

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Bedard, Bickham, Birch, Boiteau, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Daodu, Einhorn, Elliott, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jones, Jurh, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, O'Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Raupers, Renzi, Roderick, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Shah, Sharkey, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stewart, Stewart, Timas, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Petit- Motion to add under special orders nomination for election committee member, Cologna seconds.

Bruce- Can finance chair look at bill SS-09/10-50, the line about programming event, is that right?

Petit- Motion to amend bill SS-09/10-50, change the second whereas to purchase a new boat not hold a programming event on campus, MacKinnon seconds (5-0-0)

Petit- Also in the fourth whereas motion to change to help cover the costs of this boat not of the event, Holman seconds (6-0-0)

Vote- passed

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: vote- passed**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Petit- Motion for the pledge, opposition, vote, passed

Bedard- We lost one of our fellow students over break, junior at university, had her life cut short far too soon, article in cigar today, I'd like to ask for a moment of silence for Amanda and her family.

Petit- I'm sending a sign-up sheet for info booths for upcoming elections, dates are this Tuesday, Wednesday, and following Monday. So if you could please sign up for a spot or two, it's in front of rams den, it will count for your office hour, if you sign up please don't not show up.

Messineo- Point of information, does rules and ethics affect this?

Petit- No it's just an info booth.

Bedard- Keep in mind this is an info booth not a chance to promote your own campaign.

Holzman- If you're on lobbying sub-committee there is a scheduling poll to find out what time works best, it has dates but they're irrelevant. There's a link on the PC downstairs, it says doodle. Let me know if you need help finding it.

Rodrigues- My fraternity February 17-20 is doing a dirty days, fund raising, our charity is childrens' miracle network. Saturday is an event. Half of the proceeds go towards Red Cross to help victims of Haiti.

O'Loughlin- My band is playing a show on Saturday at Lupos, it is also Fairhaven's album release party, starts at 6 please go.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

David Coates & Gianna Prata

Prata- Hello, my name is Gianna Prata and I am running for the position of vice president for the senate year of 2010. I have been on Senate since the fall of my freshman year in 2008 and have served on the Campus Affairs Committee, Rules and Ethics Committee, and am currently the Chairwoman of the Cultural Affairs Committee. During my time on Senate I have worked very hard to bring groups together through various events and by connecting with other groups and administration. If I am elected as vice president for next year, I would like to continue Senate's policy of reaching out to the campus community. While I am concerned with reaching outward toward students, my main priority as vice president will be to work internally and do my best to bridge any gaps that occur between us as senators through various group activities during the next year. By strengthening the bonds between senators we can operate more cohesively, and create accountability, both towards each other as well as the student body. And now I would like to introduce you to my running mate, David Coates.

Coates- President Bedard, Vice President Shah, members of the Executive, and Senators; I am here before you today, as my running mate mentioned, to announce our candidacy for the upcoming presidential election. If elected, I will work to ensure that every member of the student body knows who we are and what we can do for them. As a representative body we are obligated to protect student interests. To do so, we will open a line of communication to gain input directly from students. We must carry the voice of students to the surrounding state legislature and Board of Governors for Higher Ed. I will never let the University of Rhode Island forget that the students are their number one priority.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**- FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-09/10-50 – TAX GRANT REQUEST FOR URI MENS CREW TEAM

Whereas, Crew is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Crew would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Crew 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 \$27,150.00 from our Activities Tax to the Category #650 (Crew Team Expense) line in the budget of Crew.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
 DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2010
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-1)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

Member- I’m the captain, we also have the coach, freshmen rep, Chris, Joe White and Thadius, these guys represent one out of every year we have. We’re here to ask for funding for our new shell. We have 35 to 40 people at any one time. We train from last day of school to graduation. In terms of funding we raise 70%, rest comes from other sources. We only raise enough for operating costs. We’ve been meeting with Allen, questions?

Petit- Talk about your boats, why you want a new one.

Member- Right now we have four 8 man crew shells. They’re very nice boats but we don’t have enough to be competitive in our races. We have 2 purchased in 2003 and two in mid 90’s not fit to race, starting to crack. With one more new boat it would be very helpful.

