

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:34PM

B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Adepoju, Ahrens, Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Brown, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Ginsberg, Gorman, Holland, Holzman, Infusino, Inthisone, Jacques, Kearns, Lee, Luther, Lynch, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, Moss, Noble, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Sibbald, Sinapi, Slater, Smith, Stein, Stewart, Stolow, Tremaglio, Valenti, Yensan

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: **Petit-** Motion to add nominations for bylaws committee under special orders. Election of the bylaws committee.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: no changes

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

Adepoju- as far as committee is concerned, going to do the gingerbread house, going to send a sheet around, put down when you have free time or when you are in the office.

F. PUBLIC FORUM: no one

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-08/09-38 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR URI FENCING

Whereas, Fencing is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Fencing 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 \$3,658.20 from our Capital Improvement Contingency to the Category # 400 (Equipment) line in the budget of Fencing.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, November 5 th , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- Looking for contingency for equipment, under capital improvements, would like to host off campus competition between us and other schools. A lot of equipment is old and not very usable.

Petit- This is going to allow them to compete.

Yensan- To be specific, what are you lacking.

Rep- Mostly protective gear, masks, jacket, shoes, gloves, electric gear, masks and gear that allow us to tell us when we are scoring points with a score box.

Ahrens- Will the group have sufficient equipment for everyone to participate and practice.

Rep- This should be enough, currently we do not have enough.

SS-08/09-43 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Whereas, Republicans is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Republicans 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 \$1,225.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category # 130 (Programming) line in the budget of Republicans.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
 DATE: Wednesday, November 5th, 2008
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Passed

Petit motions for immediate consideration, **Ginsberg** seconds.

Rep- We are holding a family values week next week, Dr. Maryann Grossman, psychologist at UCLA, noted author, very good speaker. The cost we are requesting covers her speaking, we cover transportation and everything else.

Ginsberg- When is she speaking?

Rep- Wed from 7-8:30 in Edwards.

Bickham- Did we give money to college democrats or republicans a few weeks ago?

Petit- Democrats.

Abstention from Stewart

Petit- Working on mini finance handbook, that's it.

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

SS-08/09-35 Bill Calling for the Recognition of Engineers Without Borders at Level 4

Whereas, the purpose of Engineers Without Borders is to partner with developing communities and improve their quality of life by coordinating, designing, and maintaining sustainable engineering projects and to raise awareness about international quality of life issues, and

Whereas, Engineers Without Borders meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and

Whereas, it is the custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognize Engineers Without Borders.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke
 DATE: Wednesday, November 5, 2008
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (7-0-1)
 EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
 ACTION: Tabled

Clarke- Motioned to table to committee. Holzman seconds.

SS-08/09-39 Bill Calling for the Recognition of Psychology Club at Level 4

Whereas, the purpose of Psychology Club is to bring together students with an interest in the field of psychology and to provide resources that allow students to explore various areas of the field of psychology, and

Whereas, Psychology Club meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and

Whereas, it is the custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognize Psychology Club.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke
 DATE: Wednesday, November 5th 2008
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-1)
 EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
 ACTION: Passed

Rep- We are open to any students interested, don't have to majoring or minoring, twice a week, Thursdays at 2 and Mondays, mostly philanthropic activities. Volunteering at a nursing home, playing bingo, trip to providence. Organized activities with kids from the Exeter house, went to Roger Williams zoo, coffee hours with various professors on campus. Very interactive, have come up with student run research opportunities from the research hours. We'd really like to get the word out to all freshman. Professor Boatwright has been very helpful, we go to PSY 113 lectures.

Lee- How are you deciding what the club will become involved with?

Rep- Speaking with director about students interested in psychology club, benefit from what they would like to do.

Lee- Psychology of inmates, have the club done anything with this?

Boiteau- High school, tour with inmates.

Rep- Only a few prisons that offer.

Boiteau- We went to the ACI.

Rep- We have a facebook account, psychology URI.

