

A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Christina Knoll & Rob Swanson – Students for Sustainable Development

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-82 – CATEGORY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Whereas, SEC, is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, SEC, would like to transfer money, and

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

Whereas, Senate 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 approve the transfer of \$12,000.00 from SEC Concert’s budget cat.# 225 to SEC Special Events budget cat.# 225

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 11 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

SS-08/09-83 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL

Whereas, IFC is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, IFC would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,350.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of IFC.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 11 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next week

SS-08/09-84 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR PANHELLENIC COUNCIL

Whereas, Panhel is a Senate recognized organization, and Panhellenic

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

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

Whereas, Panhel would like money to help cover the costs of the event, and

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

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,350.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Panhel.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, March 11th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next week

SS-08/09-85 – ALCOHOL FREE EVENT GRANT REQUEST FOR INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL

Whereas, IFC, is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, IFC, would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, IFC 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,
Whereas, this request falls within the guidelines for an Alcohol Free Event Grant, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$335.00 from our Alcohol Free Event Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of IFC.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, March 11th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-08/09-86 Bill Calling for the Recognition of First Book URI at Level 4

Whereas, First Book URI will actively reach out into our community to improve early literacy for children from low-income families by providing them with their first new books, and
Whereas, First Book URI meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and
Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it
Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognizes First Book URI.

SPONSOR: SOARC
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke
DATE: Wednesday March 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-08/09-87 Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Seekers Meditation Group at Level 3

Whereas, URI Seekers Mediation Group will provide an opportunity for students to be instructed in, and practice meditation in an inclusive, non-denominational atmosphere as well as promote spiritual discussion and outreach programs, and

Whereas, URI Seekers Meditation Group meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognizes URI Seekers Meditation Group.

SPONSOR: SOARC
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke
DATE: Wednesday March 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION: Vote Next Week

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

SS – 08/09 – 88 – Bill Calling For The Support of Adjunct Faculty

Whereas, the adjunct faculty teach a substantial amount of classes at URI, and Whereas, these faculty members are not being compensated at a proportional rate to the amount of credits they teach, and Whereas, there the adjunct faculty does not have a union to back its cause, and Whereas, this conflict is an issue pertaining to the education of students at URI, and Whereas, the adjunct faculty are an integral part of the University of Rhode Island, and Whereas, conversation with the administration have come to a standstill, therefore be it Resolved, that the URI Student Senate support the cause of the adjunct faculty, and encourage the university to reopen lines of communication with the adjunct faculty.

SPONSOR: Academic Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Stolow
RECOMMENDATION: (- - -)
DATE: March, 11, 2009
DATE EXPIRES: Upon Completion
ACTION: Vote Next Week

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**
- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**
- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
 - a. Director of Communications-*
 - b. Secretary-*
 - c. Treasurer-*
 - d. Vice President-*
 - f. President-*
- RULES AND ETHICS:**

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- Bylaws Committee
- Elections Committee

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

- Internal Election for Off-Campus Representative (2 seats)
 - Corey Long
 - Jess Chan
 - Bryant McGrath

Marco Kaiser
Robbie Cox
Nominations for Finance Chair
Nominations for SOARC Chair

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS-08/09-81 BILL CALLING FOR ADMENDMENTS TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, ARTICLES V

Whereas, the appointed officers of the Senate require a 1/3 vote to be approved by the Senate, while all other officers of the Senate require a majority, and
Whereas, the appointed positions receive a stipend from student activity tax dollars, and
Whereas, there have been many issues in the past of inactive appointed officers resulting in tax dollars being spent on an individual not fulfilling job requirements, and
Whereas, an appointed officer should have the confidence of the student body, and
Whereas, the Senate represents the student body an appointed officer through a majority approval vote will have the confidence of the Senate and thereby the student body, and
Whereas, there have been problems in producing a Senate newsletter on a monthly basis, and
Whereas, the newsletter is still a benefit to the URI Student Community, 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

[...]

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[...]

b. No nominee shall take office until he/she has received a confirmation from the Senate. A confirmation shall be defined as ~~one-third~~ *majority* vote of the Senate in favor of the candidate taking office. If a nominee fails to receive confirmation by the Senate, the President shall make a second nomination for that position.

[...]

Section C. Executive Officers Nominated by the President

Part 3. Director of Communications

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

2. Shall have the responsibility to oversee the dissemination of information regarding the functions and activities of the Senate to the campus community and all relevant external parties including but not limited to a ~~monthly~~ *newsletter, produced no less than once a semester*, informing the university community about the current and future project of the Senate.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Allen Petit
DATE: Wednesday, March 11th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

SS-08/09-80 BILL CALLING FOR ADMENDMENTS TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, ARTICLES IX

Whereas, the bylaws require consistency involving level recognition/budgeting, and Whereas, in order to use student activities money both contingency based and budgeted the bylaws require a (2/3) approval, and Whereas, fixing this inconsistency will help resolve problems in the future, therefore it be, Resolved, that the URI Student Senate Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

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

• **Article IX. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

[...]

Section A. Recognition

[...]

Part 2 Requirements

[...]

Levels I, II, and III, *IV* organizations shall hold their annual meetings before April 1 unless special permission has been granted by the SOARC Committee.

[...]

Section B. Funds

[...]

Part 5. Eligibility for Funding by Budget

Subpart a. Definition

The Senate may by two-thirds (2/3) vote enact legislation granting eligibility for funding by budget Levels I, ~~and II~~, *and III*, provided that the Senate itself may function as if inherently eligible for funding by budget.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Allen Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 11 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (- -)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

K. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-08/09-89 BILL CALLING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

Whereas, the Spring Election was held as scheduled with no irregularities and no challenges filed, and Whereas, the Elections Committee produced a final count of the valid cast ballots and no recount was requested, therefore be it Resolved that the URI Student Senate confirm the following results (winners in bold):

	Referendum
Yes	1044
No	411
	President/Vice President (1)
Dave Bedard/Vidhi Shah	812
Maxwell Adepoju/Amanda Clarke	630

At-Large Representatives (12)

Josh Einhorn	175
Mike Holden	156
Gage Kearns	150
Jesse Stein	149
Zach Stolow	131
Jorge Rodrigues	128
Jonathan Hansen	125
Brianna Valenti	118
Abigail Farrow	118
Allen Petit	117
David Coates	113
Madeline Shurleff	110
Noel Slater	109
John Passa	105
William MacKinnon	103
Yvens Faustin	102
Steve Messineo	91
Jason Almeida	86
Naomi Jeanty	78
Allison Keihm	74

On-Campus Representative (9)

Jason J. Almeida	500
Gianna Prata	404
Rachael Gaudio	385
Joseph Puleo	370
Ronald Bickham II	347
William MacKinnon	343
John Renzi	336
Hakeem Ottun	18

Off-Campus Representative (11)
(ties to be determined by internal elections)

Katherine Holland	191
Noel Slater	190
Katrina Meehan	179
Stephen Messineo	168
Christopher Raupers	154
Thomas J. Van Fechtmann	154
Suzanne Sharkey	6
Max Moss	5
Tm Gray	3
Corey Long	2
Jaimie Testa	2
Jess Chan	2
Bryant McGrath	2
David Ruiz	2
Marco Kaiser	2
Matt Brum	2
Robbie Cox	2

College of Business Representative (1)

Steve Boiteau	23
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Anthony Sinapi College of Arts and Sciences Representative (1) **45**
Joseph Puelo 38

Jacob Holzman College of Engineering Representative (1) **9**
Jamie Bova 5

Nicole Mingoia College of Pharmacy Representative (1) **17**

Temitope Daodu College of Nursing Representative (1) **29**
Katherine Holland 7

(1)**Andrew Weiss** College of Human Sciences and Services Representative **1**

Shaun O’Laughlin College of Environmental and Life Sciences Representative (1) **3**

Jon Aronoff University College Representative (1) **165**

SPONSOR: Elections Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Amanda LaRocca
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4 – 0 – 0)
DATE: March 11, 2009
DATE EXPIRES: Annual Meeting
ACTION: Vote Next Week

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

M. ROLL CALL: AYE:

N. ADJOURNMENT: