

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

**B. ROLL CALL:** Abbe, Ahrens, Almeida, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Inthisone, LaRocca, Luther, Messineo, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Prata, Rodrigues, Sibbald, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stein, Valenti, Yensan

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Petit-** Add senior speakers to public forum. Second by Holden

**LaRocca-** Page 6- under bill ss080989 motion to strike Jesse Stein under at large, motion to strike the one in parenthesis before Andrew Weiss under HSS on page 7. Second by Holden.

**Holland-** Page 6, off campus rep, the last one in bold, TM should be Tim.

**Luther-** Motion to change the names in bill 080980 and 81 to amendments. Second by Holden.

**Petit-** Motion to amend bill SS 08 09 81, sponsor should be changed to bylaws, under the 5<sup>th</sup> whereas, should read the senate represents the student body ,so

Under ss 08 09 80- change the sponsor to bylaws

**Faustin-** Motion to ad name for on campus representative

**LaRocca-** need to check and will fix by next week.

**Agenda approved.**

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** no changes.

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** **Petit-** Motion for the pledge of allegiance.

**LaRocca-** SFMAC- disabled for a day event, April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. Go and experience how it is to be physically disabled for a bit. Flyer going around.

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Christina Knoll & Rob Swanson – Students for Sustainable Development- We are here to address an issue about the proposed research park in the north woods. All of the information can be found at [uri.edu/administration](http://uri.edu/administration). They are proposing to put an approx 20 acre research park in the area of the north woods that is directly across from north woods by BISC. Natural resource sciences classes use, forest is about 100 years old, rare specimens of trees and forests, they have perfect forest soils. A lot of reasons to protect area and not get developed. We don't want to come across as being opposed to research, a lot of potential to create jobs, internships and money for the University. It is the location we are concerned about, there were other sites suggested. One being at the bottom of the hill, next to new freshman parking lot on turf space. That would be an ideal location. We estimated that about 1300 students/year use the North Woods forest area, does not include the public that walks through the woods, people go birding and look at scenery. It is also in the URI branding statement that we are tree lined and quiet. We feel that putting the research park in that area would take away from the University. If that spot were exclusive we might take another stance but there are other options. We'd like to include the research forest in the research place. Essential to learning experience, it's a lab for us, university doesn't have to pay for us to leave campus. Want to raise awareness so that you know this is happening, want to know what actions we are taking. We are asking for your support to conserve area.

**Petit-** Why did they choose that site?

**Reps-** the proximity to the new bio sci center is a really positive aspect of that site, the proximity to CBLS does not justify building right there. There is space off campus and space next to the freshman lot. There are other areas that are just as well suited to research park without destroying this educational opportunity. We had a good meeting with Bob Weygand about turf fields. He said it would make the research park less marketable but he didn't have evidence to prove that. The main emphasis is that it is across the street from CBLS.

**Sibbald-** What percentage would the research park take up?

**Rep-** They are proposing about 20 acres out of about 290. The area they are looking at is one of the best, there are other sites they could build on in the woods but one is a wetland and one is too polluted. They just want it to be across from CBLS. They didn't want to put it near the freshman parking lot because it would not sell as well because they would have to look at the land fill and walk farther.

**LaRocca-** If it was built, how detrimental to major? How many students are in the major and how many do you think you would lose in the future?

**Rep-** It would have an effect, it is one of the selling points that the tour guides give. It's one of the reasons I chose this major, saw a lot of students working over there. Went out with some classes to see what really went on. They offered other acres around and once they put roads through it will change everything. It's a

very unique area because the trees are so large, almost park like and natural. Another similar forest, closest one is at least 30 miles away. If they cut back vans, will not be able to do that.

Senior speaker finalists gave speeches.

