

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33PM**

**B. ROLL CALL:** Abbe, Adeopoju, Ahrens, Bedard, Boiteau, Clarke, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Jacques, LaRocca, Lee, Luther, Meehan, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Shah, Sibbald, Slater, Stewart, Stollow, Tremaglio, Yensan

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Changed all Bill numbers because elections bill had wrong number, changed elections bill to read correctly from previous minutes.  
Recommendation on external bill and change spelling of whereas.

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

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

LaRocca- Saturday is Bruce's Birthday!!! HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRUCE!!!

Petit- Motions for pledge, opposition, vote, passed

**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 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Next Week

**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.

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BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Next Week

Petit- Two bills on the floor for next week, reason 50 dollar co-sponsorship bill is on the floor is because it is from an outside group and therefore has to go to full senate.

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

Clarke- Rerec deadline was tonight, there was a great showing, if I didn't talk to them, then there are only two groups that are going to be derecognized, meeting Thursday night at 6:30, if you can't make it, come and talk to me.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Stolow- First off, meeting after the meeting to discuss committee time for next week because of Columbus day, besides that nothing new to report except we are starting Advisory council on the 14<sup>th</sup> with the provost, I just want some questions to ask him, if you have anything academic related, see me and I will bring it right to him.

- **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 8, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage ( 2 -0 - 0)
EXPIRATION:	Annual Meeting
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

O'Brien- Bill on the floor for next week, forum almost planned for orange sticker, dates next week.

Petit- When is forum?

O'Brien- Going to be next month hopefully early.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Adepoju- Nothing new, trying to make next semester the best ever, new idea just brought to us, haven't talked to my committee yet about it, it is AIDS week, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Trying to pick a new time to meet, if my committee can meet near the hope flag, think of a new time.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

LaRocca- A few things, first I got an email from Jodi Hawkins who spoke to us in the beginning of the year about Mackal Athletic complex. No update on the reversion problem for basketball court number one, Dr. Greenfield has class working on it. The cardio center carpet was supposed to be finished today. The grand opening is scheduled to be during the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. All of the machines in the room behind the weight room are being moved to the new cardio room. ROJO's was mentioned, contractors chosen in July, starting to get building committee together. Expected opening was 2010 but it is probably going to get pushed back. Chris and I met with Brian from Lands and Grounds about Ellery Pond, they have already started working with DEM to dredge the pond and creek. All of the water does go down to Ellery pond; they are planning to take all of the silt out and other garbage. They want to reinforce the banks and make it bigger. URI is already paying for all of that. Our job is to put together the plan for what we want to do for

fundraising and benches. Nancy from RI credit union and other employees of the bank want to help us fundraise. They will pay for the fundraiser and we get to use all of the profits. Our next step is to contact the URI master architect; we have to make sure that the pond fits into the master plan. I created a facebook group, the Ellery pond restoration project. Invite all of your friends, we will put up pictures of the pond. We will also have a place where you can post ideas and dates and cleanup. Meetings are Wednesdays at 3:30 in room 301.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- a. **Director of Communications-** Simon- I don't know if everyone saw everything on the desks. Newsletter is out, Tom distributed. I also did an internal elections ad for the cigar for Nicole and Amanda. If you need anything, let me know.

LaRocca- Can you help me out with facebook and writing up what we want.

Simon- Sure

Ahrens- People were really happy with the newsletter, if you want to contribute, let her know.

Clarke- I emailed groups about submissions but maybe a poster in the office or sign in sheet.

- b. **Secretary-** Pelletier- Kudos to Dave for Orientation

c. **Treasurer-** Shah- *No report*

d. **Chief Operations Officer-** Ahrens- Feinberg is not here, away for the weekend, homecoming stuff, battle of the bands is at 7pm, if you want to help set up or break down, let us know. Set-up you will be excused from first part of the meeting. Josh has the t-shirts; we need to get rid of all of those. If you want to help out selling those, let us know.

e. **Vice President-** Bedard- I Want to thank a whole bunch of you for all of the senate outreach forms this week. There are still some that haven't been done. If your name is taped to the table, please try to do that ASAP. Some have already come to talk to me. There are also a few groups because of people who dropped, if you want to do one more, let me know. Scholarship apps are available in the office; Kim has given out two forms so far. You must be at least a junior, with a 2.5 gpa, in one org and for one, you must be Greek involved. You are eligible if that fits you but I would like people outside of Senate to apply. They are due October 17<sup>th</sup>. I have not gotten any new T-shirt submissions so we are going to work with what we have so far. Email from Kim to make an announcement, URI presidential search info meeting in Providence, Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12 in Half auditorium at providence campus. Forum to voice what you would like to see. If you want your 2 cents, that is our only option as of right now. Going to Applebee's tonight, going to go right after the meeting and not wait until 9pm. Meet in the office and arrange rides.

