

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Allison, Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Harrington, Holland, Inthisone, LaRocca, Luther, Lynch, Meehan, O'Brien, Petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Shah, Sibbald, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stollow, Valenti, Yensan

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Petit motions to add bill ss 0809 75

Petit motions to add recommendation for finance bill

Ss 0809 71 Recc 4-0-0

Ss 0809 75 Recc 4-0-0

Agenda approved

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Minutes approved

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Petit motions for pledge. Opposition. Motion passes.

Aronoff - Hillel is sponsoring free comedian in swan. Also if you're interested in summer camp job talk to me.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Dorothy Donnelly – Adjunct Faculty

Passed out pamphlet

Dorothy: Dr. Donnelly professor of comparative literature. Love it all the time. My role this evening is that I'm the chief negotiator for the part time faculty. Many people don't know how many part time faculty there are - 450 of them. They are mistreated. Paid 3000 dollars for each course. Below poverty level. On the front page of the sheet is one of the most telling bar graphs. The first one shows that the tuition dollars brought in by part time faculty is 3.98 million dollars. Basically nothing returns to the part time faculty. Part time faculty is teaching 40% of undergrad courses at URI. We want to inform people. All the data is correct and part of negotiation process. Data given by university themselves. The part time faculty is not unionized. They need to be, desperately. They have no seniority. Someone who has taught 8 years could be kicked out for a new person. There needs to be a seniority system. That would be better for students too. We want an increase in salary, health benefits, and a seniority system. We are asking for these 3 things. We don't want bonuses or anything. Just a decent wage for each course taught. I want to introduce you at an adjunct faculty member named David.

David: if you look at the flyer we gave you, on the 3rd page, look at the pie graph. Many times we are the first teachers students come in contact with. Are we asking to be even with the full time faculty? No. It's not feasible. All we are looking for is something that approaches fair wages. We have faculty that don't have health insurance.

Dedicated to 29% of those undergraduate courses, it's a labor of love, something that allow us to live at a standard that is acceptable.

Donnelly- The talk is well we would do it if we could, budget crisis. Well aware of the situation. I want to leave you with this in response to the budget crisis. Refer to chart on page 1, annual basis, part time faculty bring in 53 million dollars annually, they are paid in return 4 million dollars. That ratio needs to change, equity, fairness requires that you don't do something else with that money. You cannot leave the part time faculty at the bottom of the scale. We would very much appreciate it if you found it something you wanted to do, a resolution from the student senate in support of the university faculty part time union.

Eric Lotvinoff - Club Sports Referendum- Club sports president, Lauren creamer, kaitlyn bilodeau, Joe Rogers- here in support of referendum, as most of you when students pay tuition, currently 22 dollars goes to club sports. Pay the teams to supplement budget to be able to travel and have equipment to keep up with standard. Asking for a raise of an additional 4 dollars. Past year or two, a lot of D1 teams have been cut and teams want to become club sports. Unfortunately with the economic state of the government, if we were to absorb 3 or 4 more teams, would cripple us rather than benefit us.. Here in support to have this passed in the next election, 3 or 4 teams looking to become club sports. Referendum

about a year or two to be passed. As they join club sports, additional money would be there, would not falter and would make club sports even stronger. Our club sports program is one of the best in the country. In the past 5-10 years, many of our teams have won championships, sailing and hockey. Teams have been out of the country. All of our teams and all of our kids compete at a really high level. Will give more teams the opportunity to excel, benefit to URI and a benefit to us.

Petit- How much do participants pay to be on a team?

Rep- different but average athlete probably pays 300-800 dollars/season. On top of the money from senate, about 400 club sport athletes now.

Joe- Every club sport team is req to fundraise a certain amount, most teams not only meet but also exceed it. One thing to keep in mind is that you would be giving us more money, but by no means would you be completely supporting the teams.

Rep- More teams also fundraise more to hire their own coach, some teams pay their coach up to 30,000/year. To expand the program would be great.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-08/09-65 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ALIMIA

Whereas, Alima is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Alima 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 \$1,864.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Alima.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, February 11 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-2)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- ALIMIA is Arabic, show about culture and diversity through dance for the University. Culture plays a very significant role in the university. This year our theme is uniting under one race, shows the cultures that we have. Unite and bring the best of all of our cultures together. Donate all proceeds to the what if foundation. One donation of 250 sends one child to school, pays for tuition, uniform and books for the entire year. Going to send one or two, maybe 3 children to school for the year. We are asking for the money for the show, pays for tech pro, costumes etc.

