

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

B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Adepoju, Ahrens, Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Ginsberg, Gorman, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Inthisone, Kearns, LaRocca, Lynch, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Shah, Sibbald, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stein, Stolow, Valenti, Yensan

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Approved

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: no changes

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Aronoff- Feb 19th hillel is having Amy Salloway, an award winning comedian to talk about life being overweight. It is in Swan hall, its free, and she's funny.

Ginsberg-I know we passed a bill for hillel a few weeks back. You should all check out what they are doing tonight and the next few days with the Afro-Semitic experience. Tomorrow the event is in Edwards, \$3 for student \$10 for outside guests.

Messineo- fundraiser, for concert in our area feb 11 dunkin donuts, barry manilow tickets \$20 or \$25 usually \$50

Petit motions for pledge. Vote-passed

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Chairman Maxwell Adepoju and Chairwoman Amanda Clarke-Announce candidacy for president and vice president

Krista Simeone – Students for a More Accessible Campus

This was kind of a spur of the moment thing. We all know that the campus is inaccessible, and I give you credit if you're getting around, because everyone is having trouble right now. One of the main things I talked about last night at our meeting is that I go around and see accessible entrances cleared off, but the space around is not cleared off. It's all ice or snow. I have had a lot of trouble being heard around campus. My parents had to call maintenance and tell them that I live in Hopkins, but can't get across the street to Hope. They said they'd get right on it, but my parents don't know the campus so they couldn't say exact problem. So I called and they said they'd do something, but it didn't happen until this morning. However, snow has been accumulating until this morning. There's a lot of concern because my advisor was at meeting last night and there is a lot of concern from people who get things done, but they do not have the resources to fix the problem. If we can get students together, one at a time, who can make it accessible it would be great. Maybe the Cigar can write an article, I know a lot of people who are willing to speak. Some plans are at my next meeting I have someone from facilities coming, and we can direct our questions to him. On February 3 I'm attending the advisory board committee meeting for disability issues. Also, I have a timeline for things I want to get done. There are two fundraisers coming up but I can't have anything outdoors right now. I have a lot of nondisabled people who have been contacting me because they've injured themselves on campus, and they see how inaccessible it is. I have a lot of support from them too. I'm here to ask for your support. I want to work with you. I have gotten a lot done, but we were just recognized in November and I'm still getting on my feet. It is hard to get things done when weather is so bad. I'm here for your input and advice. What do you think we should do?

LaRocca- I'm sorry that I was just hearing this today. I emailed facilities last week, lot of complaints, they are are having a shortage of things to shovel with. I spoke to head of facilities, and he's getting a proposal made asking for more money. If you want to meet with me sometime this week and tell me the exact points, such as who you spoke to, what entrances, etc. I'll be around.

Krista-It's hard for me to say which exact places on campus are bad because everywhere I've been nothing has been totally accessible.

Rep-I'm in the engineering industry, and I've taken photos of sidewalks that haven't even been touched. I even saw a snow plow outside loosing traction. I've talked to professors in engineering department about getting students to help. Sidewalks aren't up to code for wheelchair accessibility. As far as any building, you can't make it from a building to a car without walking through snow and ice.

Krista-I have to say I get the van all day every day, but it stops after a certain point so I had to be driven here and walk to the building. This afternoon the van driver had to get out and help me to the building. I started to walk and realized I was on sheer ice, so I gave him a look of terror and he had to get out and help me. You all don't know me but I'm very independent and very active so to have to rely on a van to get me everywhere, it bothers me and a lot of people. I don't want a van to have to take me across the street. I can't even go two blocks. I have a busy schedule and it's hard to accommodate everyone when there are so

many other students. I'd like to do it on my own but I can't, and I wish there was more the university could do. There have been several days since we have had all this snow, and there are several sidewalks that haven't even been touched. Outside Hope is like an ice rink. I know three people who have fallen. I know that the university's doing what it can but there's so much more that can be done. They know we have bad weather. More money should be spent. I'd love to sit down with anyone I can and talk to them. If maintenance is unclear as to where to plow I will get in the plow with them and show them where to go. I think it's so important. I'm willing to go anywhere, email or call anyone to get this fixed. I haven't talked to anyone big yet but I hope they're willing to bend over backwards as well.