f. **President-** Ahrens- Forgot to report last week, we raised 225 dollars for ADA, raised over 10,000 dollars that day. Update on orange sticker, met with more plaintiffs, we are doing official statements from people who have been negatively affected or if you know any faculty or staff that are on our side, let me know. My roommate was pulled over and asked if he had an orange sticker for a traffic stop. Have them write up a simple statement and go to the office to have it notarized by Kim to make it a legal document. We are kind of running out of time, in May I am leaving, I want to have it done by then if possible. Kim gave me the idea, going to work with checklists and schedule for what you should be doing as the year progresses. Committees have different things to do at different points and in different years. I want everyone to have an idea of what they should be doing in the future. Athletics sent me back a letter this week, going to be working closely with them to put on events. They are looking for a few senators to be the contact people, question and answer sessions with basketball teams. We are going to be having Student Senate night and we can give out awards to teachers or have other activities during a game. If you have more ideas for participation, I contacted RIPTA and put a letter in the cigar. Regardless if we hear back from RIPTA, Allen came up with idea to put bill on

the floor. Meeting with Brandon Brown this Friday to go over the future for the new student BOG. He wants to create one for students of the three schools. We are going to try to get this done by next semester.

Bruce- Did you talk to Jack Warner yet?

Ahrens- No, not yet.

**- RULES AND ETHICS: No report**

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Elections Committee**

**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 8, 2008  
**RECOMMENDATION:** (3-0-0)  
**ACTION:** Passed  
**EXPIRATION:** ANNUAL MEETING

Pelletier- For internal elections, there are going to be five seats open- HSS, arts and sciences, one on campus, one off campus and one at large. Nominations will be opening this next week and elections will happen the following week. Talk to myself, Amanda or anyone else on exec if you know someone who is interested. The bill is on the floor tonight and after it is passed, we will swear in the new senators. Vote on Bill- Passed!

**Bylaws Committee-**

Petit- Meeting this morning, finalized what we are going to do with COO, bill next week or the week after, started talking about the DOC but not much progress yet.

Clarke- Can any senator go?

Petit- Yes, right now we are meeting Wednesday mornings at 9am.

Adepoju- Can they just send in a request form for something in the bylaws or do you need to be there?

Petit- If you have an opinion on something or something you want looked at, please leave me a note or talk to one of us if you can't be at the meeting.

Lee- Does bylaws keep minutes?

Petit- Yes, they are available.

Ahrens- The reason we do it at nine am is because it is the only time we can meet, it's not to try to make people not be able to go to the meeting.

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Swearing in of the new senators.

CONGRATS NEW SENATORS!!!!!!

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

**L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:**

Petit- Forgot to mention, Monday is Columbus Day, finance meet after the meeting, need a new time.

Adepoju- Thank you Bruce for reminding me, UNICEF, fundraising to help children of the world. This org is doing a good deed, they gave us a few ideas about how to fundraise. If you are part of an org or know an org that could get involved, this is a campus challenge. Co-sponsored by George Harrison fund, the goal is 300,000 dollars. They will match every dollar up to 150,000. Any type of fundraising up until February 28<sup>th</sup>, that is the last day you can give back to the org. Everybody stay beautiful.

Ahrens- Since meeting starts at 6:30, I am going to be here next week, is there anyone who wants to MC with Vidhi, the reason I am taking myself away from it is I don't want to leave a meeting early. Holden offered to MC. I'll do it if no one has a problem with me moving my report to the beginning of the meeting. Thumbs up and Thumbs down.

LaRocca- Copies of the email about Mackal Field house, if you want to check it out, it's on Kim's desk.

Bruce- One, congrats to all of the new senators, I'd love to see you in room 210. Maxwell's thing, I am going to see if I can get a video from UNICEF, incredible video and heart wrenching. It is a very special thing that they are doing, it is apolitical and not focused on any particular country. Thanks for singing to me, I keep thinking I can get by without having certain birthdays remembered. Zack, put down that in a month I'll have a drink with you, I think he meant root beer. New senators- Student governments across the country are often looked upon as something that just goes on but you have made a difference with many things.

Harrington- I was really impressed with the number of new people who came to Campus Affairs before they actually had to be there.

O'Brien- I meant to put this in my report, my committee meet with me after this.

Stewart- Motion to adjourn.

Harrington- Seconds

**M. ROLL CALL: AYE:** Abbe, Adeopoju, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Gaudio, Gorman, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Kearns, LaRocca, Lee, Luther, Lynch, McCormick, Meehan, Mingoia, Moss, Noble, O'Brien, Rodrigues, Ryan, Sibbald, Silva, Slater, Smith, Stein, Stewart, Stolow, Sullivan-Bennis, Tremaglio, Valenti, Walsh, Yensan

Nay- Jacques, Messineo, Petit

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

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:16PM**