

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32pm

B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Ahrens Almeida, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Carlke Coates, Feinberg, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, LaRocca, Luther, Lynch, Meehan, Mingoia, Moss, Noble, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Rodrigues, Ryan, Sibbald, Slater, Smith, Stein, Stewart, Stollow, Sullivan-Bennis, Tremaglio, Valenti, Walsh, Yensan

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Add bill under the executive committee.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: No changes ☺

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

Stollow- Jay Leno tickets on sale.

Pelletier- Put out your name tags.

Bruce- Thank you for your gift certificate, I promise to have several root beers on you.

Petit- President's 21st birthday, singing!! HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY TOM!

Clarke- Anyone interested in making a powder puff football team, sign up.

Holden- Buy epilepsy shirts from Nicole and myself.

Pelletier- They are purple shirts to raise money for the Matty Siravo foundation. Our URI 101 class will be selling them the last Monday in October. If you would like to buy one, let us know. They are also the admission ticket to an event being held I believe on November 6th. All of the URI 101 business classes are selling the shirts.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-08/09-29 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR URI COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

Whereas, College Democrats is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, College Democrats 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 \$2,500.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category # 130 (Programming) line in the budget of College Democrats.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, October 15 th , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- Monday the 27th, writer for the daily show and decision 2008 coming to campus, also the host comedian for comedy against people. We want to bring him here to add a different type of nightlife on campus. Provide a different outlook for the upcoming election. We have been working with him since last semester. The financing we are asking for is to bring him here. It is going to be in the ballroom, we have a contract that is primarily completed. We are here tonight to ask for your consideration.

Vote- Passed

SS-08/09-30 CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR C.I.A.O.

Whereas, C.I.A.O. is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, C.I.A.O. would like to co-sponsor an event with URI Foundation, and

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

Whereas, C.I.A.O. would like to transfer these funds from their co-sponsorship line of their budget, 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 of \$50 from cat.# 127 (Co-sponsorship) of C.I.A.O.’s budget to the URI Foundation.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
 DATE: Wednesday, October 15th, 2008
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-1)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Passed

Rep- On Monday, October 20th in Swan auditorium at 6:30, we are going to have a book singing and speech for an author. We are also offering extra credit for those students taking Italian.

Abstention from Boiteau. Passed

Petit- Other news, We gave 289 of the alcohol free money to senate, we are holding a mini debate.
Adeopoju- We are helping put on a forum about the upcoming elections. Other organizations, college dems, republicans, NAACP, philosophers and others putting on a quick forum debate. Students are going to address topics under both presidential candidates. To inform the student body of what is to come over the next 4 years, strongly encourage all senators to attend. We hold a leadership role on campus and I feel that this event promotes that. Next Thursday in Edwards Auditorium at 6pm. The money was used for Tech Pro.
Petit- My committee is working on what SPO in the past had, a mini cliff notes version of our finance handbook. It went into detail and explained things more, working with SPO to update what they have.
LaRocca- Are you still working on an inventory for this year.
Petit- So far, I’ve only met with Ron Barlow once, right now he is flagging items that are over 500. We are going to try to get something done with it before budgeting.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-08/09-32 Bill Calling For The Annual Re-Recognition of URI Student Senate Organizatons

Whereas, all of the following organizations have met the requirement for recognition at their designated levels and,

Whereas, it is the duty of the subject senate to recognize these student groups annually therefore be it,

Resolved, that the URI student senate re-recognize the following groups:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Alima International Dance Association	3	(4-0-0)
Anime Club	3	(4-0-0)
Asian Student Association	3	(4-0-0)
Ballroom Dancing Club	2	(4-0-0)
Best Buddies	4	(4-0-0)
Black American Society	3	(4-0-0)
Cape Verdean Student Association	3	(4-0-0)
Cultural Italian American Organization	3	(4-0-0)
Club Sports	1	(4-0-0)
College Democrats	3	(4-0-2)
College Republicans	3	(4-0-0)
Colleges Against Cancer	4	(4-0-0)
Dance Company	2	(4-0-0)
Electronic Music Association	2	(4-0-0)
Fashion Merchandising Society	3	(4-0-0)
Fencing Club	3	(6-0-0)