Cologna- I would like to voice my support. I was on the crew team for a year and a half, they’re one of the hardest working groups on campus they volunteer around area. They also clean up the football stadium after every game. They deserve it.

Caisse- I also want to throw my support. I’m on it, first year. They show meticulous care to all their property, they’ve been working during fall, like moving peoples’ furniture.

MacKinnon- How long is the boat going to last you?

Member- The one we want to purchase, it will be 10 years before it needs to be refurbished, long chunk of time compared to some of the other models. Made right in RI.

Holzman- Has a replacement schedule been created?

Member- Not as of yet

Petit- You’re going to be creating one?

Member- Yes

Vote- passed

Caisse and Cologna abstain

Petit- Just so you know last semester, we granted \$309 to SEC for their conference. Our meetings are at 5 on Mondays. If you can’t make that get transferred. If you know any presidents, budget deadline is next Friday. If they are “m” or “s” they need to submit a formal budget, or the others fbp. Next Friday at noon, box in senate office.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-09/10-48 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Longboarding Club at Category R

Whereas, Longboarding Club will teach all those who wish to learn to longboard as well as offer a means for everyone interested in longboarding to meet and discuss or practice new skills.

Whereas, Longboarding Club 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 Longboarding Club.

SPONSOR: SOARC

BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Holland
 DATE: Wednesday, December 9th, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Tonight
Holland- They were unable to meet, however they will definitely come next week, motion to table, Holden seconds.

SS-09/10-52 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Art Club at Category A

Whereas, Art Club will create an outlet for students interested in studying and creating art.
Whereas, Art 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 Art Club.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Holland
 DATE: Wednesday, January 27, 2010
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (- -)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Tonight

Holland- Talk about what you want to do.

Member- We want to make it a place for people to draw and come together outside of the classroom experience, even if they're not art majors. Share interests. Minimal amount of supplies there. Try new things out. Also people who want to learn something new but can't fit art classes into their schedules, going to be a lot of people who know a lot about art. It's a lot of a mini classroom being taught by other students, getting together.

Holland- I fully support this group and you should vote yes.

Clarke- Where are you getting your supplies?

Member- We have a budget request so we figured out what we would need for a minimum. The people who want to try something new we have minimal. The people who want to paint and use expensive things we don't want to supply that. We want to make t-shirts, hopefully make shirts for other groups for a cheaper price than having to send out.

Sinapi- Why isn't this group being recognized at "r"?

Holland- Because when I first talked to them they said the art dept is helping them right now.

Member- They said if we get enough funding we won't get anything from them. We're not going to get anything from them.

Holland- They're using the art rooms so they are "a".

Member- I want to start in drawing room in art dept unless there's a high demand. For every day of the week classes are done after 5. We were told we can get any rooms we want after 5. There's two different drawing rooms and one painting room.

Bedard- SOARC you need a recommendation (6-0-0)

Clarke- I just want to say I think you should be "r". She's saying that if we can't fund her then the art dept will fund her. She's not receiving any funding.

Holland- However if we can't fund them they will get supplies and they will work in their space so they fulfill all the requirements there. If they're funded by art dept then we can't give them money.

Coates- Can chair please explain what constitutes "r" and "a"?

Holland- I don't have it on me but, oh thanks. 'A' is an academic group...reads description. Reads description of "r".

Petit- Yield time to member.

Member- The art club didn't say they would fund us. They said they'd give us supplies. Even if we were funded they would let us borrow. They won't be giving us all the supplies. If they have something they're willing to let us use it. They're just doing it because they want there to be an art club. I already have 30 people in the group and that's not exposing it to the art dept. I also plan on doing campus and community outreach. Wed have craft shows, 3d, 2d skills. We can do stuff with other art clubs from other colleges.

Sinapi- Two questions. Doesn't uri tv news use cameras that we didn't supply before?

Holland- Um, uri tv news has supplies however they're not through us. Before they came for recognition. Not aided through a dept.

Sinapi- It was supplied originally through dept. But uri tv news is an "m" even though those cameras were supplied by dept. I know this because when it came to us it was a contention. I don't understand why a group that they're not funded and they're only supplied if we don't do anything for them, they're going to do exactly what "r" is going to do why we'd put them as an "a".