Petit- She gave a number that is different than what’s on the bill, the difference is from co-sponsorship.

Petit- How many acts are performing?

Rep- About 6 acts are performing.

Harrington- When and where?

March 12th 7pm in Edwards, free but donations accepted.

SS-08/09-71 – CATEGORY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Senate, would like to transfer money, and

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

Whereas, Senate 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 transfer \$4,000.00 from our Travel Contingency and \$4,474.42 from our General Contingency to the Programming Contingency of the Student Senate.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 11th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Passed

Petit- motions for immediate, Aronoff seconds.

Petit- Right now because more groups have come to request contingency this fall, programming is running lower, I am requesting to transfer some of the money that has not been used into the programming line. We don't anticipate having the money used in travel and would like to move it to programming.

Aronoff- How much money is usually left over at the end of the year for travel?

Petit- I don't have last year's ending total in front of me but last year, there was a few 1000 left over in travel. This will bring programming to about 10,000, there is very little left there right now.

Passed

SS-08/09-72 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Whereas, EMA is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, EMA 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 \$1,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of EMA.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 11th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next week

SS-08/09-73 – ALCOHOL FREE EVENT GRANT REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Whereas, EMA, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, EMA 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,

Whereas, this request falls within the guidelines for an Alcohol Free Event Grant, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate grant \$1,000.00 from our Alcohol Free Event Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of EMA.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 11th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation

ACTION: Vote Next week

SS-08/09-74 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR SSDP/NORML

Whereas, SSDP/NORML is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, SSDP/NORML would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, SSDP/NORML 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 \$1,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of SSDP/NORML.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 11th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-08/09-75 – CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Senate, would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Senate 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 approve the transfer \$600.00 from cat.# 127 (Co-Sponsorship) for the event, Gloria Gemma Foundation on February 25, 2008.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, February 4th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Bedard- Contacted about the pink out for this year, great cause, goal is to raise 20,000 this year, two diff brackets of sponsorship. One is for 300 and one is for 600 dollars. I decided it would be appr. To give them the 600 dollar sponsorship, name will be on banner, shout out on the radio and show student senate at the game.

Petit- Did you find out the name of the group?

Bedard- Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation.

Petit- Motion to amend the bill to read correct name. Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation in the resolved.

Passed

Petit- For groups that were not happy with budget, must attend finance meeting on Tuesday or else we are just going to put on the floor what we said that they had. Put the word out to presidents and treasurers.

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

SS-08/09-66 Bill Calling for the Level Change of Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (SAWA) to Level 3

Whereas, SAWA provides campus wide events for the URI community, and
 Whereas, SAWA has a missions statement that reads
 SAWA will place Africa under a positive light, with a focus on Liberia, for the benefit of everyone
 belonging to a the University of Ri and its surrounding community, and to increase their awareness and
 understanding of issues concerning region and 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 approve the level change of SAWA.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday February 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- President and treasurer. We want to move to level 3, recognized last year at level 4, initially went for 3, settled on 4. You have seen the kind of impact that we have had and we have more to prove on this campus. 13 events this semester alone. We are the student alliance of Africa. If you have an interest in Africa, join us, change misconception and expose all of you to arts, artistic and social events. And Intellectual events. I don't know if you saw our we are Africa campaign. I feel as though we are worth more than level 4.

Clarke- I am in full support of the bill, very proactive group, every single member contributes. They are a common interest group.

Rep- There are no seat fillers in our org, everyone has ideas. We just got 3 new members last night. Every night, we have new members. Our events are so often because we have so many ideas. Our first event was actually last week, I didn't see a lot of you there. I am very disappointed. I really hope to see all of you there at future events.

LaRocca- Motion to amend the bill to include the groups documented mission statement.

Holden- Second

Boiteau- Question for chairwoman Clarke, already did the budgeting for this year.

Clarke- It's up to finance.

Petit- No.

Boiteau- All of these groups are going to have to wait a year for budget?

Clarke- Yes

Coates- Already recognized at level 4, we have rerec for a reason.

Clarke- They were recognized 2 weeks before rerec, they were a charity group and are now a common interest group.

Coates- Why now instead of rerec.

Clarke- We were hoping to finish before budget.

