

- A. CALL TO ORDER:
- B. ROLL CALL:
- C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:
- D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- F. PUBLIC FORUM:
  - Charles Henderson – Director of Health Services
- G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:
  - FINANCE COMMITTEE:

**SS-09/10-16 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE HANDBOOK**

Whereas, Article V, Section B, Part I, Subpart A, Item 2g states that every year the Finance Chair shall publish a Finance Handbook which shall binding upon all recognized student organizations, and,

Whereas, the Finance Handbook to be effective must be approved by the Student Senate, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Finance Handbook submitted by Allen Petit be approved as the Finance Handbook for the 09-10 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage ( - - )
EXPIRATION DATE:	Until Passage of Finance Handbook 10-11
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

**SS-09/10-17 – BILL CALLING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, Articles IX.**

Whereas, the SOARC Committee has undertaken an effort to reform the URI Student Senate organization recognition system, and

Whereas, the resulting plan requires a significant number of changes to the URI Student Senate’s instruments of governance, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following amendments to Articles of the URI Student Senate Bylaws by adopted and implemented immediately:

(additions in *italics*, removals in ~~strike through~~, ellipses indicate unchanged text)

Article IX: Student Organizations  
 Section A. Recognition  
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 Part 2. Requirements

Executive Board members of Senate recognized organizations shall be elected as established by way of each organization's individual constitution. In the event of a discrepancy between the group's individual constitution and the legally accepted rules for recognition, SOARC shall have the right to default to the appropriate section of the Model Constitution. ~~Levels I, II, III and IV~~ *Categories R, A, M, and S* organizations shall hold their annual meetings before April 1 unless special permission has been granted by the SOARC Committee. In order to become an elected officer of any organization, the candidate may be requested to furnish written proof that he or she has not been in poor academic standing (below a 2.0/4.0 cumulative G.P.A.) for greater than two consecutive semesters to the Chairperson of SOARC. A letter from the Office of the Registrar will serve this purpose.

#### Subpart a. Basic Filings

Any organization may apply for recognition by filing with the Student Organization Advisory and Review Committee a list with at least the minimum number of required members for the intended level of recognition, with first and last names and local phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and a copy of its written purpose and model constitution as well as recent and planned activities. Each recognized student organization must apply for renewal of recognition annually on a date which falls during the first week of October by filing lists of current officers and members as described above, and a brief description of recent and planned activities, and by filing a copy of its written instruments of organization in alternate years or as may be more frequently requested. The descriptions of the four ~~levels~~ *categories* of recognition are as follows:

- ~~Level I: A group which provides an indispensable social service that demonstrates a clear institutional benefit to the student body, and/or student organizations. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefit package.~~
- ~~Level II: A group which provides individual benefits to members of the student body outside the group's immediate membership, and demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefits package.~~
- ~~Level III: A group which exists for the advancement and growth of its immediate membership and provides a community of common interest. Not eligible for funding by budget; eligible for contingency and financial benefits package.~~
- ~~Level IV: A group which wishes to use the name of the URI student body but fails to meet basic requirements in essential areas or for other compelling reasons cannot receive funds from the Senate. Not eligible for funding by any means, but are eligible to be co-sponsored for events with other Senate recognized groups.~~
- *Category R: A group which exists solely for the advancement and growth of its immediate membership and provides a community of common interest. Not eligible for funding by budget; eligible for contingency and financial benefits package.*
- *Category A: A group which meets the basic requirements of a URI Student Senate organization; however, is not eligible for funding for reasons*

*including but not limited to... receive academic department funding, or organizations whose main purpose is philanthropic. Not eligible for funding by means, but are eligible to be co-sponsored for events with other Student Senate recognized groups.*

- *Category M: A group which provides an indispensable social service to the student body, and/or student organizations through government or media and demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget.*
- *Category S: A group which provides individual benefits to members of the student body outside the group’s immediate membership, and/or demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefits package.*

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Section B. Funds

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Part 4. Grants

The Senate may by majority vote make occasional contingency grants of Student Activities Tax funds to any student organization at ~~Levels I, II, or III~~ *Categories R, M, or S*. Such grants shall be used for the providing of services or benefits to the student body, and may be accompanied by any restrictions or limitations that may be enacted.

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, II and III~~ *Categories R, M, and S*, provided that the Senate itself may function as if inherently eligible for funding by budget. In order to be granted a budget, the Finance Committee must receive a list of names with the appropriate number of undergraduate members from groups wishing to apply for a budget, following the same guidelines as required by initial recognition. An organization granted eligibility for funding by budget may annually prepare and file a budget request for the next fiscal year, showing the total amount needed and a detailed

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BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
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- **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*
  - e. President*

- **RULES AND ETHICS:**

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominations for Cultural Affairs Chair

Nominations for Elections Committee Member

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

**N. ADJOURNMENT:**