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Flavor Unit	3	(6-0-0)
Future Health Professionals & Advocates	4	(4-0-0)
Gaming Club	2	(4-0-0)
Ghost Hunting Team	3	(4-0-0)
Good 5 Cent Cigar, The	1	(4-0-0)
Habitat for Humanity	3	(4-0-0)
Hillel Organization	3	(5-0-1)
Independent Scribe	2	(3-0-1)
Interfraternity Council	1	(3-0-1)
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (Origins)	3	(4-0-0)
Keep a Child Alive	3	(4-0-0)
Latin American Student Association (LASA)	2	(4-0-0)
Marine Science Society	3	(4-0-0)
Memorial Union Board of Directors	1	(4-0-0)
Musicians Guild	3	(4-0-0)
Muslim Students Association	3	(4-0-0)
NAACP	2	(4-0-0)
Newman Club	4	(4-0-0)
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)	3	(4-0-0)
Nutrition Club	4	(4-0-0)
Outing Club	2	(4-0-0)
P.I.N.K. Women	4	(4-0-0)
PAGE	3	(4-0-0)
Panhellenic Council	1	(3-0-1)
Phi Beta Lambda	4	(6-0-0)
Philonymous	3	(4-0-0)
Ping Pong Club	3	(4-0-0)
Public Relations Student Society of America	3	(4-0-0)
Renaissance Yearbook	1	(4-0-0)
Rhody Mug, The	3	(4-0-0)
Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC)	3	(6-0-0)
Sailing Club	2	(4-0-0)
Schools for Schools	4	(4-0-0)
Scuba Club	2	(4-0-0)
Snowboarding Club	3	(6-0-0)
Society of Women Engineers	4	(4-0-0)
Speakeasy	3	(4-0-0)
Students of Speech Language & Hearing	4	(4-0-0)
St. Jude's Up 'Til Dawn	4	(4-0-0)
Student Action for Sustainability	3	(4-0-0)
Student Alliance for the Welfare for Africa	4	(4-0-0)
Student Entertainment Committee	1	(4-0-0)
Student Senate	1	(4-0-0)
Surf Club	2	(4-0-0)
The Mob	4	(3-0-1)
Uhuru SaSa	3	(4-0-0)
URI Classics Society	3	(6-0-0)
URI Contender Academy	3	(6-0-0)
URI Gymnastics Club	3	(4-0-0)
URI Men's Swimming and Diving Club	3	(4-0-0)
URI Physical Therapy Club	4	(4-0-0)
URI Robotics	3	(4-0-0)
Wakeboard/Wakeskate	3	(4-0-0)
Wildlife Society, URI Chapter of the	4	(4-0-0)
WRIU Radio	1	(4-0-0)

Sponsor: SOARC
Bill Handler: Chairwoman Clarke

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2008
Recommendation: Passage (6-0-0)
Expiration Date: Valid until next re-recognition
Action: Vote Next Week

Clarke- Rerec bill is on the floor, asking for a recommendation from the committee, (6-0-0) Recc. There are three organizations not on the bill, Paintball, Pre-law society and real estate are not on the bill. Our committee time is Monday at 6pm in room 354.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Stolow- Today’s meeting was on the quad, if you weren’t there, don’t worry about it. First meeting with Provost DeHayes, if you want to join, let me know. We talked about the SETS that are being changes. The administration has gone over them and they are looking to completely change what is going on. Professors are going to have to profile their course and the questions will be more relevant to what it is being taught. He hopes to have a draft within the next two meetings. We are back to meeting on Mondays in room 302.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-31 BILL CALLING FOR STUDENT SENATE’S OPINION ON RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RIPTA) BUS LINES

Whereas, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate is a government of elected representatives who act as the voice of the student body, and

Whereas, there have been proposed changes to the RIPTA bus lines mainly concerning commuter routes, and

Whereas, these bus lines directly benefit University of Rhode Island students, and

Whereas, it is our duty as a governing body to bring these concerns to the forefront, and

Whereas, it is against the best interests of the entire student body to reduce these lines, and therefore be it

Resolved that the Student Senate oppose these new cuts and aggressively oppose the removal of RIPTA commuter routes.