Sibbald- Level 3 can ask for contingency, they don't have budgets.

Petit- Every level 3 group has a package of 210 dollars.

Sinapi- Nothing binding them to not doing it now, no restriction on when can do level change. As far as finance, that is something else.

Adepoju- mission is long, write it on board.

LaRocca- Question for the group- Since you have been recognized, how many of your events were awareness based and how many fundraising for charities?

Rep- We haven't done any charity fundraisers yet. We have done awareness of Africa Campaign. We don't have money to give away so we haven't done that yet. The I am Africa campaign, highlight plights of African continent, each and every one of us descended from Africa. Each picture was a portrait and each had a tribal mark from a tribe in Africa. Underneath it says I am African and highlights an issue.

Allison- I feel that you are a common interest group, can you explain more about your events.

Rep- Trying to work with ALIMA, NSBE, SASA, dealt with interracial event, another event we are trying to call "our president is black, so what?" Talking about president being black, doesn't mean he is going to come and take your exams for you. We have an idea for a flyer with Obama on it.

Harrington- How many events have you held since you were recognized?

Rep- Last semester, did diversity week, emphasis for this year is Liberia, diversity we did a skit, with a TV with pictures of the war. We had a student portraying a Liberian mother portraying weight on country on her head. Movie about the love of liberty, true story about Liberian Civil War. Contrast and compare, those who could get out. We have 3 others.

Sinapi- 2 quick questions and statement, you exist for advancement and growth of group membership?

Rep- Of course, right now planning our retreat.

Sinapi- You provide a community of common interest?

Rep- Yes

Sinapi- You meet level 3 requirements.

Mission- SAWA will place Africa under a positive light, with a focus on Liberia, for the benefit of everyone belonging to a the University of RI and its surrounding community, and to increase their awareness and understanding of issues concerning region.

Discussion of the amendment-

Stolow- Motion to vote, Holden seconds.

Bruce- If SOARC accepts the amendment, then it will pass to be added to the bill. (4-0-0) Amendment passes.

Sibbald Motion to vote on Bill, Holden seconds.

Vote on Bill- Passed.

SS-08/09-67 Bill Calling for the Recognition of the Underwater Hockey Club at Level 3

Whereas, the Underwater Hockey Club will provide the opportunity for students to play and compete in the sport of underwater hockey, and

Whereas, the Underwater Hockey Club 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 recognizes the Underwater Hockey Club.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday February 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Rep from Underwater Hockey Club- Ed Bickerman, on behalf of Dave McHeyes. Also student who is underwater Hockey Regional Director.

Undergraduate student could not be here, we are graduate students. I am the northeast director for underwater hockey, large group playing in new England and country, more popular in other places of the world, reasonable number of URI students playing around here. Other collegiate programs close by and in Massachusetts. Dave and other undergrads wanted to get a program going here so that there would be a club.

Clarke- How do you play?

Rep- small stick, underwater, hold breath, want to put the puck in the goal, no contact sport technically, similar to basketball and soccer. It's water polo but it's underwater, requires swimming and breath holding skills. Anyone can play, small stature and large stature. We have women and kids that play as well as guys that are a lot older than me. Great fitness activity, improve fitness and sportsmanship. A ton of information on the internet, google underwater hockey, videos on you tube. Local websites.

USAUHW.com is the national org.

Stolow- How many graduating undergrads in the group?

Rep- 8 graduates and 11 undergraduates, Dave has the more extensive. Last number was in the 30 of undergraduates. I believe that there are half a dozen to a dozen URI undergrads that are playing actively. If URI had a club, more inclined to play because no commute.

LaRocca- Reason question was posed, has to be more undergrads in club than graduate students, do you plan to keep proportion?

Rep- yes

Holland- Have you figured out pool time?

Rep- at the moment no, because there are issues with the pool, can't have others swimming around, Gabe has been working on it, if you are a club they will listen more about pool time than the other way around. National champs for US is going to be at university of Minnesota, There could still be an active club at URI even if pool was not available, playing regionally.