Bill passes

SS-08/09-40 Bill Calling for the recognition of Young Americans 4 Liberty at Level 3

Whereas, the purpose of Young Americans 4 Liberty is to represent the student body by promoting individual rights, small government, and uplifting the Constitution, and

Whereas, Young Americans 4 Liberty meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and

Whereas, it is the custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognize Young Americans 4 Liberty.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday, November 5 th , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- New political activist group on campus, event on the quad last week. We had a large banner, talking about financial crisis. Just got endorsed by Ron Paul's campaign for liberty. Only 3 months old nationally, meet Wednesdays at 4pm but possibly changing our meeting time.

Lee- What other things would you do to promote rights, small government?

Rep- focusing on monetary system since not usually addressed, talking about what's going on with foreign policy, patriot act, anything that can come up that has been going on in current events.

Yensan- Following libertarian model of Ron Paul but not New Hampshire model, are you open to all sides or just Ron Paul?

Rep- We aren't endorsing any candidates, whenever we speak about libertarianism, not capital L, lowercase L, follows a lot of what Ron Paul has been talking about, his ideals.

Messineo- What type of programming and events are you planning to bring to URI.

Rep- Up to the group that is running it as the time goes on, we had 44 people sign up for the group, everyone is really excited about the monetary system reform ideas, focus on 3rd party for the next coming election, 4 years to educate the masses.

Coates- Good group, attended a few meetings myself, planning on being very active on campus.

Abstention from Coates. Passed

SS-08/09-41 Bill Calling for the recognition of Native American Student Organization (NASO) at Level 3

Whereas, the purpose of NASO is to bring together a group of interested students to share their heritage in order to strengthen and educate the University community about Native American culture, issues, perspectives, and history, and

Whereas, NASO meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and

Whereas, it is the custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognize NASO

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke
 DATE: Wednesday, November 5th, 2008
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-1)
 EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
 ACTION: Passed

Rep- Group is both native and non-native students, about 18 students, learning culture, tradition and history, here to promote understanding, take down stereotypes. A lot of misunderstanding. Read mission statement. Many goals outlined given to Soarc committee. You don't need to be native American to join, have to have a sincere interest in this group, we don't want the wrong kind of image portrayed. What you are learning right now, you will take through your life. Listed officers, 4 different committees. Meetings on Wednesday from 4-6pm in MCC in room 201. Mainly work on agendas and planning, also like to teach other people, non native students crafts, weaving, working with leather, may be able to pass on the university at a later point. First activity is next week November 13th from 5-9, night of tradition showcase, chief is going to come and speak out native culture and issues. Traditional story telling and social dancing. Lots of dancing from different tribes. Going to educate that native people are still here today and what is important. Also going to have an art showcase.

Boiteau- Date and time

Rep- Thurs, Nov 13th from 5-9 in MCC in Hardge forum. 5 dollar admission or a canned good, 3 dollar admission

Passed

SS-08/09-42 Bill Calling for the recognition of SSDP/NORML at Level 3

Whereas, the purpose of SSDP/NORML is to educate and inform the URI community about national drug policies and the harms of using drugs.

Whereas, SSDP/NORML meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and

Whereas, it is the custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognize SSDP/NORML

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke
 DATE: Wednesday, November 5th, 2008
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-2-1)
 EXPIRATION: Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
 ACTION: Passed

Ginsberg- President of the organization, treasurer also here. Goal is the educate the public and student body about drug laws, educate the public about uses, dangers and possible benefits of drugs. Looking at marijuana laws, especially in RI, hardest in the country. Planning a lot of events, problems in the past, new leadership, have about 27 members now. Thursdays at 6pm in room 308.

Clarke- What type of events?

Ginsberg- December 1st I think, one of the national directors of SSDP is coming, former senator here, Mike Idegal, speak about drug laws especially here in RI, work around the country?

Adepoju- Benefit of group on campus.

Ginsberg- Educational purposes, I am sure you have seen the ads on TV, to dispel the myths about marijuana. Make sure people know real dangers.

Rep- A lot of people don't realize we spend over 100 billion dollars/ year on so called drug war, educate people on the effects of that.

Ginsberg- National org is working strongly on higher education on drug elimination policy, passed by US senate, denies students federal financial aid if they have a drug conviction. It has been changed to if you have one while in college. The government wants us to have more education but if you do something wrong once, they don't want to help anymore.