SPONSOR: External Affairs Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Andrew O’Brien
 DATE: October 15, 2008
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (2-0-0)
 EXPIRATION: Annual Meeting
 ACTION: Passed

O’Brien- Bill on the floor to put out our stance about RIPTA cutting the lines. Recommendation is (2-0-0) Discussion on the bill-

LaRocca- Are you going to be sending the bill to anyone.

O’Brien- Talking with Juelia, sending to PROJO and RIPTA.

Passed- Unanimous vote

Motioned by Petit, second by Sibbald to reflect in the minutes that the vote was unanimous.

O’ Brien- Open forum second week in November.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Adepoju- Nothing new, for the senators who were not at the cultural meeting. We had to change the day because of the Holiday, met Tuesday at 4pm. We haven’t been doing much new, keeping up with the work that we have. I want to thank the senators working under the cultural

committee. As far as that, nothing new, if you have any ideas or suggestions, let myself or a member know.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

LaRocca- Really short this week, Rachel and Jess did some great research on Ellery Pond, it's not officially named, they used to call it the 100 acre pond. With this new information, we are looking into how we can officially name the pond. If you have any suggestions about an important person, please put a reason in my box with a reason. They researched Ellery, he signed the declaration of independence and did other stuff for RI. Join the Facebook group if you haven't already.

Yensan- 100 acre pond is to the northwest of campus, 30 acre is attached to that, Ellery pond is the spill way of that.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-34 BILL EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' (BOG) FAILURE TO INVOLVE STUDENT SENATE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Whereas, the Student Senate is the official student government of the University of Rhode Island as recognized by the BOG, and

Whereas, the Student Senate is involved in all decisions that directly affect the undergraduate student body of the University, and

Whereas, the selection of the next University President is a decision that will greatly affect the future of URI and its students, and

Whereas, the BOG has failed to seek the opinion of the Student Senate on this matter, and

Whereas, the BOG has not offered a Student Senate appointed position on the search committee, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate publicly opposes the process in which the BOG formed the Presidential search committee, and be it further

Resolved, that the Student Senate calls for the BOG to provide an official Student Senate appointed position on this committee, and be it further

Resolved, that this position be publicly appointed by the Student Senate President.

SPONSOR	Executive Committee
BILL HANDLER	President Ahrens
DATE	Wednesday, October 15, 2008
RECOMMENDATION	Passage (12-0-0)
EXPIRATION	Annual Meeting
ACTION	Vote Next Week

- a. **Director of Communications- Simon-** If you have anything, let her know.
- b. **Secretary- Pelletier-** Juelia gets Kudos for first newsletter, Rachael Gaudio and Jess Stein for Ellery pond work.
- c. **Treasurer-** Shah- Absent but paying the bills
- d. **Chief Operations Officer- Feinberg-** Formal almost definite, looking like 38 dollars/person, bus transportation, DJ, police and the formal. As long as you are okay with that price, I'm going to go ahead and book it. It is based on 70 people attending, so if everyone from Senate comes and all of SEC. It is December 9th, Tuesday, the last day of class.

Sibbald- Last year, everyone raised their hand and said they would go then everyone cancelled.

Feinberg- This year, I am going to have a sign up with a particular date where you need to have the money handed in.

Boiteau- We were including a bus in the price when Josh and I looked at.

Feinberg- 2 busses is 38, one bus is 32, no bus is 26.

Bedard- If you have an opinion about having a bus, talk to Josh after the meeting.

Feinberg- Homecoming this week, almost all of the shirts are sold. I hope to see everyone there.

e. Vice President- Bedard- I don't have much this week, student senate scholarship apps are due back before 1pm on Friday. You must be a junior with a gpa of 2.5 or higher. You must be actively involved in one student org and for the second, you must also be Greek involved. Other than that, Office hours, there is a sign in sheet on the table, when you come in, sign in. If you do not sign in, I am assuming you did not do an office hour. Once you hit a certain point, you will get a note warning you that you need to sign in for office hours. If you do more than one, you only need to sign in for one hour. Make sure you go to committees, Josh keeps track of your attendance.

