

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Bedard, Bickham, Birch, Cahill, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Daodu, Espinal, Faustin, Ferreira, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jones, Kearns, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Mingoia, O’Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Roderick, Rodrigues, Rosati, Ross, Rossi, Segal, Shah, Sharkey, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Timas, Tondreau, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Prata- Can I get a recommendation on bill SS-09/10-30, from cultural, 5-0-0.

Vote- Agenda passed

Holzman- abstention

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: vote- passed ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Petit- Motion for pledge, Rodrigues seconds

Bedard- I’m sure you’ve heard, early Sunday morning at UConn one of their football players was stabbed and killed outside of student union. I’d like to ask that we now hold a moment of silence.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-09/10-29 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR STUDENT ALLIANCE FOR THE WELFARE OF AFRICA

Whereas, SAWA, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, SAWA 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 \$1,600.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of SAWA.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, October 21 st , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Petit- Is someone from SAWA here?

Member- We have a concert in Edwards, 29th, dancers, singers, storytellers coming in and performing.

Later going to quad for lights for Africa, letting go of lights.

Coates- Is this similar to last year’s event?

Member- No, well yes, it was postponed because it rained.

Holland- What is that date?

Member- The 29th

Bruce- It needs immediate consideration.

Petit- Motion for immediate, Rodrigues seconds

Prata- This is a great example of a new org last year that works really hard, this will raise a lot of awareness on campus, good for everyone to go, especially those of you on cultural who need to go and attend a cultural event.

Vote- passed

Petit- For anyone on my committee, our meetings are Mondays at 5. My committee meet me after the meeting.

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

Holland- Hi, we finished voting on re-rec paperwork, we will have a one week grace period so groups can review it and come speak to us at our meeting, in case they're confused about new categories. Put on floor and vote on November 4th.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Coates- This week we had the provost student advisory council, went through academic plan for university for next 5 years, they wanted student input. Two weeks from yesterday is when the next one will be. As a direct result of our meeting with the president and his executive committee, there is going to be a long conversation about the advising system at the university. If you have a problem you would like to discuss, come to the meeting.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Clarke- We are moving forward with recycling in Narragansett. There are several local organizations who are working on this as well. We'll contact them and local officials and town hall to look for money. As far as the lawsuit, I talked to our lawyer today and if you know of someone who is being charged a fine, they get a summons to court to pay it. If you know anyone like that tell them to tell us and the lawyer is going to try to get an injunction on the fine so they don't have to pay after the case is settled. Send me an email. Meetings are now Tuesdays at 5.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

SS-09/10-30 Bill Calling for Condolences to the University of Connecticut Community

Whereas, The University of Rhode Island Student Senate is deeply saddened by the untimely death of Jasper Howard of the University of Connecticut on the 18th of October 2009, and

Whereas, we recognize the enormous impact on the students, faculty, staff, and surrounding community of the University of Connecticut that this tragedy has brought, therefore be it

Resolved, the University of Rhode Island student body sends our sincere condolences to all those who have been affected by this tragedy, and be it further

Resolved, that we extend our hands in support of the University of Connecticut community in its process of grieving.

SPONSOR:	Cultural Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Gianna Prata
DATE:	Wednesday, October 21, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Prata- This is a bill calling for condolences. Anytime something bad happens on a student campus when the student body is affected in a negative way it has been our tradition to send them a letter of condolences. He was a father to be, and was killed outside the union. Urge you to vote this bill through. Motion for immediate consideration, Rodrigues seconds.

Vote- passed

Coates- Let the minutes reflect this vote was unanimous, Holzman seconds

Prata- Our meetings are Mondays at 4 in room 301. This week we discussed where we are sending our clothes, Johnny cake foundation. Now have 14 groups signed up for multicultural appreciation fair. Hopefully more groups sign up. Some exec members met with Melvin Wade from MCC today, trying to bridge a gap of communication. We'll be meeting with him again next week, though we are not sure when yet.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Sinapi- Safety and lighting is 10/28 at 8 pm. Might be during meeting, my committee will leave early if that's the case. As far as reckless driving from the buses we are having a lot of reports, I need details in order to go after them. I've already warned them, but I have to go after specific drivers. Keep sending texts and pictures about hillclimbers. Hertz waiting on other schools to get

back to us. Ellery is back on. Holzman met with Frisbee Fulton, Brian Boche, if you have any suggestions come to campus or see Holzman.

Petit- As far as the bus routes, I got on a bus at plains road, rather than going right it went back behind Keane gym and behind Boss Ice Arena then back up around campus, is that normal?

Sinapi- Do you know the day?

Petit- I don't know.

Sinapi- Was it Columbus Day?

Petit- Yes

Sinapi- Yea we had miscommunication that day, since the state workers had the day off but we still had classes, and the people who came in didn't know what they were doing.

Coates- Can you elaborate on Ellery pond for the new senators who don't know what you're talking about?