Holland- What is the question?

Sinapi- Why?

Holland- Uri tv news some of supplies were through them and some through senate years ago. They just picked up supplies wherever they could.

Sinapi- Point of information, they got some from dept.

Petit- Motion to amend bill so it would be "r", Sinapi seconds (6-0-0)

Boukari- I just wanted to know if you have figure drawing nights?

Member- That's one thing, I plan on having extra money, if it's not something someone wasn't willing to volunteer we could have extra money to do that. It would be cool if everyone was ok with that. We can have people come in and show specialties, like Newport glass blowing. There's certain things that that would be very cool.

Boukari- RISD offers free figure drawing nights that are open to the public.

Member- We do want to do something like that. If it ends up being a large enough group, we can have lots of things like that. Workshop once a month to get other people interested in the group. Really awesome if people came to it. A lot of parts of art that people don't think of. Having someone teach you will open your eyes.

Holland- If there are no other really serious questions, we should vote.

Clarke- I just want to give some advice, now that were talking about "r", you can borrow from club, you can't have dues but you can have them donate, etc.

Sinapi- For "r" I know you want a budget you're not going to be able to, however you can come for a contingency grant which is a chunk of money you can use.

Petit- Come talk to me after the meeting.

Vote- passed

SS-09/10-53 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of Gay-Straight Alliance at Category R

Whereas, Gay-Straight Alliance seeks to create a more open and accepting environment for Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered Intersex Queer and Questioning students on the URI campus while encouraging cooperation between heterosexual and GLBTIQQ students.

Whereas, Gay-Straight Alliance 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 Gay-Straight Alliance.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, January 27, 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Holland- gay straight alliance.

Member- Right now uri doesn't have one. Most people who come to college look for it because that's what they have in high school. There is gblt center but there are restrictions. Important to have a student group to not only change campus but to promote campus. Sometimes we're underrepresented. Student group can do a lot more.

Holland- Just that I fully support this group and we could use something like this.

Prata- If you get recognized what are some specific events?

Member- We'd reach out to other diversity groups, want to hold events that work with it, gay communities in every other org. pflagg, etc.

Clarke- I support this group.

Bedard- This group is long overdue for our university.

Juhr- When and where do you meet?

Member- Mondays at 6 in union 308, glbt center is too small, advocating for a place we can meet.

Boukari- How many people?

Member- About 25-30

Prata- I'd like to throw my support behind this group, this is long overdue, as far as I know this is the biggest number that has come to support their own group.

Vote- passed

Daodu abstains

Coates- Motion to reflect it was unanimous, Rodrigues seconds

Holland- Before you leave, our next president's meeting is next Monday at 7 only one of you has to come. About an hour meeting.

Bruce- We have a lot of space

Holland- At our last meeting we talked about eboard and how president can get info before they check out. We would like to update student org handbook and pass it out to everyone. Underwater hockey, their recognition was contingent on working out issues, and since nothing has happened since re-rec they are not recognized.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Coates- We met yesterday but only 3 of us. If anyone on committee can give me a thumbs up on meeting time? 6? Good. Wednesdays at 530. We touched on things well bring up during open forum. Aside from that we discussed possible upgrades for e-campus and webmail, talked about next meeting I'm going to get a projector and going to put together an ideal syllabus.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Clarke- Hi, we lost the lawsuit but it's not the end of it still discussing our next plan of action. Any questions?

MacKinnon- Why did he reject it?

Clarke- He went through and used a lot of case law. It's hard to explain all the legal stuff. Went through every point and said our case had no merit. We didn't argue procedural due process. He said the ordinance is not vague. Problem with case is judge took it by face and not how it's applied by police officers. Didn't understand our complaints.

Boukari- I saw that video that Vidhi sent to us and you guys did a good job.

Clarke- New vice chair is Senator Raupers. My meetings are at 4 on Mondays.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Prata- We didn't have a meeting because we're still working out the schedules, meet me in back at end. Talking about rammies, set a date with Sherri and booked with spo, don't know off the top of my head. I'm also working with floor plan. That's it.