f. President- Ahrens- First it's homecoming, go to the events this week, tonight is battle of the bands by ourselves and SEC. It is going to be a lot of fun, a lot of work was put into it. Also, we have Friday Powder Puff football, the more people that show up, the better. Thursday is the pool party by NSBE. Saturday is Tentville, we have a tent with three tables, come hang out with us. We already have 5 students signed up and are hoping to get 5 more. If you want to help out, you can get one of these great staff shirts. The game is at 12. I am meeting tomorrow with Josh for Athletics, we are thinking about doing awards at half time for teachers. Good public press, also they approached us to try to do an opening night t-shirt, willing to put senate as a sponsor. If you want to help out with Athletics, talk to myself or O'Brien. I called Jack Warner last week and haven't heard back from him yet. The bill on the floor is about them neglecting our opinion and not being asked to appoint someone. Hopefully we won't have to pass this bill and they will give us the opportunity to appoint someone. Make sure you support Max's election forum, going to work on trying to get our meeting times onto LCD screens around campus. A lot are owned by Ad companies but we want more people to know when we hold our meetings. I am going to be working on the lawsuit next week when homecoming is over.

Adepoju- The election forum is next Thursday, not this Thursday.

- RULES AND ETHICS: No report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee- Pelletier- Internal elections, the seats that are open are off campus, on campus, at large, HSS, Arts and Sciences. If you are in the back and hoping to be nominated for a seat, please talk with anyone already on senate as you need to be nominated.

Bylaws Committee-

SS-08/09-33 BILL CALLING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, ARTICLES V, VI, AND XI

Whereas, the office of the Chief Operations Officer was created at a time and in conditions very different from those that presently exist or are foreseeable to exist on the Senate in the near future, and

Whereas, the office of the Chief Operations Officer has not been utilized to any degree of effectiveness for its entire period of existence, and

Whereas, the office of the Chief Operations Officer duplicates either on paper or in practice the duties of many other offices, and

Whereas, the duties of the Chief Operations Officer can be moved to existing executive officers, and

Whereas, the maintenance of such an office drains financial and personnel resources that could be re-purposed for more effective use, and

Whereas, the Senate has a duty to its constituents to use resources in an efficient and effective manner, therefore be it

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(additions in *italics*, removals in ~~striketrough~~, ellipsis indicates unchanged text)

• **Article V. OFFICERS**

Section A. Popularly Elected Executive Officers

[...]

Part 1. President of the Student Body

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

10. Nominate the appointed members of the executive committee according to the following procedure:

- a. At the annual meeting of each year, the Newly Elected President shall make one nomination of a member of the student body for each of the following executive positions: Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Communications, ~~Chief Operations Officer~~.

[...]

Part 2. Vice President of the Student Body

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

4. Act as President of the Student Body in the temporary absence of that officer; the moderator of the meeting shall be *appointed by the Executive Committee* ~~the Chief Operations Officer~~ during the absence.

[...]

8. *Develop and conduct Senate Orientation, Recruitment, Retreats and Social events assisted by the Chief Operations Officer.*

those over the Rules 9. *Appoint and remove members of the standing committees, except the chairpersons of committees. This power does not extend over the Executive Committee, nor and Ethics Committee.*

10. *Mandate the Senate's compliance with the bylaws.*

11. *Review Committee minutes and Attendance.*

12. *Advise the Senate on when elections are suppose to be held.*

13. *Maintain internal group dynamics and mediate informal internal disputes.*

[...]

Section C. Executive Officers Nominated by the President

[...]

Part 3. Director of Communications

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

functions external 2. Shall have the responsibility to oversee the dissemination of information regarding the and activities of the Senate to the campus community and all relevant

parties including but not limited to a monthly newsletter informing the university community about the current and future projects of the Senate.

[...]

4. ~~Maintain a running record of and promote completing of committee goals/projects.~~

[...]

Part 4. Chief Operations Officer

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) of the Senate shall have all the powers necessary and proper to:

1. ~~Serve as an *ex officio* voting member of the Executive Committee.~~
2. ~~Serve as legislative liaison between the Senate and the President of the Senate.~~
3. ~~Appoint and remove members of the standing committees, except the chairpersons of those committees. This power does not extend over the Executive Committee, nor over the Rules and Ethics Committee.~~
4. ~~Mandate the Senate's compliance with the bylaws.~~
5. ~~Maintain a running record of and promote completing of committee goals/projects.~~
6. ~~Review Committee minutes and Attendance.~~
7. ~~Advise the Senate on when elections are suppose to be held.~~
8. ~~Maintain internal group dynamics and mediate informal internal disputes.~~
10. ~~Develop and conduct Senate Orientation, Recruitment, Retreats and Social events assisted by the Vice President.~~

Subpart b. Term

The term of the Chief Operations Officer of the Senate shall begin one week after his or her confirmation by the Senate. In case of a mid year vacancy, the term shall begin upon confirmation.——

Subpart c. Conflict of Interest

The office of Chief Operations Officer may not be held concurrently with any other position, representative or otherwise, on the Senate. The Chief Operations Officer shall never vote in the Senate nor be counted in the quorum of Senate.

• **Article VI. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Section A. Standing Committees

[...]

Part 2. Executive Committee

[...]

Subpart b. Composition

The officers of the Senate, (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Chief Operations Officer~~, and DoC) and all other standing committee chairs shall constitute the Executive Committee. Each person who is an officer shall have one (1) vote in the Executive Committee. The President of the Student Body shall serve ex-officio as chairperson of the Executive Committee.

[...]

Part 9. Committee on Rules and Ethics

Subpart a. Charge and Powers

[...]

2. Conduct a preliminary inquiry and render a recommendation in regards to any properly constituted letter of complaint, and manage bills resulting from such a recommendation on the floor of the Senate. A properly constituted letter of complaint must state the charge, the applicable section of bylaws or law, requested course of action, no fewer than one student and the VP ~~or the COO~~. In the event of an unavoidable conflict of interest, one member of the executive committee of the Student Senate shall suffice.

[...]

• **Article XI. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

[...]

Section H. Order of Business

Regular meetings of the Senate shall proceed according to the following order of business; provided that the Senate may deviate from it on occasion with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) vote. Public Forum: members of the URI community are required to sign up in the Senate office (MU 201) by 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting if they wish to speak to the Senate. Persons are given five (5) minutes to speak, unless otherwise voted by the Senate. No more than twenty (20) minutes are devoted to the Public Forum.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Approval of Agenda
- D. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
- E. Announcements
- F. Public Forum
- G. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Finance
 - Student Organization Advisory and Review Committee (SOARC)
 - Academic Affairs
 - External Affairs
 - Cultural Affairs
 - Campus Affairs
 - Rules and Ethics
 - Executive
 - a. Director of Communications
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - ~~e. Chief Operations Officer~~
 - d. Vice President
 - e. President
- H. Reports of Special Committees
 1. Elections
 2. Other committees that have reports
- I. Special Orders
- J. Unfinished Business
- K. New Business
- L. General Discussion and Open Forum
- M. Roll Call
- N. Adjournment

[...]

SPONSOR: Bylaws Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Allen Petit
 DATE: October 15, 2008
 RECOMMEDATION: (3-0-0)

EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Completion of the Current Chief Operations Officer's Term

ACTION: Vote Next Week

Petit- Bill for next week, switching some things from COO to VP and adding something to DOC. If you have any questions, talk to myself or Bylaws committee members. Meetings still Wednesday at 9am. Talk to Stolow, Ahrens, Petit.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Swearing in of remaining new senators- CONGRATS NEW SENATORS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Nominations for Internal Elections-

ON CAMPUS

Petit nom Gianna Prata, seconded by Jacques
Holzman nominates Divana Boukari seconded by LaRocca

OFF CAMPUS- no nominations

ARTS AND SCIENCES-

Clarke nom Anthony Sinapi, seconded by Stolow
Ahrens nominates Brandon Brown, seconded by Holden

HSS- No nominations

AT LARGE-

Adepoju nominates Yvens Faustin, seconded by Messineo
Slater nominates Saiphin Penny Inthisone Second by Adepoju

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Ahrens- We are getting out kinda early tonight, expect to see everyone there for battle of the bands, go participate and support.

Pelletier- For people just nominated, go to the office and talk to senators. The way that you are going to get the vote of the senate is by meeting senators, going to committee meetings and getting to know those who will be voting next week.

Adepoju- In honor of Senator Sibbald, a discussion about senate programming, I want to get the entire senate's point of view on programming.

Open discussion about senate's involvement in doing programming through the senate.

Ahrens- I think one of the things we need to consider is that we have orgs to have weekend programming, I think it's one thing to get ideas off of the ground and then have other organizations take over have them run. The reason why we have student organizations is so that we can give money to different points of campus and help organizations with who they need to talk to and what processes they need to go through. Let them run the events.

LaRocca- We exist to distribute the money, we should be helping groups program and set up, we need to have time to do other things while they do programming. We are the only group that can speak for the student body as a whole and can advocate for students. I would never have a problem with senate doing one event/semester. I don't think we should spend all of our time doing programs, we won't have time to do the things that we need to do, fight for rights off campus, work on campus, look at exam schedules.

Petit- A lot of other student governments also do programming but our senate was set up in a different way. Groups have the job of doing programming and being general interest groups. Senate is doing the bigger things. Once in a while, there are things that can't be passed off but on the whole, senate should not be a programming body.

Holden- I agree with what Amanda said, if it's a special opportunity, we should do it. Special events- we should program but we should not do it every semester. We should be able to if we want to.

Sibbald- I agree with Allen, a lot of schools with student senates that do programming, URI is a relatively middle school, senate should be the mom for other students orgs, we shouldn't be doing the programming for them and should be helping them.

Clarke- I don't think programming is negative but I do think we should have people fighting for students rights come first, I also think it's important to connect us with students.

Adepoju- I like the input, I'd really like to hear from some of the new senators.

Almeida- I feel like a lot of groups are doing great programming and we should get on the ball. More should be done on the weekends, a lot of people go home. Their needs to be more on the weekends.

Coates- Programming falls into an oversight, it's our job to make sure groups program and co-sponsor events.

Petit- Senate has the largest amount of co-sponsorship, we have 5000 we can give away to other groups for events. That is our way of helping out groups.

Adepoju- I feel like a lot of orgs are intimidated because we don't do programming as far as election forum and homecoming. Groups don't know that they can reach out to us to do programming. I am the cultural affairs chair, if I don't program and reach out to other orgs, there is not a lot to do. I am going to read a little snippet of the bylaws- read cultural affairs description. I feel we should do programming but not every month or week, I feel like we should create programs but let other organizations help put them together.

Almeida- Programming brings together different types of people, a lot of groups do programming that targets one group. By working together, people can learn different things about other groups of students. It will make more people comfortable going to the events of other groups. If one group supports another, it will lead to more support.

Bruce- Important to reach out to groups, let groups know that you have that money.

LaRocca- When Maxwell read the bylaws thing, the reason we redefined the mission statement was so that we could do those things. I don't think saying that you can't do programs leaves you without a job. The idea was that you should be meeting with groups and connecting groups with one another. Kinda working with SOARC to bring them together. We are planting the seed and giving them the water to let them grow and blossom.

Holden- I feel like everyone is making great points, but I feel like everyone is kinda agreeing, maybe we could end discussion.

Holzman- Why I am against us becoming a programming body, we have to pick and choose. Then we will have orgs saying oh you put on this type of event but you won't put on this type of event. What might make more sense, it is the duty of all of us to outreach to student groups. Tell groups that they should do events but tell them about how it can be funded. Tell them co-sponsorship and contingency and alcohol free money is available. Senate needs to be behind them and say to student groups and presidents that senate is their to make good things happen.

Petit- Motion to end debate

Holden- Motion to adjourn, **seconded** by Yensan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAXWELL!!!!!!!!!! ☺ Tomorrow!!!!!!!!!!

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Abbe, Adepoju, Allison, Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Boiteau, Coates, Einhorn, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Infusino, Jacques, Kearns, LaRocca, Lynch, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, Moss, Noble, O'Brien, Rodrigues, Ryan, Slater, Smith, Stein, Stewart, Stolow, Sullivan-Bennis, Tremaglio, Valenti, Walsh, Yensan

Nay- Holzman, Luther, Sibbald

No Vote- Ahrens, Bedard, Pelletier, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:28