

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:31 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL:** Almeida, Bedard, Bialonczyk, Bickham, Birch, Cahill, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Daodu, Elliott, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Flanagan, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jones, Kearns, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, O'Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Roderick, Rodrigues, Rosati, Ross, Rossi, Shah, Sharkey, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stewart, Timas, Tondreau, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** **Holland-** Motion to add at the asterisk of the soarc bill to say and student senate, Prata seconds.

**Holland-** We need recommendation on that bill, (9-0-0)

Vote- passed ☺

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

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

**Holzman-** Just for the new people who may not know, we motion and then vote to do pledge, because there are people who disagree with the one nation under God part and other things.

**Bedard-** Two things, next Tuesday is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> annual ZBT date auction, I will be auctioned so you should go, you should buy me, all the money goes to the women's center for domestic violence. There is a program that you'll hear more about called Movember. It's an awareness thing to raise money for prostate and testicular cancer research in November. You'll wear only a mustache, no other facial hair. This applies a lot more to guys than girls. You're probably going to get some questions, answer. Be clean shaven by 1<sup>st</sup> of November and by December have a wicked stache. Throughout the month there will be booths in the union collecting money, mustache contests.

**Petit-** In case everyone doesn't remember, Jimmy Fallon will be at the Ryan Center this Saturday, starts at 8 only goes for about an hour so you can still go out to parties. As far as no shaving, I was already planning to do that so I hope you do as well.

**Bruce-** What do we get to do if we buy you?

**Shah-** I don't think anyone wants him.

**Bedard-** Vice President Shah just lost her stipend for the month of November. The auction is Tuesday in Quinn auditorium, at 6, everyone who gets purchased, Thursday night there is a date social at the coast guard house. Everyone else its \$5 at door, all that money also goes to domestic violence. If any of you lovely ladies decide to buy me I will bring you out for a fancy night at the Coast Guard House.

**Prata-** There's an event, SAWA is having an event tomorrow, starts at 7. We gave them money last week so it would be great if some of us could attend. Cultural members, you know the deal.

**Farrow-** Reminder for the last time, St. Jude's up til dawn is Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ballroom.

**Gaudio-** Next Thursday if you go to Applebee's you can choose to give 15% of check to the Newman's Club Nicaragua mission trip.

**Almeida-** Tomorrow from 10-2 am there is a party in the union, Halloween party.

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**- FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**Petit-** Hey, no bills on the floor, I guess no one wants money, I will be announcing at presidents meeting all the info for budgets, make sure you tell presidents to be there so they can hear when everything budget-wise will happen. Last year if they didn't go they missed crucial details and some of the groups did not get a budget.

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

**SS-09/10-31 Bill Calling for the Annual Re-Recognition of URI Student Senate Organizations**

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

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

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

Alima International Dance Association

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(4-0-0)

# URI STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

October 28, 2009

Anime Club	R	(4-0-0)
Asian Student Association	R	(4-0-0)
Ballroom Dancing	S	(4-0-0)
Best Buddies	A	(4-0-0)
Black American Society	R	(4-0-0)
Cape Verdean Student Association (CVSA)	R	(4-0-0)
Car Club	R	(4-0-0)
Classics	R	(4-0-0)
Colleges Against Cancer	A	(3-0-0)
College Democrats	R	(4-0-0)
College Republicans	R	(4-0-0)
Club Sports & Intramural Sports (CSIC)	M	(4-0-0)
Dance Company	S	(4-0-0)
Electronic Music Association (EMA)	S	(4-0-0)
EXposure	R	(3-0-0)
Fashion Merchandising Society	R	(4-0-0)
Fencing Club	S	(4-0-0)
Field Hockey	R	(4-0-0)
First Book	A	(4-0-0)
Future Health Professionals	A	(5-0-0)
Gaming	S	(5-0-0)
Ghost Hunting Team	R	(5-0-0)
Good 5 Cent Cigar	M	(5-0-0)
Hillel	R	(3-0-1)
Intersivity Christian Fellowship	A	(5-0-0)
Habitat for Humanity	A	(5-0-0)
Independent Scribe	S	(5-0-0)
Interfraternity Council (IFC)	M	(5-0-0)
Keep a Child Alive	A	(5-0-0)
LASA	S	(5-0-0)
Marine Science Society	R	(3-0-0)
Martial Arts	R	(5-0-0)
Mob	R	(5-0-0)
Musicians Guild	R	(5-0-0)
Muslim Students Association	R	(5-0-0)
NAACP	R	(5-0-0)
Native American Student Organization (NASO)	R	(5-0-0)
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)	A	(5-0-0)
Newman Club	A	(5-0-0)
Nutrition Club	R	(5-0-0)
Outing Club	S	(5-0-0)
Panhellenic Council	M	(4-0-0)
Philosophers Anonymous (Philanomous)	R	(4-0-0)
Physical Therapy Club	A	(3-0-0)
PINK Women	R	(4-0-0)
Public Relations Society	S	(4-0-0)
Psychology Club	A	(3-0-1)
Renaissance	M	(3-0-0)
SSDP	R	(3-0-0)
Scuba Club	S	(3-0-0)
Student Athletic Advisory Council (SAAC)	R	(4-0-0)
Schools for Schools	A	(4-0-0)
Seekers Meditation Group	R	(4-0-0)
Society of Women Engineers	A	(4-0-0)
Speakeasy	R	(4-0-0)
Sports Medicine Student Association	A	(4-0-0)
St. Jude's	A	(4-0-0)