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**- FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**SS-08/09-82 – CATEGORY TRANSFER REQUEST FOR STUDENT ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

Whereas, SEC, is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, SEC, 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 approve the transfer of \$12,000.00 from SEC Concert’s budget cat.# 225 to SEC Special Events budget cat.# 225

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

**SS-08/09-83 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

Whereas, IFC is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, IFC would like to hold a programming event on campus, and  
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and  
Whereas, IFC 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 \$1,350.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of IFC.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
DATE: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Next week

**SS-08/09-84 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR PANHELLENIC COUNCIL**

Whereas, Panhel is a Senate recognized organization, and Panhellenic  
Whereas, Panhel would like to hold a programming event on campus, and  
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and  
Whereas, Panhel 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 \$1,350.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Panhel.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
DATE: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Vote Next week

**SS-08/09-85 – ALCOHOL FREE EVENT GRANT REQUEST FOR INTER FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

Whereas, IFC, is a Senate recognized organization, and  
Whereas, IFC, would like to hold a programming event on campus, and  
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and  
Whereas, IFC 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 \$335.00 from our Alcohol Free Event Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of IFC.

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

**Petit-** Bills on the floor for next week.

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

**SS-08/09-86 Bill Calling for the Recognition of First Book URI at Level 4**

Whereas, First Book URI will actively reach out into our community to improve early literacy for children from low-income families by providing them with their first new books, and  
Whereas, First Book URI 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 recognizes First Book URI.

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

**SS-08/09-87 Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Seekers Meditation Group at Level 3**

Whereas, URI Seekers Mediation Group will provide an opportunity for students to be instructed in, and practice meditation in an inclusive, non-denominational atmosphere as well as promote spiritual discussion and outreach programs, and  
Whereas, URI Seekers Meditation Group 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 Seekers Meditation Group.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke

DATE:	Wednesday March 11, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Clarke- Bills on the floor, read them over.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**SS – 08/09 – 88 – Bill Calling For The Support of Adjunct Faculty**

Whereas, the adjunct faculty teach a substantial amount of classes at URI, and  
Whereas, these faculty members are not being compensated at a proportional rate to the amount of credits they teach, and  
Whereas, there the adjunct faculty does not have a union to back its cause, and  
Whereas, this conflict is an issue pertaining to the education of students at URI, and  
Whereas, the adjunct faculty are an integral part of the University of Rhode Island, and  
Whereas, conversation with the administration have come to a standstill, therefore be it  
Resolved, that the URI Student Senate support the cause of the adjunct faculty, and encourage the university to reopen lines of communication with the adjunct faculty.

SPONSOR:	Academic Affairs Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Stolow
RECOMMENDATION:	( 5 -0 -0)
DATE:	March, 11, 2009
DATE EXPIRES:	Upon Completion
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Coates- Bill on the floor calling for support, no recc on it yet and vote next week. Recc is (5-0-0)

Holzman- presented as though they are a union

Sibbald- No, they are not unionized.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: O'Brien-** If anyone wants to go to Narragansett Coalition meeting, it is the 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Last one before the open forum. Second, ran into a bit of a snag with the event. The town of Narragansett asked for a large amount of money for all of the different facilities that we needed. Attempting to join forces with another group to extend event. Rhode to the Statehouse is the 25<sup>th</sup>, day of the annual meeting. Notes from Dr. Dougan to excuse you from class. We will have to leave here around 11, 12 to 4.  
 Shah- What day of the week?  
 O'Brien- Wednesday

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju-** event with street ball team, I keep it Local, planning on having them play some of our students. I guess they have a routine show that they do at different locations. Finding a team would take time, this will actually be better. They have enough players to play themselves. They want to incorporate a dunk contest for those who can dunk. Late April in Keaney. Rammies- We decided to have the event in the ballroom, ballroom to Edwards would be too much.  
**Almeida-** Just got nominations Monday at the President’s meeting. Monday at 4pm, give your input, would be greatly appreciated.  
**Adepoju-** Found a cheap red carpet, month and a half to get this going. Somewhat completed by the beginning of April. Talking to Vidhi at the end of the meeting.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: LaRocca-** last meeting, discussed arming campus police bill. Jacob- someone showed me your survey, really liked it. Would like to get it out to the entire campus, get the results and based on results, finalize the bill. Tomorrow is the last day to submit artistic rendering of the Ellery pond project. Really want to support students for

sustainable development. Been in the forest before, once for a bio class, great resource, think it would be very hurtful to lose that. Next step would be to speak to admin and see there side.

