairpersons of those committees. This power does not extend over the Executive Committee, nor over the Rules and Ethics Committee.~~
- 4. ~~Mandate the Senate's compliance with the bylaws.~~
- 5. ~~Maintain a running record of and promote completing of committee goals/projects.~~
- 6. ~~Review Committee minutes and Attendance.~~
- 7. ~~Advise the Senate on when elections are suppose to be held.~~
- 8. ~~Maintain internal group dynamics and mediate informal internal disputes.~~
- 10. ~~Develop and conduct Senate Orientation, Reeruitment, Retreats and Social events assisted by the Vice President.~~

Subpart b. Term

The term of the Chief Operations Officer of the Senate shall begin one week after his or her confirmation by the Senate. In case of a mid-year vacancy, the term shall begin upon confirmation.

Subpart c. Conflict of Interest

The office of Chief Operations Officer may not be held concurrently with any other position, representative or otherwise, on the Senate. The Chief Operations Officer shall never vote in the Senate nor be counted in the quorum of Senate.

• Article VI. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section A. Standing Committees

[...]

Part 2. Executive Committee

[...]

Subpart b. Composition

The officers of the Senate, (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Chief Operations Officer~~, and DoC) and all other standing committee chairs shall constitute the Executive Committee. Each person who is an officer shall have one (1) vote in the Executive Committee. The President of the Student Body shall serve ex-officio as chairperson of the Executive Committee.

[...]

Part 9. Committee on Rules and Ethics

Subpart a. Charge and Powers

[...]

2. Conduct a preliminary inquiry and render a recommendation in regards to any properly constituted letter of complaint, and manage bills resulting from such a recommendation on the floor of the Senate. A properly constituted letter of complaint must state the charge, the applicable section of bylaws or law, requested course of action, no fewer than one student and the VP ~~or the COO~~. In the event of an unavoidable conflict of interest, one member of the executive committee of the Student Senate shall suffice.

[...]

• **Article XI. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

[...]

Section H. Order of Business

Regular meetings of the Senate shall proceed according to the following order of business; provided that the Senate may deviate from it on occasion with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) vote. Public Forum: members of the URI community are required to sign up in the Senate office (MU 201) by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting if they wish to speak to the Senate. Persons are given five (5) minutes to speak, unless otherwise voted by the Senate. No more than twenty (20) minutes are devoted to the Public Forum.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- E. Announcements
- F. Public Forum
- G. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Finance
 - Student Organization Advisory and Review Committee (SOARC)
 - Academic Affairs
 - External Affairs
 - Cultural Affairs
 - Campus Affairs
 - Rules and Ethics
 - Executive
 - a. Director of Communications
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - ~~e. Chief Operations Officer~~
 - d. Vice President
 - e. President
- H. Reports of Special Committees
 1. Elections
 2. Other committees that have reports
- I. Special Orders
- J. Unfinished Business
- K. New Business
- L. General Discussion and Open Forum
- M. Roll Call
- N. Adjournment

[...]

SPONSOR: Bylaws Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Allen Petit

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DATE: October 15, 2008
RECOMMEDATION: (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Completion of the Current Chief Operations Officer's Term
ACTION: Vote Next Week

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Swearing in of remaining new senators-
Nominations for Internal Elections-

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

M. ROLL CALL:

N. ADJOURNMENT: