

- 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-08/09-76 – CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE**

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, Senate, would like to hold a programming event on campus, 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 \$2,000.00 from cat.# 127 (Co-Sponsorship) of Senate’s budget to Electronic Music Association cat.# 130 (Programming)

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

**SS-08/09-77 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGETS FOR STUDENT SENATE ORGANIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010**

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 \$819,209.50 to the Student Organizations, including the \$8,360 automatically budgeted to all level III and IV, 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 \$70,790.50 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 \$819,209.50 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 \$60,000.00, and be it further  
Resolved, that any further funds budgeted to the Student Organizations which would cause the contingency categories to fall below \$60,000.00 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 higher than anticipated rollover will be allocated to the contingency categories proportionally according to the percentages listed on the budget break down accompany this bill, up to \$100,000.00.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
DATE: Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: (5 - 0 - 1)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

**- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):**

SS-08/09-78 Bill Calling for the Recognition of the URI Soccer Club at Level 3

Whereas, the URI Soccer Club will provide a higher level of competition than intramurals for individuals who cannot compete at the varsity level, and

Whereas, the URI Soccer Club 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 the URI Soccer Club.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke  
DATE: Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Vote Tonight

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

**SS-08/09-XX 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 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next week

**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 ~~strike through~~, ellipsis indicates unchanged text)

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Allen Petit  
DATE: Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage ( - - )  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Next week

• **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.

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

**M. ROLL CALL: AYE:**

**N. ADJOURNMENT:**