Lee- Not only dealing with education, but you are planning drug policy reform, what are other explanations to reform?

Ginsberg- Former SSDP chapter, did a lot of work with medical marijuana in the state of RI, we got it passed permanently on the books in the state. HEA- whole organization and SSDP was founded on this work. We were the second with first being founded a week before us.

Harrington- Did you mention any specific events?

Ginsberg- Yes, speaker on the 1st

Rep- normal foundation about tours, workshops to educate the public.

Ginsberg- speaker is a graduate who works with SSDP international, going to bring back Hempfest, 12 hour usic festival, speakers and bands, always gives a powerful message. Later this month, a few members going to DC to lobby house of reps in drug laws.

Lynch- Why level 3 instead of level 4?

Ginsberg- Need capacity to get money to bring speakers and everything else to the campus.

Coates – Want to hear from descending members.

Sibbald- I didn't think it wasn't a group that we needed, students discussing drugs on campus, maybe this group will be different.

Aronoff- Some of the core positions were not filled at the time, reason I voted against it.

Ginsberg- We have now filled the positions, we do not condone the use of drugs.

Brown- Worked with which other orgs for the group?

Ginsberg- Worked with counseling center to try to get a drug center on campus, have worked with honors program?

Brown- Aspect in the future?

Ginsberg- I would love to see a drug resource center here, if a student has a problem, mentors could be here.

Clarke- Lack of interest in the past, how are you going to fix that?

Ginsberg- 2 sophomores in org, all seniors before, now we are looking to recruit the younger generation to keep this org going.

Rep- Personally, I know of 27 people who are very passionate about this cause, they are willing to be members, meetings Thursday at 6, we want to set up a group to start recruiting people, I think a lot of people have an opinion but no where to voice it.

Aronoff- 2 questions, SSDP/Norml, they are big organizations?

Rep- Yes

Aronoff- Are they funding you?

Ginsberg- No, they do not have money to fund college groups, it is more about networking, looking at what others are doing and how we can adopt things here.

Vote- Abstention from Ginsberg- Passed

SS-08/09-44 Bill Calling for the Recognition of The 500 Family at Level 3

Whereas, the purpose of The 500 Family is to build an environment of diversity on campus through a wide variety of activities and programming; creating an all-inclusive multicultural society, and

Whereas, the 500 Family meets the requirements for recognition at level 3, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognize The 500 Family.

SPONSOR:

SOARC

BILL HANDLER:

Chairwoman Clarke

DATE:

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

Passage (7-0-1)

EXPIRATION:

Valid Until Next Re-Recognition

ACTION:

Vote Next Week

SS-08/09-45 Bill Calling for the Recognition of Students for a More Accessible Campus (SFAMAC) at Level 4

Whereas, the purpose of SFAMAC is to make URI a safer place by raising awareness about the lack of accessibility on campus and the people it affects; also to raise funds for Disability services at URI, and

Whereas, SFMAC meets the requirements for recognition at level 4, and

Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate recognize SFAMAC.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday, November 5, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (8-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Lee- question for the chair, bill up for immediate consideration, why changed to vote next week.

Clarke- spoke with members of the group

Adepoju- members who could be here last week, had classes during the time, didn't expect to be here tonight, could not be here because of class, chair thought we should have speaking members of the group here.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Stolow-** Monday at 3, drafting up a bill during the meeting.

Petit- Any news on next provost meeting.

Stolow- I have the date, I'll send out an email, I want to say it is the 18th but will check.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: O'Brien-** Talking about carnival idea, not going to be for a while, trying to plan early, please get in touch with me, open forum, scheduled for Thursday after thanksgiving. Something came to my attention, previous to Rhody Rides, bus that went into providence and picked up people who could not drive. I talked to a few people and they basically laughed. We have seen how others orgs have worked, at least have everyone think about it, but RIPTA is right now, not willing to work with it. Want to see how people think.

Holland- Talking about busses to go to providence for people who would not safely drive?

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju-** Nothing too big, presidents meeting last Monday, gingerbread house making, 26 orgs signed up, I am hoping this is something big, get more competitive and bigger, houses the size of the union, this program looks like it is going to go well, see what dining can provide us with. Other announcement last night on campus, election celebration, showed the campus uniting as one, just as we do with major league sports. This campus is connected and united, maybe facebook it and see what happened. Have a good week.