Student Action for Sustainability	R	(4-0-0)
Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (SAWA)	R	(3-0-0)
Students for a More Accessible Campus	R	(4-0-0)
Student Entertainment Committee (SEC)	M	(4-0-0)
Student Non-Violence Committee	R	(4-0-0)
Student Senate	M	☺
Surf Club	S	(4-0-0)
Uhuru SaSa	R	(4-0-0)
<del>Underwater Hockey*</del>	<del>R</del>	<del>(0 3 1)</del>
Union Board	R	(3-0-0)
URISLHA	A	(4-0-0)
URI TV News	M	(4-0-0)
Wakeboard/Wakeskate	S	(4-0-0)
Wildlife Society	R	(4-0-0)
WRIU	M	(4-0-0)

\* Re-recognition contingent upon agreement of liability, safety, and facility space between the Underwater Hockey Club and Recreation Services and Student Senate.

Sponsor: SOARC  
 Bill Handler: Chairwoman Holland  
 Date: Wednesday October 28, 2008  
 Recommendation: Passage (9-0-0)  
 Expiration Date: Valid until next re-recognition  
 Action: Vote Next Week

**Holland-** Re-rec bill here, if you have any questions please come talk to me because I'll be very happy to answer any of your questions. Presidents' meeting next Monday, if you have any announcements let me know. I'm going to be putting another copy of explanation of RAMS out so you know what they mean.

**Petit-** As far as re-rec do we expect a lot of groups to show up?

**Holland-** I know of two or three, but groups will definitely surprise us and come to argue their point.

**Messineo-** We need to change it, it should be IFC not IFS. I motion to change agenda, Holland seconds.

**- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Coates-** Hello, this week I want everyone to pay attention to the ProJo, whatever building you're in take a peek make sure no one is walking out with 35. Spread the word, tell your friends, we have a press release coming out to advertise. Faculty senate committees are going to start meeting, Petit and I are going to the academic standards and calendars committee meeting, so any input tell me. Next week the provost student advisory council has been moved to Wednesday, I'm going to try to get it changed because there was supposed to be a long discussion about the advising.

**- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Clarke-** We're still moving forward with recycling, getting in touch with contacts. We really need statements about orange sticker. If you hear someone complaining tell them to write a report and bring it to the senate office. Today in exec we met with the grad senate and hopefully we're going to unite with them and have a strong front on some issues.

**Almeida-** Do you think you should try to tell people about it not just word of mouth? Have posters on the stairs, I'm sure there are people out there they just don't know where to go.

**Clarke-** I'm going to make a message on the facebook group. I could connect with student life or something.

**- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Prata-** First new meeting, went well. Delegated some assignments to new people. Contacting groups, advertising. Going to be setting a final sign up for cultural appreciation fair. So far set for Friday after the presidents meeting, going to send out emails. We also brainstormed some ideas for the Rammies just to get the ball rolling so it's not coming down to the last minute. We also met

with Melvin Wade again at the MCC, it was a few senators and some of his staff, ways to improve diversity.

**- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Sinapi-** Safety and lighting postponed because of rain. Hillclimber, sending a manager down according to Lucas, continue to send texts, pictures, emails, I recorded one bus driver saying he's on a 20 minute schedule according to RIPTA. Ellery do you have ideas? Submit them or come to the committee meeting, we get to have a chunk of the renovated area to ourselves, our ideas are coming along thanks to Holzman. Flooding, thanks to this rain I want to know where it is flooded, supposed to rain most of this week as well. I know I saw a few that were inoperative.

**Almeida-** What are they doing next to the union? Some type of construction toward Ellery and health services.

**Sinapi-** I don't know.

**Holzman-** I think they're working on drainage system. If you have some interest in landscaping you can approach Anthony or me for clarification on where we will be able to do something. Thoughts about reflection stone or a fountain, things on table to be discussed. We need a plan and a budget.

**Petit-** Anthony you don't have to stand there's a chair over here.

**Sinapi-** I'm fine. Noel you were right, those are not ground hog holes, they think they're from commencement. There are holes in the quad in a perfect line. They're a safety hazard, big holes.

**- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

*a. Director of Communications Simon-* I'm working on a few smaller projects, an ad for paper, working with Amanda on her projects.

*b. Secretary Harrington-* Kudos to Noel for going to the breast cancer walk and none for Allen because he doesn't like to eat them.

*c. Treasurer Boiteau-* Paying bills even though he's not here.

*d. Vice President Shah -* Shout out to Noel and Allen for coming with me to the walk, nice and sunny gave back to cause. Thanks to everyone who signed up and donated. Formal is January 29<sup>th</sup> it's a Friday. I couldn't get a date in December because of holidays, finals, dates booked. 29<sup>th</sup> is first weekend after classes start so I'm hoping no one has anything to do. It's a senate/sec formal. Cost last year was about \$40, I'm going to make sure it doesn't exceed that per person. I'm looking into getting buses, price, final details, dates booked definitely. Tonight we're going to go to Applebee's so meet in the office after the meeting.

**Rodrigues-** What food will be at the formal?

**Shah-** We're going to stick with what we had last year, when I sit down with lady I'll get list and bring it to you, ok Jorge?

**Bedard-** What is the senate funness event for November?

**Shah-** Oh, what a great President. Does someone have a blank piece of paper? I'm going to pass this around and if you're interested in doing assassins game write your name down, there will be water-guns involved. Hope you can afford that. There will be rules and such.

**Petit-** Can you explain what it is?

**Shah-** I've never played it but I've seen other people playing.

**Holden-** You get a gun, everyone gets a target and then if you kill someone you get their target. Usually there's a safety like a spoon, index card. More info to follow.

*e. President Bedard -* If you are a liaison keep in mind reports are done the last Monday of every month, thank you Puleo and Gaudio. Get them in, talk to me if you have a problem. College rep keep in mind last Monday of month you also owe a report. The only one who did that was Daodu. You get a bye this month but keep in mind what's expected of you. I have some openings for liaisons and committees. We're going to create a new liaison for grad student senate. They're not as structured as we are, but they want to create a partnership to deal with tuition and such common ground issues. We will be making a GSA liaison. They meet roughly once a month. They want a liaison for us as well. Come talk to me. As far as university committee, athletics advisory board I was supposed to go but I can't make the time so I going to open it up. Please come talk to me after the

meeting if it's something you can do. If you're around at 11 am come talk to me. University college and general ed committee has one open seat so if you're new maybe this is something you'd like to do. There is a new committee. A sakai advisory committee, two students who are taking two heavily sakai laden courses. I have the info for their first meeting, trying to meet once a week in library. Kim will be coming to our meeting next week to take pictures for our website, committees, exec, and full senate. Asks that you wear business casual. Eventually up on website, I'll remind you again in an email over the weekend. Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, there are no classes but there will be a senate meeting, were doing that because there is no meeting before thanksgiving. We cannot have a meeting every other week, it would hinder our groups during November. Tidbit, we got a call from parking services, just because you are on senate does not mean you're exempt from buying a parking permit. Apparently someone got ahold of a Senate letterhead and printed out a letter saying they were on Senate so they do not need a parking pass. We looked into it, that student isn't even on senate, so if you happen to know people who are trying to get away with this please come talk to me. Kim and I are going to get a hold of this girl and find out how she got a letterhead and tell her to stop. I will be posting a new blog tomorrow. I've been really behind. Exec is going to start working on a survey for survey monkey. On a more serious note, we have had a rash of hate crimes over the past week or two in various locations. Not sure if they're separate or whatever, but I'm letting you know that as a student senate we do not condone that type of behavior. We passed a bill last year about Obama hate crime, bill said we would not condone an action like that no matter what. If you hear of that type of thing happening please talk to us. The person in question is being punished, probably won't be a student at URI anymore. Don't try to take matters into your own hands, call police or something. Saturday is Halloween, have a happy but safe Halloween. Keep in mind, while we do have a lawsuit in place police can still give out orange stickers. I'm not trying to say don't go out, but be smart, be courteous to your neighbors. There are a lot of children. Be respectful. Have a great Halloween. Go to Applebee's after the meeting.