Ahrens- We brought this up last week, and I almost fell on a path they did themselves. Keep in contact with us because we would love to help you. Maybe we can put a statement out so faculty knows where we stand.

Anthony Sinapi

I want to talk about juicy campus.com. It is supposedly anonymous and people are using it to post whatever they want, like facts about others that are damaging individual reputations as well as those of fraternities and sororities. The makers of the website say they're using their 1st amendment right but its slander they can't do it. The posters don't realize what they're doing is against the law its destructive for our Greek life. Some people don't want to join at all. It also gives the campus a bad name. It's not good for students or professors. If students get dragged in the mud, others will act differently around them, and some people have transferred or dropped out because of this. As many of you know, 1st rights people support, but in this case it is not right, most people do not support it, and there are no positives only negatives. There's not much you can do right now because laws are outdated. Some universities have banned juicy campus. Recent cyber bullying case is a good sign. University can't do much, because to ban it themselves they could face a lawsuit. The only real options are students filing lawsuits against students. Posters can be punished; we need to show them this fact. Administration could get involved by giving probation or loss of financial aid, but I haven't talked to them, just want to get the issue out. In most of the cases, the university says there's not much we can do so deal with it. NJ and CT took different route. Maybe we can take it off our wifi. There are countless things we can do. I want everyone to think of things we can do to solve this problem. I don't want to say go to the site because it might offend you. Towards the end of the meeting hopefully we debate this. Action taken must be severe enough to deter activity, not rouse crowd or interest. Consider the consequences because all options are difficult. Take time during the meeting to think of things. It is a problem, and needs to be addressed. I don't know if it happened yet here, but kids kill themselves, etc.

Holzman- We realize the majority of what is said is negative, and a lot of that stuff is slander and liable. 1st amendment says if you say things about someone that isn't true you can be prosecuted. But this website is anonymous. It comes back to think before you speak. Whether you use wireless or use university internet, you're agreeing to an acceptable use policy, that you're going to use and not use internet for certain things. There's no reason why we couldn't push administration to block juicy campus as well. It is destructive, sends bad message that you don't need to be held accountable for what you say. I feel as a body of legislators, we have a responsibility to take action and protect our students. Think if administration doesn't do anything it's disgraceful.

Ginsberg- Can we move on to the meeting and discuss this in open forum when it's more acceptable?

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-58 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR URI ROBOTICS CLUB

Whereas, Robotics is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Robotics would like to purchase a capital improvement, and

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

Whereas, Robotics would like money to help cover the costs of the capital improvement, 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 \$1,219.91 from our Capital Improvement Contingency to the Category # 400 (Capital Improvements) line in the budget of Robotics.

SPONSOR:

Finance Committee

BILL HANDLER:

Chairman Petit

DATE: Wednesday, January 28th, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-2)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next week

SS-08/09-59 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR OUTING CLUB

Whereas, Outing is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Outing would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Outing 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 \$1,200.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Outing.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
 DATE: Wednesday, January 28th, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-2)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next week

SS-08/09-60 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SNOWBOARD CLUB

Whereas, Snowboard is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Snowboard would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Snowboard 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 \$775.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Snowboard and therefore be it also,
Resolved, that these funds are contingent upon the finding of a suitable location, for storing the purchased equipment, to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
 DATE: Wednesday, January 28th, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-2)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Passed

Christina- Railjam on February 19 from 5-9. We are going to build jumps and stuff. There will be contests for people to enter and prizes to win. Support RI food bank, we’re bringing food, music, local university to campus. We are the first to do this in northeast, and we want it to be annual. We have 7 sponsors, lots of excitement, potential to blowup and make lots of donations to the RI food bank, show URI pride. We want to set stage and are asking for senate to support. There is no registration fee, just bring canned goods. Board station at 3:30 for students, free, get boards ready for competition. We’re doing it on a Thursday so it gives people something to do instead of going out to drink.

Luther- Where is it?

Christina- On quad, we’re going to get snow from boss ice arena, instead of them melting it they’re going to truck it over for us.

Petit-motion for immediate consideration

Holzman seconds

Faustin- for Petit, how does the voting go why is it 5-0-2?