Tremaglio- Does it have to be an org doing gingerbread or can it be someone and a group of friends?

Adepoju- asking orgs but individuals can do it as well, want groups to bring an aspect of their group to house.

Coates- Where to display?

Adepoju- Spoke to Sheri, wanted to have it on December 4th, we would need space for a lot of orgs, we wouldn't have the time to do it on the 4th in the ballroom, seems like we are going to give them kits, they will do it in their meetings, present in the union and have people vote on their favorites.

Sibbald- Can we use graham crackers or real gingerbread?

Adepoju- Debate in committee, we are going to provide the orgs with some type of materials, they can add or subtract to do whatever they want to do.

Messineo- How do groups sign up?

Adepoju- Talk to me or any committee members, need an email for contact.

Aronoff- What is going to happen to houses when you are done?

Adepoju- Food is essential to program, people participating can eat it.

Holzman- opening to orgs that are not recognized?

Adepoju- Yes

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Harrington- Amanda sick, she went home. Lucas finally answered us, signs have been ordered, he is coming to public forum on December 3rd, going to keep reminding him. Shane noticed that a

lot of Butterfield tables are broken or wobbly, 16 tables are broken, going to email dining. If anyone has seen any of the stations closing early in hope other than stir fry, let us know.

Coates- I've noticed a lot of the traffic blockades have been knocked over, I know a student who backed into one.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. Director of Communications- Simon- reminded everyone to give me their info for the newsletter, no one did, extending to next Friday, if you know of anything going on on campus, let me know.

b. Secretary- Pelletier- no nominations for Kudos

c. Treasurer- Shah- No report

d. Chief Operations Officer- Feinberg- Absent

e. Vice President- Bedard- Problems with office lately, like to stress to all of you, unless Kim or another senator is in the office, do not leave the room open or anyone else in the office, close the door. Someone from our organization must be in the office. We have been having problems with people not on senate being in the office without Kim or someone from senate. Formal is December 9th, decide if you are going or not in the near future. We need your money by the 21st, only two weeks away. Encourage you all to go, 38 dollars/person.

Lee- first issue, any property stolen or damaged?

Bedard- We had complaints about people being in the office unaccompanied, just to prevent issues from a few years ago happening again, will not open the office for anyone not on senate.

Aronoff- Does the union know who is on senate and who is not?

Bedard- Everyone on senate is on the key list, you can get the key from the info desk, key number 23.

Sibbald- What is final price on the formal and where is it?

Bedard- Amalfi and 38 dollars

Messineo- When you go, you have to take your ID, don't just keep switching ID's. Be respectful to staff.

Bedard- Don't have to be mean about the office, just let them know nicely that you are leaving and they can't stay.

f. President- Ahrens- Thank you for everyone who went to Jack Warner tonight, going to start subcommittees, sign ups next to my desk, one for president search and future for student BOG, need more student interest. Affiliation for holding forums, if you want to get involved, sign up sheet. Another one for athletics, meeting with them a lot, pretty significant part of the university, generate more students. We were given 15 student tickets for each basketball game. For this Friday, I have tickets against RIC. If you get a ticket and don't go to the game, I will not give you another ticket. We have good tickets, if you want to sign up, let me know. Sign ups for every game at my desk. ACLU statements, if you know a friend who transferred schools, typed statements, sign in front of Kim. Met with lawyer, looking promising, asked for a research grant from Narragansett. Still 2 appointments I need to make for faculty senate one for faculty senate and one for presidential committee on campus. More involved. Tentville hot dog contest, 50 dollar bookstore gift certificate. Any ideas for what to do with the certificate?

Rodrigues- athletics committee, what time or day will they be held?

Ahrens- not formal, going to give ideas to run with that we have been working on, group of students who want to work together in whatever way works for the students.

- **RULES AND ETHICS: no report**

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Petit- Bylaws Committee meeting this morning, talked about some things with group recognition, no final decisions, hoping people from soarc might be able to attend next meeting, notice on door, hoping for people but no one came, once we have someone else, going to probably be changing time.