Rodrigues- Have you thought about Haiti relief ?

Prata- Bedard will talk about it.

Shah- Committee meeting time? No? ok

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Sinapi- We made some interesting headway with safety and lighting. None of problems were fixed. We're going to have all of the administration with us. When I talked to the guy they're supposed to put in a blue light at Peckham farm, there's been a lot of complaints. For Coates, a lot of them don't go audible. Marc did respond to that one. Bob Weygand and his response to cutting down trees, been in touch with some experts in field and they deny everything he mentioned. Going to get in touch and validate that. Meetings Wednesday at 530. Talk to Vidhi if you can't make it.

Coates- just wanted to let you know that streetlights that I've been reporting to you are back on.

Marc- In front of Heathman? I've been requesting those too.

Simon- In FAC parking lot where they put new parking, are we allowed to park there? Remember when I called you and you said chance it?

Sinapi- There's a spot for staff, visitors, carpooling, vans gone so now we have space but big cars I don't know what you mean.

Clarke- Point of information, it wasn't like bigger cars there was a carpooling lot with 4 or more people.

Holzman- In regards to the research park issue and most recent issue of quads, uri advancement magazine for alumni, discussing putting in a research park when where how.

Messineo- Sinapi I don't know if you have a contact with parking services, if you try to buy a parking permit for one semester you need to pay the same amount for the whole year. Kind of ridiculous. Why would you have to pay the same amount. Talk to someone in parking.

Sinapi- I'd imagine because it's a different sticker every year.

Holland- Maybe if they could do starting spring semester 25% off or something.

Sinapi- Not necessarily the university, could be company.

Petit- Is it something you could look into?

Sinapi- I think Steve asked that.

Sinapi- I said yes I can. I know how to dial numbers.

Coates- I know last semester started to bring up gps on ripta?

Sinapi- I mentioned that we can't make headway until we know if we still have ripta. Even if we are we have to discuss if they're going to allow it.

Rosati- Ellery pond?

Sinapi- Hopefully in touch with Casper's elusive professor and get price quote from another elusive person.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** Working with cultural for Haiti relief I know a lot of separate orgs are working on it. Put in newsletter different ways everyone can bring it together a bigger effort. Talking to Kim on how to get it into the mass emails. Also working with Allen and elections committee to get more advertising.
- b. **Secretary Harrington-** Kudos to Amanda.
- c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** Paying the bills
- d. **Vice President Shah-** Committees, I have a list here I'm sure some of you need to switch. The only committee that doesn't have a schedule time is cultural. I will reschedule you if I have to. Don't reassign yourself to a new committee but if you can't make that time write your name under reassign. Next, committee chairs and vice chairs, last year it was annoying haggling you for minutes, every chair needs to be responsible and have a responsible vice chair. I want you chairs to be responsible for own minutes. Formal, ok for those of you who do not know we could not get a bus for formal. It came down to I set the price, which is more than I wanted to do, we didn't get enough people. I have to pay amalfi and the cop. We can't afford it. Nothing I can do deposit is down. We're going. Please stay here after so we can figure out how to get there. Good luck with semester. Make sure you're doing your hours.

MacKinnon- What time does the formal start?

Shah- 7

Messineo- As vice chair can you give me your email I used to send minutes to both you and Katherine.

Roderick- I can't make my committee meeting I have class at all these times, what happens?

Holland- Vidhi I look over his minutes before he sends them to you.

Clarke- Say email out loud.

Coates- Spell her whole name out.