Passed

SS-08/09-68 Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI TV News at Level 3

Whereas, URI TV News will provide a unique broadcast media outlet for students as well as report relevant news to the URI community in a fair unbiased manner, and
Whereas, URI TV News 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 recognizes URI TV News.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday February 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Rep- Jamie Morroney, president, member and secretary, unique opportunity for students to become involved in broadcast media, centered in Chafee at the moment, work out of television study. We have multiple areas in news show, welcoming of all majors, grade levels and technology levels. We will find a place within our org for any student on campus. We feel that we are beneficial to this university and recognition would be beneficial to us. We air on channel 80 once a week, have been around since sept 2007. Would like to start planning campus events.

LaRocca- Are any of your members former members of the URI TV club?

Rep- Completely separate, new members, no affiliation with that club.

Harrington- What type of events?

Rep- Talent show, fill and broadcast that on our station as well.

Almeida- How are you going to let people know about club?

Rep- we have a pr rep, we had flyers and auditions last year. We would like to make more flyers. Cigar has not been working with us but Radio is very receptive.

Adepoju- How are you going to broadcast, slot times on channel 80.

Rep- We produce once a week but we have one show on a week, it loops 24/7 whenever you watch TV. If you turn your TV on next week, you will see our show.

Petit- Were you recognized by Senate at one point or was it under a department?

Rep- It was URI TV, but we are URI TV News, they were a different independent group.

Coates- Why did you come to senate for funding, is administration not interested in paying for part of the cause?

Rep- Journalism dept does not fund us, have not approached us, they don't fund cigar or radio station. They do provide cameras for our reporters. If I enroll in a class that requires cameras, we use their equipment. Allow us the means to produce show. Faculty member as our sponsor. I don't believe they would give us any money.

Clarke- If we recognized you, would you be able to work without journalism dept.

Rep- We aren't funded by them, I have camera from JOR 331 but also use for news.

Bruce- you are talking about recognition, not funding. The equipment from past from URI TV is being used by all students for new TV Studio.

Holzman- Working with Tim for the group?

Rep- We go through him to book studio time, instead of the blue of the 80's, it is now new and clean and fresh. We are not involved with the talk show or his classes.

Aronoff- URI TV news, just one show?

Rep- Yes

Aronoff- If someone wanted to make a branch off of the show, would be different.

Rep- Yes.

Allison- How many members do you have right now?

Rep- about 20, all undergrads

Allison- weekly meetings?

Rep- Twice, Mondays assign stories, Wednesday check progress and Fridays, We film the show.

Petit- Of the people in your group, how many are journalism majors?

Rep- 5-6 I think, we have COM, PR, one political science.

Holzman- Just want to point out that while they are getting resources from journalism and Chafee as far as studio time, they aren't going to be getting recruitment and retention, I am fine with level 3 instead of level 4 on this matter.

Gorman- Motion to vote

Holden- Second.

Bill Passes

SS-08/09-69 Bill Calling for the Recognition of the Sports Medicine Student Association (SMSA) at Level 3

Whereas, SMSA will provide an open educational forum for students interested in topics relating to sports medicine, and

Whereas, SMSA 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 recognizes SMSA.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday February 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Rep- Start at the beginning of last semester, club for students interested in sports medicine, not a major here on campus, lots of students interested from different depts.. a number of guest speakers have come in, plan to have clinics. Here to ask for recognition, would like to have a budget, would like space to put on events. Combine day in the spring for football fans.

Boiteau- What sets you apart from Nutrition club?

Rep- They focus on nutrition and topics about metabolism, nutrients. We could combine with them for one meeting and discuss sports nutrition. In general, talk about physical therapy, flexibility, injuries.

Petit- Pretty sure we just recognized a physical therapy club, don't recognize two clubs that do the same thing.

Adepoju- Heard what she said, listed several other aspects other than physical therapy.

Rep- You did just recognize physical therapy, we could have one or two meetings with them to talk about rehab and physical therapy, much broader range that we are covering. We are a lot broader than that.

Sinapi- Every group has some overlap, not doing everything exactly the same.

LaRocca- What backgrounds are your members from? Do you have any other specific examples of events that you would want to have that would be desirable to whole campus?

Rep- A lot of kinesiology majors, work with strength coaches, number of business majors and nutrition majors, someone is PR. We have a broad group.

Rep- Bring in speakers, have seminars, talk about sports safety, physical recreation, a few business majors, dealing with sports and business and sports and PR.

Coates- We have a gaming club on campus, sub division FEDEA, very different aims but work together.

Slater- Sort of hard to consolidate Ball Room Dancing and Flavor Unit, think it's fine to have group.

Prata- How many people interested?