Petit- I have two people abstaining because they're new to my committee.

Vote-passed

SS-08/09-61 – ALCOHOL FREE EVENT GRANT REQUEST FOR SNOWBOARD CLUB

Whereas, Snowboard, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Snowboard 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 \$1,000.00 from our Alcohol Free Event Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Snowboard and therefore be it also,

Resolved, that these funds are contingent upon the finding of a suitable location, for storing the purchased equipment, to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, January 28 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-2)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Petit motions for immediate consideration

Holden seconds

Vote-passed

SS-08/09-62 – 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 500 Family cat.# 130 (Programming)

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, January 28 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-1-2)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Tabled

Ahrens- 500 family has taken up a few organizations for Valentine's Day, and they're bringing Genuine for a really good deal. He covers a big demographic so he's going to attract a lot of students. Maxwell can speak more. Were co-sponsoring because when they came to us they asked for \$5,000 but we couldn't pay the whole thing, so it was easier to split up money to \$3,000 and \$2,000. We approved \$3,000 last week.

Adepoju- motion to not immediately consider bill because Genuine cannot make this date so were trying to push back date. He will be out of the country.

Holden seconds

Bedard-motion to table bill instead. I'm going to let you do so because I think that's what you meant to do.

Adepoju- motion to table bill

Holden seconds

SS-08/09-63 – CATEGORY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Senate, 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 \$2,000.00 from cat.# 134 (Stipend Expense) to cat.# 222 for 1,000.00 , cat.#312 for 500.00 , cat.# 100 for 500.00 of Senate's budget to 500 Family cat.# 130 (Programming)

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, January 28 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-1-2)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next week

Petit-I granted \$344 dollars to SEC for half of registration fee to national convention, and one last thing, I want to nominate Senator Boiteau as my vice chair, can I get approval? Approved. How many people came and talked to you about question from last week?

Bruce- A few, there will be a quiz.

Petit-Go ask Bruce, you should get to know him. However, if you are too intimidated you can ask me.

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

SS-08/09-64 Bill Calling for the Level Change of the URI Contender Academy to Level 2

Whereas, the URI Contender Academy has established the need for a budget in order to hire an instructor for the purpose of teaching the skills and techniques of boxing,

Whereas, the URI Contender Academy meets the requirements for recognition at level 2, and

Whereas, it is the custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate approve the level change of the URI Contender Academy.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday January 28, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Clarke Motion for immediate consideration

Messineo seconds

Opposition

LaRocca- I'm opposing because I'm just seeing this for the first time today, and level changes are a big deal. It determines whether a student group gets more money, etc. and I think we need a week to discuss.

Clarke- I agree it's a big deal, but budgets are due this Friday and they have proven themselves over and over again.

Adepoju- Basically we came to SOARC last semester for the level change, but it was the night of presidents meeting so they were rushing. I said what I needed to say but it wasn't documented. I said it then so we wouldn't have to wait until this week, but it wasn't documented so here we are.

Vote

Adepoju abstains

Immediate consideration granted

Adepoju- We've been around for about a year, got recognized fall 2007, and we train students on techniques and fundamentals of boxing in hopes that they want to compete. It is a confidence booster type sport. It helps with strengthening, endurance. We need the money to pay our trainer. He's been working with us for about a year unpaid, and he's been hinting that he wants to get paid.

Petit- I'm in favor because now as level 3 they need to get contingency for paying trainer, but it's in budgets for level 2 groups.

Ahrens- I'm also in support because they have many interests both male and female and also I personally didn't go to event last year, because I didn't want to lose a fight in front of everyone, but just because Maxwell's leading this bill he's stepping down next year and it will be run by a lot of other individuals next year. He's not a reason for moving it up.

LaRocca- I also agree it should be level 2.

Coates- How much will he get paid?

Adepoju-\$4,000 a semester.