**Rodrigues-** What are you going to be?

**Bedard-** I'm going to be cookie monster, bought it yesterday. A lot of my friends are going as sesame street characters. If you see me at the bar give me a shout. I'll have cookies.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:** no report

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

**L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:** **Petit-** I wanted to reopen discussion topics about the lobbyists. What has happened?

**Holzman-** I attempted to set up a meeting this week, it didn't happen no one came were going to try this again next week. I will put it in an email, I'm meeting with Andrea Hopkins, I'm going to find out what we need to do because there's a lot of laws that regulate lobbying laws and whatnot.

**Sinapi-** It would be a good idea to appoint people to that committee to ensure attendance and that it gets done properly.

**Holland-** I had a student come to me about starting amnesty international group so I'll give you her email.

**Clarke-** I wanted to stress knowing the new recognition system before we go on to bill next week.

**Petit-** Who's been meeting?

**Holzman-** We haven't had one.

**Sinapi-** I was ten minutes late and no one was there.

**Petit-** If we're not having a meeting, I know we struck that bill that was going to create this committee and I know people were against, but it's something the senate generally wants to see happen, so why is that? No committee? No lead person? If that's the reason, there's no reason why we can't create this committee. I know external affairs, if external isn't going to take this up we shouldn't let it fall by wayside.

**Sinapi-** Reason it hasn't gotten going is that we're in midterms. As of now I was ten minutes late but I don't think there's any interest. Despite interest, no one wanted to go. If you don't care about tuition, rights don't go. Fact that we need to make it mandatory is bad.

**Bruce-** Andrea Hopkins is ready to meet once your group gets started. Jake and I have talked about that she has given us material about what it means to be a lobbyist group.

**Clarke-** I've seen Jacob putting in the work but I didn't even see that there was a meeting.

**Holzman-** I put it in an email, I could have reached out more, I'm going to try and kick that into gear, please look at it on the listserv I will set up a meeting again probably next week Tuesday at 2. If you are interested but can't meet at that time respond to me anyway. As far as anything happening, right now I have two unofficial members, Anthony and Corey, we've been having lunch together and talking about this. I'm waiting for Corey to report on the assignment I gave him which will lead us along a little bit. If you want to pass a note, give e your email.

**Petit-** A lot of you here are new senators, most of you are new that are freshmen or sophomores, the issues this group would attack is going to bring positive change to things that are happening on campus that students are dealing with every day, tuition, orange sticker, respecting student rights, important issues students face every day. Important for new people, you guys should care about this because next year, seniors who have been active we are not going to be here. Please meet with Holzman, send him an email get this running because it's very important.

**Rodrigues-** Motion to adjourn, Holden seconds, denied

**Holland-** Re-rec bill is very important, new system, any questions talk to me talk to my committee, talk to exec.

**Messineo-** Permission to bring up 3 topics, yield time to officer marc.

**Officer Marc-** blues and cues tonight, try to beat me.

**Messineo-** Because we're going to have internal elections, let's do introductions to people in back. They do. Yesterday Noel and I went to library meeting, what's going down is the library just got \$750,000 as a gift from former president, student affairs, etc. gearing it towards group learning, groups of 5 or 6 and then groups of 25 or so can work together.

**MacKinnon-** Go phillis.

**Prata-** How many of you guys are new senators that just got elected? How many have gone to Applebee's? The rest of you should try to come. Its half price apps, \$5 for a big plate, we can give you rides.

**Bedard-** Our internal elections are going to be sometime in November, current number of open seats stands at 6.

**Coates-** This week I had an academic complaint I don't want to go into detail yet, but if you have a class where something doesn't feel quite right point the students in my direction and I can help you.

**Holden-** Motion to adjourn, Rodrigues seconds.

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

**NAY:** Coates, Elliott, Holzman, Petit, Slater

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

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:23 p.m.**