Rep- one grad student and 30-40 consistent undergraduates.

Sinapi- They are doing level 3, not 2 or 1, budget will be in finance.

Sibbald- How many members of sports therapy club are also in physical therapy club?

Rep- Maybe 2

Vote- Passed

Cancel committee meeting because of holiday.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Stolow-** Next Monday is president's day, moving meeting to a later date, Friday at 2pm if that works for everyone. Student Advisory Council at 5:30 in room 360.

Petit- Heard about a meeting that is happening with presidential search committee?

Stolow- 7:30 in MCC

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

O'Brien- Off campus activities booklet just about finished up, after that moving onto big battle of the bands. A lot going on right now, basic work filled out, any ideas, come to committee at 3pm on Friday. That is all for right now.

Almeida- Still doing carnival?

O'Brien- Really difficult and very expensive. What it has evolved into 3 or 4 bands of students and 3 or 4 of residents, hopefully on the beach on the off campus clean up day which I am also working on, vendors. Way to get people talking, people working with one another.

Slater- Talking to someone earlier this week, got a sticker, going to go to senate office, wanted to see if they did or not?

Bedard- I was in the office, was a student that came in, asked him if it was wrongful. He did not end up writing testimony.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju-** Few things, cultural this Monday, one was an idea from a resident and other friends. Main question was whatever happened to Rhody Rides, very adamant about trying to get Rhody Rides back to campus. Few ideas, Rhody Rides run by the Greek System, community service to the campus. Each house would volunteer a week to the campus.

Adepoju- I thought it would kind of work, draw up a proposal to IFC/PanHel, great community service idea.

Rammies- Aronoff did a great job with it, touched on a few things that need to get done, any suggestions, talk to anyone on cultural, make sure it gets to us. Meeting for this Monday is cancelled, my committee, please draw up ideas for the proposal.

Pelletier- For anyone who does not know, Rhody Rides was an alcohol awareness program that provided rides to students 3 nights a week until 3 am. It was a very difficult program to run here and ended at URI a few semesters ago.

Yensan- Issue with Rhody Rides, need to figure out an idea to stop drunk driving. Don't laugh at the idea of a new Rhody Rides.

Slater- The driver had to be 25.

Pelletier- The driver had to be 21, just to clarify, not against the program in any way and would love to talk to anyone about it that is interested in hearing about it.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

LaRocca- No meeting for Campus on Monday, each committee member, please talk to me. Still looking for artists have gotten a few bites. Haven't joined the facebook group, please do so. Talked to about dean of agriculture. I have the plans and will go through them with anyone who is interested. Not able to be at meeting on Monday for personal reasons. Yield time to Joelle.

Harrington- did you put ad from the cigar that Gage made? When are we making big blow up ads?

LaRocca- Going to work with ad on Thursday, unable to do so, will work on this week. I will blow up any ads made in the leadership office. Deadline is set for March 5th.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

a. Director of Communications- Simon- Was supposed to meet with Tom, meeting tomorrow at 5pm. Memos, articles, orange sticker tuition, received a letter from a 6th grader, responding to that as well. That's pretty much it.

Petit- Can you help me work on a memo?

Simon- yes, will talk after the meeting.

Rodrigues- Response to letter, can others do as well?

Simon- From North Carolina, wants to learn about campus, what are our favorite classes.

Bedard- As far as the 6th grader, he wants more stuff about URI, talking to orgs, putting together a big box of stuff. T-shirts/ Other stuff. A few groups already gave us stuff.

Aronoff- I went down to the bookshop, Paul gave us some stuff, like a hat. WRIU, SEC and SAA dropped off some stuff as well.

b. Secretary-Pelletier- Sorry, I was late, had something to deal with in my building.

c. Treasurer- Shah- no report.

d. Vice President- Bedard- Tom called me before the meeting, told me he had something come up, Vidhi was informed less than 30 mins before the meeting that she would be moderating. Good job as a fill in. Senior Speaker apps are on the website. Fill it out and get it back 3/2 by 4pm. There was an article in the cigar, we have had a lot of hits on the website, doesn't mean 85 people are applying. If you are interested in applying, I would encourage you to do so.