Clarke- levels, anything specific?

Petit- voting required to recognize groups.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Nominations and Election for bylaws committee

Boiteau- nominated by Feinberg, seconded by Holden

Holden- I seconded Steven because he wants to be more involved, this will get him more involved.

Ahrens- Steve has done a great job so far, faculty senate liaison, typed minutes, in bylaws, we all think steve would be good, give us some youth and be awake at 9am. Good fit for the committee.

Boiteau- Good knowledge, feel like I can get up early to keep the meeting time.

Ginsberg- motion to vote, seconded by Tremaglio

CONGRATS!

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**K. NEW BUSINESS:****L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:**

Tremaglio- nominating a teacher for basketball games, how do we get that started?

Ahrens- going to scrap that, we have an award for teachers, we have been negligent in that, we are going to use half times for organizations alone

Bruce- Excellence awards, particularly want teachers, staff, admin, teacher, research- teacher really important from you.

Tremaglio- Can you nominate someone?

Bruce- Yes

Tremaglio- Happy 21st Birthday to Richard Infusino!!!! Singing!!!

Officer Mark- Running of the students, good celebration, lot of students, probably over 1000, ran all over the place, good job in their celebratory time.

Petit- mentioned an event with all colleges next Friday in RI, still talking with Melissa about how many can go, if it's a limited number, I will be drawing people out of a hat. Bylaws, meet to discuss change of meeting time.

Lee- In regards to Soarc bill for 500 family, since we had prolonged it, definitely want to be in office hours to talk about the debate, today it was deemed immediate consideration, many still had questions and reservations, information that they did not get. I want to say that it is shared burden not only on the group to seek out the senators, to talk to different people, senators need to look into the group and share their reasoning especially if you were in opposition to the group. If we had the same thing played out because of lack of effort, ask members to be in the office and sit down with senators. That goes for any group with such a long debate with things like this. Our goal is to work with the groups to be an assistant to them, we aren't just a body waiting here to test them.

Maureen- Rainville awards program is not until April but nomination process happens in the fall semester, student employees, do your nominations right on line, doesn't have to be a surprise. We really need a good email address and their ID number, don't feel like nomination has to be a surprise, process ends in mid-December.

Bickham- Ahrens- Can you just describe the responsibility of the people that you need to appoint?

Ahrens- our senate like faculty senate, these committees meet when everyone can meet, the library committee, mostly revolving around resources in the library and happenings there, all of the committees are around different aspects of the campus, sources relevant to students, URI InfoBank, teaching effectiveness- held by an exec member with too much on their plate, with new era of teaching, lecturing format, how can teachers best connect to students, how can students gain the most information. Library and teaching effectiveness are the two left. President's committees are subcommittees.

Ahrens- Next Wednesday, we have Tuesday classes, we still have our meeting next week.

Simon- working with Max for food pantry, community service class, need to volunteer, been working in St. Mary's and St. James food pantry, because of the economy, a lot less people are donating, input has decreased greatly, mainly concentrating on thanksgiving and Christmas. A lot of people are not getting the help that they need. If anyone knows of anyone to help, let me know.

Clarke- Revised mission of the 500 family. Be in the office and be educated, talk about the meeting.

Ahrens- Presidential search, create our own base off of that, come up with our own criteria, read that over at least once, anything you think is missing notify myself or Brandon.

Yensan- said by Amanda and Lee, do the research, I talked to members, there are a lot of things against that were not brought up on the floor, more information, take the time to actually look through stuff, much deeper issue, do your research.

Brown- Reiterate what Ahrens said, minimal degree of discontent, student rep on committee, if you have any preferences what was mentioned about creating a committee, please formally address those issues with the president and he will talk to me.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Aye- Abbe, Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Boiteau, Brown, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gorman, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Infusino, Inthisone, Jacques, Kearns, Lee, Luther, Lynch, McCormick, Meehan, Messineo, Moss, Noble, O'Brien, Prata, Rodrigues, Sibbald, Sinapi, Slater, Smith, Stein, Stewart, Stollow, Tremaglio, Valenti, Yensan
Nay- Ginsberg, Petit

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

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:53PM