Sinapi- There is a pond behind Ellery, it's a retention pond, all the water from campus goes down there. It floods a lot. They're going to dredge it, retain more water. As far as our end goes, we've been given a portion of the pond and were going to make it look nicer.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. **Director of Communications Simon-** I'm starting to work on the newsletter for next month. Any suggestions for things to put in please see me after. Working with Allen on ad for senate computer tech. In regards to the newsletter, if anyone is really good with computers please see me after meeting?

b. **Secretary Harrington-** Kudos to Bruce for what he will be doing later.

c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** (Shah) He's not here but he wanted me to say he is paying the bills.

Bedard- Stipends Tuesday.

d. **Vice President Shah-** If you haven't signed up for the breast cancer walk yet I encourage you to do so. If you want to meet me after we can plan a place to meet. I will know day for formal at end of the week. Hoping for December 10th. Who cannot make their committee meeting time? Who cannot make their committee meeting time? Everyone else can make committee meeting time? Ok. Then I'm all set.

Sinapi- I forgot to mention my committee meeting time is 6 on Fridays.

Shah- Who cannot make this time? That's it, just Kearns?

Rodrigues- Are we still thinking about doing Secret Santa thing?

Shah- That's really early, it's after Thanksgiving.

Prata- Where is formal?

Shah- Amalfi in Narragansett across from the pier.

Rodrigues- Did we think about food yet?

Shah- Did everyone like last year's food? (muffled asents and complaints) It's last year's food.

e. **President Bedard-** Good evening. Thank you to those of you who helped make another successful homecoming. It was a great weekend. Thank you to those of you who went to Jim Gaffigan. Weather didn't help anything. Thank you to those of you who helped me with hot dog eat off. It was a fairly epic hot dog eat off. After the 5 minute time two students were tied at 8 hot dogs each, so I made them do a 3 hot dog eat off. It was neck and neck up until the very last bite. Alex Shiramay was the winner. Liaisons, get me your reports in my mailbox by Monday. I still need a panhel liaison. I'm looking at the new senators who just got on. Only requirement is that you can't be greek. As of Monday we will have the ProJo free for students on campus. Offered us a deal we could not refuse. May have noticed their kiosks have already been put in buildings. Delivery will begin Sunday. Only Hope on Sunday, academic buildings the other days. Keep an eye out. Exec I mentioned this already but I'm going to drill date into your head. November 9th at 3:30 is the BOG luncheon. Talk to me, Tom Dugan if you need an excuse form. It's at RIC.

- RULES AND ETHICS: no report

Petit- Who is the speaker?

Messineo- We rotate every week, if we had an actual report it would be Holzman.

Petit- You have to choose one and it has to be the same person every week. It doesn't matter he has to speak every week.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Swearing in of remaining new senators

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS-09/10-24 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR UNION BOARD

Whereas, Union Board is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Union Board would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Union Board 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 \$1,630.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #000 (Programming) line in the budget of Union Board.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Petit- Anyone from union board here?
Coates- Motion to refer back to committee, Sinapi seconds

SS-09/10-28- Bill Calling for Approval of the use of Tax Apportionment for Two Student Focused Projects

Whereas, The University of Rhode Island Student Senate manages the undergraduate student activities fees, and
Whereas, the Student Senate wants to support projects that directly affect a majority of students, and
Whereas, the Student Senate Executive Committee, working with the Memorial Union/Student Involvement & Center for Student Leadership Development Department and the Recreational Services Department, has identified two projects that will greatly enhance co-curricular opportunities for the student body, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate approves the use of tax apportionment to purchase and have installed a 45' by 40' climbing wall in a building that will be built on the North Woods Challenge Course and be it further
Resolved, that the Student Senate also approves the use of tax apportionment to purchase, have installed, and tied into power, a lighting system to light an intramural field.

SPONSOR: Executive Committee
BILL HANDLER: President Bedard
DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (11-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Bedard- Motion to close meeting with the exception of Bruce Hamilton and Maureen McDermott for discussion of this bill, Holden seconds.

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM: Kearns- Tomorrow is the faculty senate meeting at 3 in Kirk. If anyone wants to come listen to them be unorganized come on down.

Petit- I forgot to mention this but we gave \$30 to EMA to get a turntable and \$127 to SEC to attend their regional conference where they get new acts. Committee meet me by the whiteboard. Applebee's meet in senate office.

Farrow- St. Jude's up 'til dawn is on November 3rd, it's a commitment of writing 35 letters. I just need you to show up on day of event. Come see me after meeting.

Maureen- Family weekend is coming, football game, Jimmy Fallon show, Sunday is brunch.

Coates- Anyone that was put on a faculty senate committee you should be getting an email telling you meeting times. I already got contacted by one.

Simon- If anyone's good at computers please see me after.

Bedard- So we missed a very important event about a week and a half ago. I blame myself, but we remember late. October 11th Mr. Bruce Hamilton's birthday. We have a card. Motion to sing happy birthday, Holden seconds.

Holden- Motion to adjourn, Rodrigues seconds.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Bialonczyk, Bickam, Birch, Cahill, Clarke, Cologna, Daodu, Elliott, Espinal, Farrow, Faustin, Ferreira, Holden, Holland, Jones, Kearns, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Roderick, Rodrigues, Rosati, Ross, Rossi, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Stewart, Timas, Tondreau, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

NAY: Coates, Holzman, Petit, Slater

NO VOTE: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:51 p.m.