- e. **President Bedard-** My report is short. Our website is the new one. Thank Kim she put a lot of work into it. A sheet went around there's a basketball game Saturday. Keep sending it around. If you are on a university committee that I assigned you to. Please get me a quick report on what's going on. We want some representation I don't want to assign people who aren't going to do anything. Liaisons don't forget. I don't want one next week. Couple things, February 16th big thinkers series for students. Dooley will speak to students. March 2nd state of the university address. April 8th official inauguration for president Dooley. A lot associated with that day. Me and Dougan are putting together an event for that day. Keep those 3 dates open. In terms of our orange sticker, we did lose our case, not dropping the issue. I have a meeting tomorrow with our lawyer Sam. After I get his opinion I'm going to sit down with exec. We have a couple options. File a new case, change lawyer. We will not drop this case. If you

haven't seen the interview Amanda and Tom did there is a link on our website. Last thing, Haiti. I had a meeting today. Uri is setting up a helping Haiti campaign. We are allowing groups to do own events. These groups will then submit their money through our accounts office. Put money into 900 account, money will move over into senate account. University as a whole will be collecting all money as a lump sum. Campaign will run through month of February. February 20th, men's basketball game against Fordham. Collect money there. Final event is February 26th, no concrete plans but an event in Edwards run by charity money is going to. Work to get supplies, rebuild schools, etc. how it's going to work, when groups submit money, the accounts office will take a log of the group so at the end of the campaign there will be recognition. You will get credit for what your org did. Doesn't have to be a senate recognized group. Residents of butt, for example, can do it. There is going to be a website set up through uri, not set up yet, over weekend. I'm sending an email out through listserv, putting together a master calendar of events. If someone is interested they can go on website, find an event they like and help out. We are encouraging everyone to make a minimum donation of \$5. Loose change does not suffice. Sacrifice something. Asking faculty and staff to give a little more. University community as a whole is 20,000 large so if you do some quick math you can figure out amount (\$100,000). Were putting together that master calendar on Monday.

Rodrigues- Are we also asking alumni, parents?

Bedard- I was charged with coordinating student effort. Administration will take care of that. I think they're setting up a fund through uri foundation.

Rodrigues- Are we going to allow media to cover this?

Bedard- Media will hear about it, were trying to get this up and running as soon as possible. Marketing dept is putting together a logo. Our hope is that by Monday all that can be launched.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:** no report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee

Petit- I forgot my sheet with all the dates, but declaration period for college, at large, pres/vice, begins this Monday so you can sign up in office with Kim. Goes until the following Friday and that election will be held on the 17th and 18th of Feb. If you were running for the college or arts and sciences and at election you lose, still an opportunity to be on senate because on and off campus elections not until a few weeks after. Declaration period begins 15th. Goes until 26th. That election which will be presidential final with be March 3rd and 4th. If there's more than 2 pairs, there's a primary. If not there's only a final. What I would suggest. Run in the first one for the seat that you want and you can always run again. As far as info booths, thank you for signing up. Also, I would ask, I will have Kim send out an email with relevant dates. If you're in any of your classes make an announcement. Important that people do that in big classes. I'm going to be asking once we get fliers finalized, I'm going to be giving out fliers to elections committee, if you could hang some up in dorms, etc. last thing, remind you again on actual election days in your classes make sure you tell people in classes.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Nominations for Elections Committee

Messineo- First, I thought all seats were filled?

Shah- One person has dropped Senate so we have an open seat.

Holland- Who is not running for Senate? I nominate Bedard, Petit seconds.

Bedard- Nominates O'Loughlin, declines

O'Loughlin- Nominates Einhorn, declines

Messineo- Nominates Elliott, declines

Nominations for Rules and Ethics

Petit- Nominates Cologna, Holland seconds

Messineo- Nominates MacKinnon, Stewart seconds

Bedard- Nominates Rossi, Holland seconds

Holzman- Motion back to new business, Espinal seconds, opposition, vote, passed

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

Rodrigues- Since Joe Puleo is studying abroad and since he was on rules and ethics, shouldn't we do that?

Petit- Motion to move back to approval of the agenda, Prata seconds

Petit- Motion to add nominations for rules and ethics, Holland seconds

Messineo- Motion to move back, no

Bedard- Motion to reconsider agenda, Petit seconds

Vote on approval of agenda- passed

Messineo- Motion to move back to special orders, MacKinnon seconds

Holzman- Bedard could not have motioned to reconsider because he can't vote on floor.

