

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:31pm

B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Adepoju, Ahrens, Bedard, Boiteau, Clarke, Feinberg, Ginsberg, Harrington, Holden, Holzman, Jacques, LaRocca, Lee, Luther, Meehan, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Sibbald, Slater, Stewart, Stolow, Sullivan-Bennis, Tremaglio

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Pelletier- Changes made to elections bill, changed bill year and number. Spelled Valenti correctly and changed student to students.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Pelletier added the role call to the end of the minutes.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Petit motions for pledge, vote, passed

Jacques- Vidhi asked me to remind everyone that Sec is sponsoring the comedy show at 8pm in Edwards. Comedians listed, it is hosted by Trojan. Free condoms.

Bruce- I can wait until general discussion instead of announcements but I think this is more of a discussion. Your org has negotiated about a 15,000 show for nothing because of the promos today. I would encourage you to stop up. The lead comedian is a 7500 to 10,000 act and is supposed to be very good.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Petit- No bills this week, for all of the new people, finance is Mondays at 5pm.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

Clarke- Changed to 5:30 on Mondays but it is actually going to be 6pm, this week is still 5:30. If you have a problem with that, come talk to me. Deadline for rerec is Wednesday, hopefully a bill soon. President's meeting is this Monday at 7pm if you want to come.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Stolow- Projects in work with bookstore, SETS public and online elections. Meetings are 3pm on Monday in room 202.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

O'Brien- Vice Chair is Bobby Stewart. Big project that we are going to start soon, we are working on a potluck in bonnet. Dates next week.

Petit- Have you found anything out about cutting bus line.

O'Brien- They said, "We believe we may need to but currently they are saying we aren't." They said to wait until it gets a little bit closer, look at more budgets.

Holden- Are they cutting the 66 bus? I was on a bus and they were talking about a meeting.

O'Brien- They said no.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Adepoju- Senate's event, October 23rd, Edwards, public forum debate about elections, important to student body and students. Going to be in Edwards. Gave my members a task to complete for the week. For everyone in the Gallery, meetings on Mondays at 4pm.

Gorman- What happened to the big idea that you weren't going to reveal?

Adepoju- I am still working on it, I don't want to reveal until is booked.

Clarke- For the forum, had trouble getting in touch with some groups, talk to me.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

LaRocca- Today we had our first meeting about the Ellery pond restoration project, brainstorming, really great ideas. Officer mark came up with a few ideas that we really like, what we are going to call a reflection stone. Big granite chunk surrounded by flowers. You can go and sit and do your thing. Be for whatever you want it to be. Maybe in the future, when tragic things unfortunately happen it could be engraved. We want to have donation benches. Also put in fire sconces floating in the pond so we could have our own URI water fire. We want the area to be more of a place where students can go, hang out, make it clean. We all know that whole area is really kind of gross. The ra's could have programs down there, night by the pond with vendors. We are really excited about this, a great way for this senate to leave a mark on the campus. We

need to get in contact with a lot of people including the department of environmental management. Wednesdays at 3:30pm in room 301. Emailing lands and grounds to have a meeting with them.

Gorman- Any efforts to make the campus more environmentally friendly.

LaRocca- We want to clear out the brush but keep the ecosystem. We want to talk to more people in the field.

Abbe- How is the water in that pond?

LaRocca- We don't know, want to contact the Marine Biology department. We don't want it to be like a swimming pond. Officer Mark is amazing and helping us all out with this thing.

Holzman- Rumors that next year, there are going to be free RIPTA bus passes, true or false?

LaRocca- I don't know.

Ahrens- 2 years ago, they wanted to make it that way but the reason they didn't was because URI students typically don't have the same commute as other schools.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. **Director of Communications- Simon-** not here.

b. **Secretary-Pelletier-** Officer Mark was nominated for Kudos for coming up with the Ellery Pond Idea. Also, I gave kudos to those who counted ballots.

c. **Treasurer- Bedard-** Not here but she wanted to say- Paying the bills and if you want condoms, see Vidhi.

d. **Chief Operations Officer- Feinberg-** Final price for formal next week, committee minutes are good, that's it.

e. **Vice President- Bedard-** Few things, first of all, senate t shirt idea, a few people, I want a few more. Extend deadline to next Wednesday, use a website and print it out so it's neater for me. If you are interested, submit it by next Wednesday then we will pick a shirt. Relate it to senate somehow. Whatever we have by next Wednesday, we will work with. Homecoming T shirts go on sale tomorrow 11-2, could use as many volunteers as possible. Meet at 11, selling on the quad. Only \$5, going to assume that all of you are going to buy them. Senate Outreach- I got two more from Senator Luther, that puts us at a grand total of 3. If you haven't done it yet, no excuse as to why. You have one more week, I don't know what the consequence will be yet.