Elections this week, chair LaRocca gave me a list of people who were not eligible and list of people who worked the booth. If you didn't work the hour you were supposed to work, if you were on Rules and Ethics or ran in election, not required. Basketball game if we are out on time, depending on how many after meeting and game, talk to me and we will arrange rides like we always do.

f. President- Ahrens- Personal family situation, could not be here tonight. Pass around a sheet of paper, sign up if you are interested in working on ceremonies for Dr. Carothers. End of the year ceremonies. Tom is going to be in charge of all of that.

Exec- Begin working on transition binders, when exec leaves and new exec comes in, not given all of the information that they need, quick guide to the position. Talk to tom or myself, better ideas for senate social events, probably a bbq between outgoing and newly elected senate. Rainville award- Tom and I are working on it, team excellence award. Exec meetings are Mondays at 7pm. We have tried every time during the week. If you cannot make it, talk to Tom. Independent scribe just released publication, shout out to senate in there. Our groups do appreciate what we do for them. Are actively involved in campus. Continue to make a change on this campus for the better.

BBall tickets, 15 tickets and only 7 are accounted for.

- RULES AND ETHICS: no report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Bylaws Committee- Meeting times are 12:30 on Thursdays, about an hour, forgot which room. If anyone wants to sit in, come by to that meeting.

Elections Committee- LaRocca- 485 students voted in 1st election, yesterday and today. Can always be better. Today had more sunshine, so less today than yesterday. When you work the booth, when you look at the college they are enrolled in, if it says UC anywhere, that means that the student is currently enrolled in University College, not arts and sciences. With on campus and off campus, looking at student's address. They can go to enrollment services. The book is the final word. Thank you to everyone who worked the booth, not as many people are available. Rules and Ethics members cannot work the booth, I wish I had noticed, since senator Abbe worked at the booth, cannot be involved in any rules and ethics proceedings if they arise from this situation. Doesn't void the election or anything. Bill on the floor tonight for the elections, elections committee, please meet in room 202. It's all we could get to count the ballots, the results will be posted on the door of the senate, will email to the cigar.

Bedard- If you can give a clarification, Fraternity Circle is considered off campus or on campus?

LaRocca- All fraternities and sororities are considered off campus.

Bruce- They are under off campus, if you live in a Greek house, will show up as off campus.

LaRocca- 9 on campus and 11 off campus. When you declare, make sure you declare in the right location, off campus or on campus. When it comes to confirm winning, you won't be listed as qualified.

Aronoff- Commend elections committee, all of the declarations and the rules. I don't think there were any problems, the committee did an exceptional job.

Coates- Out of curiosity, what about transfer house?

LaRocca- Yes

Luther- 25 Quarry Road is also on campus, that's Terrace apartments.

LaRocca- Please support the referendum for club sports and student orgs. In a couple of years, we are going to wish we did it if we did not. We have more club sports that we are taking on. Please vote for it.

Holzman- On/ Off campus- IEP/Women's Center Question?

Bruce- I would consider them to be on campus, works with housing.

LaRocca- I think consider on campus.

LaRocca- Will clarify and post.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Elections for Rules & Ethics-

Prata- Harrington seconded- love her enthusiasm for everything senate has to offer, always bringing new ideas to the table and asking questions. Level headed new senator that we have.

Petit- Nominated senator Prata because she spoke with me last semester about Rules and Ethics, really inquired learning about the bylaws and how senate works, really the desire to question and understand things, tries to keep a very level head and talk about all sides. Once she makes a decision, she stands by it, is strong willed.

Prata- New senator, internal elections last fall, really spent the last semester, trying to spend a lot more time in the office, really trying to figure out what senate is about. Best thing I have done is ask questions, by being on committee, will continue to question things and will not make a decision without all of the information. Will think about how decision will affect others, I would be your responsible solution.

Aronoff- Seconded Jon because he was really excited about trying to get on this committee. He was very serious about the committee.

Bedard- Senator Ginsberg nominated Jon, he has since resigned from Senate, talked to President Ahrens and myself, thought it was fair for him to write a statement, nominated because he is a good senator looking to be more involved, perfect candidate for the position, with other senators, last position is good for him. Shows commitment and passion to work on senate, he is a by the book type person, sense of realism and recognizing that things do happen, perfect candidate to compliment committee.

Aronoff- I wanted to be on there for more than a resume, want to make a difference and have a say as far as what is going on, extremely dedicated, always in the office and asking questions, ready to take on challenges that are given to me. Vote for the person you feel would make a great addition to the rules and ethics committee.