Sibbald- motion to vote

Holden seconds

Adepoju abstains

Vote- passed

Presidents meeting this Monday at 7, SOARC is 5:30 on Mondays

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Stolow**

Received email from academic standards and calendar committee concerning one of our bills. Disregarded our voice about add period for classes. As it is, we have two weeks before we need override from department head. We had a bill voted unanimously in Senate meeting to keep it that way, but when brought to committee it was almost rejected and not considered. The way they're putting it to vote, there is one week for add period for students and the next week it's up to the professors permission number. Allen and I are going and voting no. If this goes any further it has to go to faculty senate, and I will be there fighting and I encourage everyone else to as well. Besides that, I'm trying to change meeting time. If my committee could tell me if 5 on Tuesdays works, I'd appreciate it.

LaRocca- When does that committee meet, and do you think if more students showed up they'd be more apt to listen?

Stolow-Yes I skimmed the email quickly, but they haven't scheduled the next date. It's an open committee so I encourage everyone to come.

Petit- It doesn't seem like we'll have one before it goes to faculty senate, it will just be an email vote so there won't be an opportunity for other students to come. Since we voted unanimously, everyone show up if it goes to faculty senate, which I think it will with just me and Zach to support it. I think that meeting is the third week in February so if you have friends let them know it's a big issue so they come. In the past when senators haven't showed up its reflected badly and the administration thinks we don't care.

LaRocca- As committee members do you have the authority to request a real meeting?

Stolow-We could try, I'll talk to Rachael, see if we can have this vote in person

Coates- Has the cigar been told about this issue?

Stolow-I can send out an editorial.

Sinapi- What does the committee consist of?

Stolow-Students, faculty, administrators, its three different points of view that reflect the diversity on campus.

Sinapi- Students have how much say?

Stolow-I don't want to say a minority, but students are usually on other side of most votes.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: O'brien**

Meeting this week at 2 in room 202. I encourage everyone who wants to come Friday. Worked with major groups and got together first step in my off campus involvement booklet I'm calling it. Every single group that does something off campus were putting together and bringing to March

coalition meeting. Its February 6, they keep changing the time but I'll post it when I find out. It should be around 4 or 5.

Clarke- Dates for town council meetings?

Ahrens-First and third Mondays at 7. Does anyone not know what URI coalition is? It was established in 2000 or 2002, mission statement is to build respect among URI and off campus communities. It deals with off campus jurisdiction, off campus community cleanup, etc. If you're interested in harboring these relationships, it's a good way to show were working with them. Just like faculty meetings, were usually on the opposite side of the agenda.

O'brien-The meeting this month, it will be longer than usual, but there's a woman in town who got funding for after school program. Her belief is that college kids in area are negatively influencing high school students in area. She did this without talking to college students. I'll be on her committee, asking her questions about it. Let me know if you want in.

Clarke- Can people go if they're not on your committee?

O'brien-I believe so, it's my first normal meeting, I don't think it's closed.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju**

About juicy campus, we should have a forum and speak to students on campus and get their opinion on it because we speak for them and we should know what they think and how we should attack it. There have been rumors about banning it or filing lawsuits. Maybe students tease around with it and enjoy it for the most part though. We want the forum to be before spring break so we leave them with something to think about at least before end of semester. Another thing, I'm going to let Aranoff and Almeida talk about something, out of SOARC committee. They are thinking of having an award ceremony for student organizations. It would acknowledge them for achievements through year.

Aronoff- Awards to end out year and celebrate our organizations. It would bring all organizations together for one night. Some categories could be best fund raiser, most philanthropic, students group of the year, etc. Every group is invited, has chance to be nominated. We want it to be around April in Edwards. Asking every senator to get involved, we would be presenters. Have red carpet, ask Cigar to come. Jorge is fashion coordinator. We would like to make it an annual event. The first nomination, maybe ask all presidents to nominate and maybe have a committee select 3 or 4 for each category. We need help making categories because we only have about 9 right now.

Almeida- Good idea. We spoke about how there's not much diversity on this campus. This is one of few events that could bring everyone together, and everyone could see how others run their business. We could ask dance groups and others to perform.

Aronoff- There are not many expenses, trophies would be big things, and we can check out options with that. Any help we could get would be greatly appreciated

Adepoju- Great idea, why not end the year this way? Also, my committee, we couldn't all meet Monday at 4, if you could write me a note letting me know if it's an issue and your best time if it is?

Prata- Great idea. Would senate be judging? Who decides on the winners?