Ahrens- It's really embarrassing actually, presidents are expecting you to come. We are neglecting the first thing we are supposed to be doing. The groups who are having people come to them are talking to other groups and they are wondering why no one has come to talk to them.

Bruce- you could come to the president's meeting where all of the groups are and chat with them there. This is for the benefit of us and for them.

Bedard- The forms are in the office, Kim made more copies today. Come talk to me and I will get you another one.

Ahrens- Next president's meeting is Monday. Atrium 2 at 7pm.

Happier note, back to Applebee's tonight, meet in the office after the meeting.

Arrange rides around 8:45 to go.

f. **President- Ahrens-** I am happy to hear that the committees are starting on their retreat goals. I think the Ellery pond idea is a great idea. SEC is going to do homecoming with us, pick up most of the expenses. Have it in the cigar tomorrow for battle of the bands. Josh sent out an email this week for helping with homecoming, plenty of opportunity. Adam last week posted a letter in the cigar, not getting a person on the search committee for presidents. Sent a letter to Judge Caprio. Thinking about setting up a student BOG, spoke to BOG liaison, he thought of the idea to have a student one to talk about overall problems students are having in higher education in Rhode Island. Also another idea that came up, looking to create a strategic plan for Senate. Outline for what we want to see our org become over the next 5-10 years. Idea to keep our goals in line, the person who wrote the last one for URI is still working here. We need an outline. We only have 4 months to accomplish what we want. Meeting with lawyer tomorrow to talk about lawsuits. Know by next week what we are going to file for. Monday President's meeting- distributing newsletter, calendar of

events, committee info, going to need help. Hockey arena, keaney, academic buildings, full permission.

Holzman- Just senate or orgs too in the newsletter?

Ahrens- the first one is mostly for us but we hope student orgs will add stuff to the next one. For faculty senate committees, they aren't completely set up yet so I'll get back to you once they are set up.

Lee- Is it correct to assume that the student BOG will be from all campuses?

Ahrens- Yes, all campuses. Shane is doing the national anthem at Rhody Rally, make sure everyone is there for that.

- RULES AND ETHICS: No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee

Pelletier- There is a bill on the floor for the confirmation of the results. Counted at large ballots four times. They are going to be confirmed and sworn in next week. First orientation was tonight. Next is Monday. Internal elections will most likely start next week. 1 at large, 1 hss, 1 on campus, 1 arts and sciences read over the bill. Be welcoming to the new senators, teach them everything you know. A lot of them are sitting in the back.

SS 08/09-28: BILL CALLING FOR THE VALIDATION OF THE FALL 2008 ELECTIONS

Whereas, The Student Senate held the Annual Fall Elections on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 and Thursday, September 25, 2008 in concordance with the URI Student Senate Bylaws for the following positions:

- Freshman Representative (5)
- College of Human Sciences and Services Representative (1)
- College of Business Representative (1)
- On- Campus Representative (3)
- Off Campus Representative (6)
- At-Large Representative (5), therefore be it

Resolved, that the following students be confirmed as elected representatives of the 2008-2009 Student Senate:

Freshman Representatives:

- Josh Einhorn**
- Brianna Valenti**
- Jason Almeida**
- Michael Silva**
- Jon Aronoff**

College of Business Representative

- Rich Infusino**

On-Campus Housing Representative

- Ronald Bickham II**
- Jesse Stein**
- Rachael Gaudio**

Off- Campus Housing Representative

- Max Moss**
- Jessica McCormick**
- Charlie Ryan**
- Nicole Mingoia**
- Mairead Lynch**
- Tim Noble**

At Large Representative

- Alyssa Smith**
- David Coates**
- Gage Kearns**
- Kevin Walsh**
- Jorge Rodriguez**

SPONSOR:	Elections Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Nicole Pelletier
DATE:	October 1, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-0-0)
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Bylaws Committee- Talking about DOC and COO stuff.

LaRocca- 2 sections in the bylaws about internal elections, one section says right after fall are confirmed, one says 5 weeks. Nicole and I spoke to Bruce and he said he have never followed the five week rule. Please look into fixing that.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

LaRocca- Some of the older senators remember this, while Kim is in the office, we like to keep our language mostly appropriate, we charge 25 cents in Frosty, you can prepay, I put in \$10 at the beginning of the semester. At the end of the year, Kim gets us pizza with the money. We do it out of respect for Kim, the other orgs and staff so people are not walking into a sailor's den.

Holden- Motion to adjourn.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Abbe, Adepoju, Allison, Boiteau, Clarke, Gorman, Holden, Holland, Meehan, O'Brien, Sibbald, Stolow, Sullivan-Bennis, Tremaglio

Nay- Ginsberg, Harrington, Holzman, Jacques, LaRocca, Lee, Luther, Petit, Slater

No Vote- Ahrens, Bedard, Feinberg, Pelletier, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:00PM WOAHH, early meeting!