Sinapi- Rodrigues- feel like senator Sinapi would be good because he knows the bylaws, can make judgments without being biased, feel like he has expressed interested, has taken poly sci courses, sense of how to uphold constitution.

Clarke- knows the bylaws, willing to speak his mind, not afraid to say what he is thinking or challenge himself to find out what is going on.

Sinapi- going to law school, like the law, read the bylaws again today. I really like law and the idea of ethics, know how to apply it. Idea of overseeing people that don't always follow the rules.

Messineo- Holland- seconded Steve because he has been on senate as long as I have and has been on committee. He has had his own opinion and thinks it is a key point to rules and ethics.

Harrington- Showed interest to me, been here long enough, like the way he thinks. States his points very clearly, good addition to the committee and on it. Would not nominate him if I didn't think I could work with him.

Sibbald- Holden- seconded Sibbald because he has been on senate for a while, seems like a good member.

O'Brien- perfect for position, been here a while, know he would do a great job and can remove himself from the situation.

Sibbald- promise to uphold the rules, definition of ethics is internal judgment, right and wrong. I have never been on it yet but every year, something big comes up, big issues before.

Rodrigues- **Holden**- seconded know he knows the bylaws and would make good decisions, Allison- knows bylaws really well, actively involved in Senate, very interested and dedicated to Senate, upholds everything that Rules and Ethics committee is about. Today working the elections booth, incident, someone walked by, a voter and he said something advertising for a candidate, before I said that he could not do that. Jorge was just visiting and told him he could not do it and made him leave. Was following the rules and put judgment into hand and told him it was just ignorance.

Rodrigues- for those who don't know me, been here since last Fall, intertwined with Rules and Ethics, uphold constitution and learn what it was about. Not biased and like to listen to both sides of the argument, make judgment fair where it is the majority or the minority.

LaRocca-

What is ethics?

Prata- My definition is the morals and values that are set standard for a group, bylaws have to be follow and read, morals can be my personal values but ethics is something where the rules that are set forth for using the bylaws.

Aronoff- The ethics is how you behave and interpret information.

Sinapi- unfortunately, all relative, combination of rules and judgment, base it off of morals and judgment.

Sibbald- Internal ability to decide what is wrong.

Rodrigues- Moral values and what you believe in and the judgment whether they are right or wrong.

Petit- Same question to everyone, One of the big things that Rules and Ethics deals with is a lot of attendance issues? How many excused and unexcused?

Rodrigues- 2 excused, 3 unexcused.

Sibbald- 2 excused, 1 unexcused

Sinapi- 3 total, 2 excused, 1 unexcused

Aronoff- 2 excused, 1 unexcused

Prata- 2 excused, 1 unexcused

Yensan- For Sinapi, right character for being on Rules and Ethics, really important for that system, personality that will not give into machine policy, interested in the law, learned a lot about Juicy Campus.

Petit- Supporting senator Prata, I don't think senator Sinapi should be on Rules and Ethics, better for bylaws, vote for him for this instead.

Congrats Senator Sibbald

Nominations for Bylaws-

Petit, Boiteau and Ahrens are current members

Bedard- Ginsberg was on the committee, temporary but still have stuff they will be working on before committee disbands.

Aronoff nominates Sibbald- declines

Petit nominates Sinapi, seconded by LaRocca

Abbe nominates Adepoju, seconded by Holden

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

SS – 08/09 -70 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY AND ELECTION OF THE ON-CAMPUS AND OFF-CAMPUS REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2009-2010 LEGISLATIVE TERM

Whereas, the URI Student Senate is required to hold annual elections during the spring semester to fill all seats, and

Whereas, the Senate has restrictions on when the election may be held due to scheduling and the requirements of the bylaws, therefore be it

Resolved that an election shall be held according to the following schedule:

Declaration Period: 2/13/09 – 2/20/09 by 2:00PM

Day 1: 2/25/09 from 9AM – 5PM

Day 2: 2/26/09 from 9AM – 5PM

And be it further

Resolved, that the following seats will be put up for election:

- President/Vice President ticket
- 11 Off Campus Representatives
- 9 On Campus Representatives

And be it further

Resolved

That the ballot read, Are you in favor of a \$4 increase to the student activities tax for the purpose of supporting URI club sports and \$4 increase in the student activities tax for the purpose of supporting URI Student organizations and be it finally

Resolved that the election shall conclude upon validation of the results by legislation.