Almeida- I've been working on this website, it's a social forum for URI campus. Organizations can post events and stuff outside facebook, so students could go on this site and post votes.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: LaRocca**

Meeting on Mondays at 2 in room 301 everyone's invited. We finally attempted to finalize our Ellery pond plan, so right now were looking for URI artists and landscape architects, who can draw, sculpt, or somehow represent our vision for the pond and the whole area. If you know anyone or you yourself want to get involved, come to our meetings or my office hours so you can submit plans. We want to choose top three in committee and then bring it to senate, not finalized though. If its 2d we can frame it and put it in the office. If not in facebook group join and ask your friends. Tom and I spoke about doing a campus cleanup, lands and grounds are going to clear brush and stuff, but there's a lot of trash, and we could spend an afternoon clearing it, go out to lunch have some fun. I feel sorry Krista and I didn't speak before this point, but we are going to be more in touch, and I was incorrect, I said facilities but I was speaking to lands and grounds. I know its bad today even in Narragansett, I think because it was still snowing and stuff. But we need to be more aggressive getting them funds. Hopefully people haven't been severely injured, and will not bring charges against university, but maybe that would make them listen and work harder.

Sinapi- As far as running out of materials, it is RI and winter, and a lot of cities are complaining about the same thing but it seems counterintuitive to slack on that. About RIPTA busses, when picking people up there was a 16 minute gap for hill climber and other two. There was no reason for them not to be there, this seems to be a consistent problem.

LaRocca-I got your email and I'm sending it to Lucas.

Sinapi- They put up signs, but they're not the important ones. Like at Chaffee we did not need another one.

Petit- As far as cleanup of Ellery, set up a date and we'll all be there

Coates- Snow removal? Since the campus is state property could they ask a state plow to come in and clean up, or get state workers. I'll gladly go out and buy shovels if they don't have them.

LaRocca-I don't know, ill see if its an option. Can bruce answer for me?

Bruce- I don't think the state would claim this is state property unless they wanted it, but when it comes to taking care of it, it is our mission. Head of lands and grounds is responsible for making it work. I think you're right to keep effort on resources they have. When you meet with Brian, ask if we can go to state and ask for help.

Ahrens- Just to play devil's advocate. In fall the state put a lot of plows out in Narragansett. If they put them out too early they get criticized for wasting money, and if they put them out too late they get criticized for not taking the right action. I gave a path a shot the other day and it was worse than the snow. We need to keep at this problem, now that the issue is out there use the next few weeks to get things done and not just talk about it.

Messineo-State plows are not the best ideas, one drove by and took out my mailbox today. I want to wish you best of luck, because it's tough to deal with this. RI is a small state but we don't have the work force that other big universities have. Maybe BC would be better, but it is a different situation. Like Tom said it will be over soon, and we'll get it for next winter. Its occasionally going to suck and we just have to come to school. Just compromise.

Holland-Is there anything to be done about the flooding? I don't have rain boots today and my feet are soaked.

LaRocca-I don't either. The flooding is coming from the snow melting. They tried to get snow away from drains, but even when it rains the campus floods. That ties into why they want to expand Ellery pond because the campus is growing and it will hold more water. Everything runs down to Ellery pond. It's really tough on the hill with flooding, but they do what they can.

Holzman- When it comes to the ice, the salt compounds used to melt the ice cost money and too much is a water quality issue. They should use more sand. Plows don't like to plow mid-snow.

Faustin- Do you know how the system works? Does each building have a certain number of janitors? I was walking to Swan today and he shoveled only the entrance.

LaRocca-Pass to Bruce

Bruce- I actually do have an answer for that. The housekeeping positions are responsible for a certain distance outside front door because they have responsibility of rest of building, lands and grounds has the rest (sidewalks and streets). Housekeeping does front walkways.

LaRocca-One of my members noticed in elevator in Chaffee that the last time it was inspected was in 2006, and I think the Cigar investigated this a couple semesters ago. I'm going to check up on this.

Slater- The best press is bad press. If we want to get attention, we should all get a picture of us shoveling snow and they would help right away. If it looks bad in a publication it looks bad for them. Maybe get someone to sponsor us (hot chocolate).