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Coates- Can I get a headcount if you're a pharmacy major? One of the things we discussed was bringing up discussion of 4 credit system. Whether or not it's immediate, its being discussed by provost. Currently, poly-sci is only dept that has 4 credit classes. So I'd like everyone to discuss pros and cons, some of the issues they're having is there are not enough 4 credit classes for all the students. Say you're taking two 4 credit classes, and three more 3 credit classes, you're probably being overworked. Not being implemented evenly. Some of the pros are that it allows experiential learning and less time in classroom, more time teaching yourself.

Sinapi- I was wondering if anyone can mention any pros?

Petit- I believe Joelle mentioned she has a four credit class, but I think that's just education.

Holzman- One of the rationales behind the 4 credit system is that it reduced amount of prep work for professors, and they can dedicate more time to classes.

O'Loughin- Are they trying to do this for every department? I think that that's going to be very tough because its situational, I know my major has a lot of 4 credits but it's a strange setup because we have different lengths of classes if you really want to do that for everything you need to get deep down into curriculum and it might end up getting rid of some classes in specific major. My two cents.

Coates- You know, the discussion is there's a disconnect between faculty and administration. Faculty feels forced. I've heard rumors that art history would be next department to be 4 credits. What I also know, one of my main concerns is its sacrificing the liberal arts in our college they're going to have to restructure whole gen ed system. You're going to be taking less subjects. They're redoing in a different manner the gen eds right now. It's a little off topic, they're doing a pilot program which they're trying to get ready, everything is going to be a shell. Freshmen will be put in units of 25 to 30 students that will have every class together. Comm, writing, course for your declared major. All the classes you take will be relevant to your major. It will no longer be Comm 101, it will be comm. related to your major. I think Shaun had another question but oh well.

Clarke- I'm poly-sci so our dept has already done this, but practically that is not possible because no one takes just poly-sci, so its messing up taking other classes. They have to extend amount of credits on e-campus. Like you said there's a disconnect about what you have to do.

Sinapi- For Holzman's I'm aware what it's supposed to do. With poly-sci, last semester I paid extra for something that should not have cost a dime, I had to take them in the fall. It pushed me over by 6 credits and I had to pay for it. For poly-sci it's a copout, you run out of classes. I ran out a while ago. They're spending less money because they need less classes, teachers, ta's. I want to hear an actual success story.

Harrington- I have taken 4 credit classes in education and they have worked because we have to complete field experience. However, I can see how this would not work for every major.

Holland- I know exec knows my opinion but I want the rest of you to know other colleges like nursing couldn't go under 4 credit system, they can't take enough classes to pass boards. It will not work universally.

Prata- To go back to Coates, they were throwing around idea about comm class being research, etc. sounds great to come in as a freshmen to have a major, but the only concern I have is how are you going to figure out if you want to be another major if you don't experience anything else? Doesn't leave opportunity for a more liberal education.

Raupers- I agree with Clarke and Sinapi, although 4 credits works well in some majors, its detrimental because we as poly-sci can't find classes. Very detrimental to undergrads. A lot of people stay in just university college until junior year. It will force people to pick a major earlier.

Coates- There will be a program for undeclared. I don't know how it will work but they outlined philosophy of system. I think it's going to be interesting to see what happens, even though you're learning

about major in classes, by the way professors will be communicating, but you will be learning communications, etc. they will back up what you will be learning in other subjects. I kind of agree with it. I see our concerns but the grand challenges only last through first and second semester and then you would go into regular education classes. O'Loughlin, they do examine every course one by one before they approve it for 4 credits. There has to be a presentation about what will be changed. As of right now, I think one of the things we'll start to see a lot is that a lot of students will have to sign up for 1 credit classes. If you want to take 15 credits you'll have to take that one class. For example, I'm taking forensic science lecture. They need to come up with a solution. I haven't heard a single positive thing yet. Speak now or were going to put a negative bill on the floor.

Slater- The 4 credit, I don't know why poly-sci switched, it works nicely for classes that work with labs. The first dept that claims was computer science. If you don't have labs it seems like an inefficient system.

Holzman- Challenges would replace uri 101? Part of my concern is that engineering students don't take uri 101, so they don't get college life skills, so that ends up integrated is a concern second, in gen eds, even required courses not in your major, for engineering students we have 128 credits required for graduation, it would push it out another 10 credits, finally, I think we've come to a consensus that for a lot of departments this does not work. Makes sense that administration and faculty senate should put together a transition book.