SPONSOR:	Elections Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Amanda LaRocca
DATE:	Wednesday, February 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0 -0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Validation
ACTION:	Passed

LaRocca- motion for a recommendation – 4-0-0

Amendment for increase, (4-0-0)

Petit- Club sports, take on new teams that were once varsity sports, also maintain same level of funding, have to pay out of pocket in addition to raising a huge amount of money. When we did the change last time, combat things like inflation, recognized almost an additional 20 groups, a bunch of which are budgeted and many of which have req. contingency, continue to budget groups to an adequate level. Increase to a larger amount. If we vote on this and pass it, will go to the full student body, in order to pass with them, has to be at least 5% of the voting student body passes it, then majority has to vote in favor of it. Increase will not take affect until Fall of 2010. Somewhat planning for the future, anticipating similar trends that are occurring.

LaRocca- Very important to get the word out, to have enough students to vote on the bill. VERY IMPORTANT. If we pass this, I know club sports will be very active in getting people to the polls. Many students came to vote on referendum last time but did not vote for president/vice president. We want them to vote for both, debate will be on the 24th, historically all senators who have already made up their mind. Bring an undecided friend to the debate.

Adepoju- How much was the student tax amount?

Petit- right now, 106, 22 is club sports, 84 goes to student groups. This would make it 26 for club sports and 88 for groups.

Adepoju- this would be voted on by the student body, how?

Petit- When you get your ballot, it will have this question, same ticket, with VP/President.

Petit- Club sports is happy with it and get the word out to student groups. Sometimes upset that we cannot give them all of the money that they want. Can help increase the amount of money that they have on campus.

Boiteau- Do you think the money is enough?

LaRocca- it's 4 for club sports and 4 for orgs, so it's actually 8 dollars.

Petit- 8 dollars may not seem like that much money, we wanted to keep it at a level that is reasonable and will help us in the future, but also not too high so that students vote against it. Tuition is going up by a lot and this is really small in comparison.

Vote on the bill! Passed

Larocca- Motion to reflect that bill was passed unanimously.

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Aronoff- mentioned with LaRocca- one of my previous jobs, allowed students to access times to book appointments with executive members. I want to have something like this set up for the student senate, every member of exec, click it and will have times as when they are available. Easier way for clubs to know when they could or could not meet with someone. I don't have the website on me right now, it's a good website now and it's free.

LaRocca- I just think it's great, you don't have to put your personal information on the website, just block out when you are at class or when you can't be there. It will benefit most the president, finance and SOARC. You can see that 2 groups were going to come at noon, maybe someone else will come at 12:30. It's great transparency, link right on the website.

Aronoff- I think it would also be good for the college representatives. If students have question for reps, will help them meet with them at a particular time.

Results for new members of rules and ethics committee- CONGRATS TO SENATOR SIBBALD.

Coates- at the risk of sounding a little out of line, want to be critical of our job the last few weeks, bear in mind that when there is a motion to vote with opposition, have not had a warning from moderator or long debate, they might be able to change your mind, our job to be both objective and thorough.

Yensan- World Scene, Allies in the East in Australia, with fires, know quite a few people out there, try to keep it in mind, the unfortunate events, and no end to these fires. Hope for safety in the region.

Maureen- Rainville apps are due this Friday, if you are individually nominated or you know someone, please encourage them to hand in the packets.

Sinapi- You can oppose motions to vote and almost every time, speaker is given chance to say what they would like to say.

Bruce—You make a motion to end debate, not a motion to vote. You can have a vote that is a voice vote or you can do it by division or you can call for a roll call vote, has to be seconded and more than a majority vote for roll call.

Rodrigues- Happy Valentine's Day.

Petit- Applebees and Basketball game.

Adepoju- Big game, Duke and North Carolina play at 9pm. As soon as the meeting is over, running to my room, Happy Valentine's Day, Stay Beautiful.

Holden- motion to adjourn

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Abbe, Adepoju, Allison, Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Gorman, Holden, Holland, Inthisone, Kearns, LaRocca, Lynch, Meehan, Moss, O'Brien, Prata, Rodrigues, Sibbald, Sinapi, Stollow, Valenti, Yensan

Nay:Harrington, Holzman, Luther, Petit

No Vote: Bedard, Pelletier, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:58pm