Coates- I think most elevators are outdated. In union and my own building I noticed this.

Bruce- Office is responsible for making sure they're inspected. The question becomes when was the last round? People were messing with inspection stickers and so we started keeping them in the office. We will track down person who deals with it, but I don't think there's a major issue with this.

LaRocca- Isn't it a law that you have to post it inside?

Bruce- It's not the law.

LaRocca- Isn't it sad they steal those?

Gorman- Do they have to be inspected every year?

LaRocca- I don't know.

Gorman- Every three years?

Bruce- I don't know, but it's not every three years.

Gorman- I agree with Slater that if we humiliate those who shovel it will be effective.

LaRocca- I don't want to attack the people, they just don't have the resources. They're not sitting there eating a sandwich watching kids slip. Going and talking to people and listening is how you get things done.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Director of Communications Simon-

I'm working with Allen for a memo including information about rainville, state legislation, and media for orange sticker. I started the newsletter and few people have done good job (LaRocca, Stolow) and I just got a few more. That leaves O'brien. That will be the first week in February and it will be more in depth. There will be a spotlight for an organization of the month. I will be putting a flyer in every mailbox for each organization. I will figure out an award for them to make them want it. Accept the invitation for group on facebook.

Rodrigues- I don't know if it was the election committee or what? Wanted to congratulate you on flyer, a lot of people have commented on it.

LaRocca- That was Luther's brainchild.

b. Secretary- Pelletier absent. Kudos to Tom and Joelle.

c. Treasurer Shah-

Working on budget

d. Vice President Bedard-We dropped in numbers for senators between break and now, so sign in for office hours, come to meetings, don't be late or leave early. Even excused absences count. Attendance policy lasts until March 25th. You will hear from me, so try to avoid missing things. Go to committee meetings. As far as chairman, get me your minutes and attendance, leave in the black thing next to my mailbox. I expect them within a week of your meeting. Stay on your vice chairs for the minutes. As far as committee assignments, I'm going to ask you if you are actually on the committee on my list. If you need to be switched that's fine I just need to know if my list is correct. Senior speaker, if you are graduating this May you are eligible to sign up to speak, they are picked by committee of Senate which I will chair, and it will have 4 other people. Applications are available now via senate website. See Kim if you want. If you want to be on selection committee, talk to me or leave note in mailbox. Applications due March 2, committee will meet in the two or three days after that. I'll get into rest of process later. Happy birthday to Senator Bickham, and tomorrow to Senator Sinapi. Plan for tonight, as soon as we get out of here we will go to basketball game and then Applebee's, encourage you to come, carpool.

f. President- Ahrens-Speaking of the basketball game, they're up 36-28 at half. Add-drop date, it's really hard and no one helped me out at all. Please support Allen and Zach because it's a good cause, imagine if you only had 7 days plus random holds to get your classes in order. We want to do awards for professors, URI foundation 2009 excellence awards, must be submitted by March 6 if you want to nominate. It's our job to take an active role. Tickets for tonight's game there is a string attached. Two weeks from now there's a take an administrator or professor to the game night. People complain there isn't enough communication, you'll have plenty to talk about and if not it is loud enough that you can get away with not talking. I emailed faculty senate, if you have anyone please invite. They'll do trivia questions for awards at half time. It's good for our PR for students, it's always good to be on their good side, so keep in mind. Also, I'm meeting with President Carothers on Monday with Dave for stuff this semester. If you want me to include anything let me know. This Tuesday coming up Men's basketball, 100 dollar gift certificates. If you need me in the next few days I'm going up to Vermont, but I'll be back Saturday.

Stolow- Do you have tickets for Saturday's game?

Ahrens-Yes, talk to Dave if you want them.

Coates- For faculty senate, do we have someone signed up for public forum?

Ahrens-Yes, if you want to do that let me or Steve know. He's been doing a great job as our faculty senate liaison.

Aronoff- For the tickets tonight, are you going to pass them out or what?

Ahrens-See me after the meeting.

Sinapi-When are faculty senate meetings?

Stolow- Last Thursday of month at 3.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Bylaws Committee

Petit- We haven't met yet because only two other members gave schedule. So put them in my mailbox so we can set meeting time.