Petit- Dave brought up grand challenges, there's going to be a test, but that was not said to be included in 4 credit thing. That's completely separate. As far as 4 credit, I think that we'll have a bill stating our opinion, there's been a lot of confusion with students. Faculty senate is just as confused and upset about system.

Messineo- A lot of it's been said. I'm against a group of faculty members telling me how many credits my classes should be worth. I think students should have some say in determining how many credits classes should be worth. If you'll make some 4 credits, how will you determine difference between 3 and 4 credits? Professors can say one thing and do another.

Coates- I agree with almost everything to get back, it's not applied evenly and amount of work is not the same. We can meet with engineering team, is been addressed.

O'Loughlin- I want to point a couple things out. Any of you who are science students, what Harrington was talking about is that they put a lab on it. You take a class and you go to lab. If you're taking comm that's in your curriculum for your major sounds like a great idea but look at students like Bedard who have changed major multiple times, if it was just a comm class it would work.

Coates- You would still be getting comm. 100 credit. Key issue is it's not quite as technical. You won't be learning science terms in comm. Or anything like that. Comm. 100 principles applied through things you would learn in science.

Sinapi- There are 100 level classes like that, politics and math, etc. no reason to have this new system. Constrains you.

MacKinnon- Has there been any talk about inputting this system on grad students before undergrads? Grad students have their major in mind, applied to school to enhance that major and already putting a substantial amount of effort towards that major. Might work better in grad level.

Coates- That hasn't been addressed but it's something we can bring up.

Boukari- Shells you talked about implementing, 4 credits or just 3?

Coates- As of now 3.

Boukari- I agree with Sinapi how other depts. have these classes already. With comm. they require 100 with everything. Seems like a waste to have to take comm. To take the others. Possible to remove that requirement? Found comm. 100 pointless.

Roderick- In a positive light I'm taking a 4 credit class addressed as a 3 credit and 1 credit but as a 4 because field work. They give us certain days off to go out and get that experience. Form better connection with people who work there.

Bedard- Consensus is that it's a case by case basis and I think our conversation is starting to loop around that. Myself and Coates will be at faculty senate meeting tomorrow so we'll talk about it then. End discussion and we'll talk to them tomorrow. Come talk to me or Coates if you're interested in this topic.

Coates- Last two things. I want to clarify. 4 credits, they are not official, no more depts. are transitioning. Even though shells are piloting, they are not going to be 4 credits. Hdf example, I think that's a prime example of why 4 credits is bad, they're letting you out of class and taking away class time to go do something else. You're getting more credits and less learning. I think if they will let you out of class then it should still be 3 credits.

Holzman- 4 credit system would make it difficult to pick up double majors and minors.

Sinapi- Classes that require a comm. 100 most professors will waive them.

Prata- Where hdf is a bad thing because you're not in class, to me personally I would rather have the opportunity to go out into field. For some people you might be better off working in a lab, at school, with families than talking to professors.

Coates- I'm not saying that field experience is bad, they shouldn't cancel class to let you go do that.

Clarke- What time is faculty senate?

Bedard- 3 in Kirk.

Petit- Those interested we're going to Applebees, after you've set up rides well go. Good way to get to know other senators.

Cologna- HRL is doing housing assignments online this semester. Putting a large emphasis on forming groups and that determines where you live going about it all wrong. Be ready for any of these problems. If you have any questions talk to RA.

Bedard- Saturday at 1 there is an event at Charlie O's sponsored by red bull, it is Sean White snowboarder. There's some drink specials, food, free red bull. Poster above my desk. Faculty senate meeting is tomorrow at 3 in Kirk, I have to leave after 20 minutes. Who in here can and is planning to go?

Holden- Motion to adjourn, Espinal seconds.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Bickham, Birch, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Daodu, Einhorn, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Gaudio, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jones, Jurh, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, O'Loughlin, Prata, Raupers, Renzi, Roderick, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Stewart, Stewart, Timas, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

NAY: Elliott, Petit, Slater

No Vote: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 p.m.