Elections Committee

Declaration period started today for President, Vice President, 12 at large, and all college seats. It goes until February 6, when platforms are due. If you have anyone who wants to declare have them come to office when Kim is there because she has forms locked up and has all the keys. Her times are on the door. Make sure they are eligible for that seat. At large anyone can run for so that's not a problem. Does everyone have these dates written down? Feb 10-11 election days for primary, polls open 9-5. Tuesday I have one class so I can be there all day, but Wednesday we'll need a lot of help. Then well have other seats open up. You can run in first election and if you don't win, run for on or off campus. Our window looks great, thank you to those in my committee who helped. Ad in cigar was funny, it's posted in declaration event page on facebook. Go on and spread the word. I have ads here. If you could take a couple and post in your dorm, the gym, etc. You can post them around but you must ask permission first from whoever's in charge. Elections well meet Monday at 5. Thinking if I can get a booth Monday or Tuesday to advertise declaration period.

Rodrigues- As for helping out at booth, will that count as office hour?

Bedard- Yes, still have to sign in though.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Yensan- I've kept quiet, listening to many ideas like Slater's. I just wanted to make few comments, coming from a Rhode Islander. I've grown up in this state and I know there are a lot of things flying around, some people may be losing faith in administration, but it's our job to keep the faith and think things will happen soon. We don't have much to work with and situation is looking grim, budgets not good. We need to keep good energy going and put winter gloom aside.

Maureen- Reminder, members of organizations who were nominated for rainville award, deadline is Friday, February 13.

Petit- I disagree with Yensan. Things become better when we push administration and government to do things. Those of you on university committees, I hope all of you are trying to be engaged, bringing things back to senate to talk about. Last thing, forgot to mention budgets are due Friday in the senate office at noon.

Adepoju- We need to talk to the campus more, get their voices in here more addressing the issues. During general discussion if we could go to our friends and ask advice, what they think, to generate responses to help us do our job. We could voice them during general discussion. Let's get this going during next couple of meetings. We want to make this campus more comfortable for rest of the students.

Gorman-On the juicy campus topic, I think as a student I don't have the strongest opinion towards it, but as a senator the only right thing to do would be to act quickly and aggressively. A few weeks ago we acted on the slurs written on a computer about Obama. Don't hold a seminar, don't ask opinions, because it is horrific and there is only one way to deal with it.

Bruce- You have had great success with safety and lighting walks. Over the years it has made a difference, administrators notice and get things done. Do something similar with some administrators, walk them through and let them see what you're dealing with in this bad weather. I'll talk about juicy campus later because I think you all want to get out of here.

Messineo-It's been a very interesting meeting, and in grand scheme of things you'll see what we're doing right and wrong. We discussed slander and people falling on ice. There are a lot bigger things and it sucks

in RI right now, but things could be a lot worse. Talking to Bruce yesterday, we said how it's not Buffalo, and snow is not our biggest issue. If you need any inspiration to go to class look at a girl like Krista, she has no reason to get out of bed and she made the effort to come here and speak to us.

Aronoff- I really appreciate everyone's support in this Rammies, Rhodys, whatever we will call it. If you have any suggestions throw it in one of our boxes. This is something that people will appreciate senate for. The goal is to get ballot together for Monday's presidents meeting.

Ginsberg motion to adjourn

Holland seconds

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Adepoju-Aye, Ahrens-no vote, Allison-Aye, Almeida-aye, Aronoff-aye, Bedard-no vote, Bickham-aye, Boiteau-aye, Clarke-aye, Coates-nay, Einhorn-aye, Gaudio-aye, Ginsberg-aye, Gorman-aye, Harrington-aye, Holden-aye, Holland-aye, Holzman-nay, Inthisone-aye, Kearns-aye, LaRocca-aye, Luther-nay, Lynch-aye, McCormick-aye, Meehan-aye, Messineo-nay, Mingoia-aye, Moss-aye, Noble-aye, O'brien-aye, Petit-nay, Prata-aye, Rodrigues-nay, Shah-no vote, Sibbald-aye, Simon-no vote, Sinapi-nay, Slater-nay, Stein-nay, Stollow-aye, Valenti-aye, Yensan-aye

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:23 p.m.