**Bickham-** Is the emporium considered on campus?

**LaRocca-** No, town of South Kingstown.

**Bickham-** Long entrance right before Cumberland farms, very dark.

**LaRocca-** since its next to budget building, can see if we can get a light, will check to see if it's part of URI campus.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**a. Director of Communications- Simon-** newsletter is out, finishing an article with Tom, if you have anything, let me know.

**Rodrigues-** Newsletter is nice by the way.

**b. Secretary- Pelletier-** Kudos to Juelia.

**c. Treasurer- Shah-** All of the bills are good, preparing binder for whoever is treasurer next year. Your welcome. All is good financially. Be safe on Spring break!

**d. Vice President- Bedard-** Four people tonight are the four finalists for senior speaker. Please talk to me after the meeting so we can set up one more date. Announcing a winner by the annual meeting.

BBQ- pushing over to Vidhi. Other than that, have a safe spring break, if going to Mexico, use the buddy system. Come back in one piece.

**f. President- Ahrens-** Bill on the floor for arming campus police, use week to inform yourself more about the subject. Former senator Brown has information. Remind everyone, bus to new york, use your word of mouth to tell students to use it. Going to die unless we promote it. Explain bus to everyone. Call from lawyer for ACLU- new judge, judge smith, meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> to go over stuff on both sides. If you have any other information for the lawyer, typing up an executive summary. We are going to see if an agreement can be reached. Any other information to add, please let me know. News article which Juelia and I are posting, about traveling safely and traveling across borders. Register your trip with US dept of state. For the higher education day, day to lobby to BOG, about why URI deserves more funding from the state. URI student senate has gone every year. We provide the food for the event, do some promotional stuff. Live meetings, talk to senators, will make sure everyone can get rides. Event is only from 2-4:30. Try to show up for an hour or two. Have a good spring break, travel safely.

- **RULES AND ETHICS: No report.**

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Bylaws Committee-** There are two bills on the floor, hope you have read them over. I hope others have talked to other committee members.

**Elections Committee-** Tonight run off election for students who had tied votes. Five students names are on the agenda, two available seats. Were not nominated on the floor, voted in through the election. I will check about senator Faustin to have him added. Small binder for the next elections chair.

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Internal Election for Off-Campus Representative (2 seats)

**Corey Long-** I would just like to say that I think democracy is something everyone hold's close to their hearts. I'll do my best to not only represent my own opinions but also will make decisions that will affect commuter population.

**Yensan-** Major, class, stats?

**Long-** Clinical psychology interest, commuting for a year and a half, sophomore.

Jess Chan- not here

Bryant McGrath- not here

Marco Kaiser- not here

Robbie Cox- not here

Congrats to Corey Long and Jess Chan.

Nominations for Finance Chair-

LaRocca nominates Petit, Coates seconds.

Adepoju nominates Boiteau, O'Brien seconds. Declines

O'Brien nominates Holzman, Sibbald seconds.  
 Nominations for SOARC Chair  
 Rodrigues nominates Holland, Messineo seconds.  
 Coates nominates Sinapi, Luther seconds.  
 Sibbald nominates Aronoff, O'Brien seconds.  
 Petit nominates Messineo, Slater seconds. Declines  
 Adepoju nominates Almeida, Boiteau seconds.  
 O'Brien nominates LaRocca, second by Sibbald. Declines.

Results of Internal election, Congrats to Corey Long and Jess Chan.

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**SS-08/09-81 BILL CALLING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, ARTICLES V**

Whereas, the appointed officers of the Senate require a 1/3 vote to be approved by the Senate, while all other officers of the Senate require a majority, and  
Whereas, the appointed positions receive a stipend from student activity tax dollars, and  
Whereas, there have been many issues in the past of inactive appointed officers resulting in tax dollars being spent on an individual not fulfilling job requirements, and  
Whereas, an appointed officer should have the confidence of the student body, and  
Whereas, the Senate represents the student body, so an appointed officer through a majority approval vote will have the confidence of the Senate and thereby the student body, and  
Whereas, there have been problems in producing a Senate newsletter on a monthly basis, and  
Whereas, the newsletter is still a benefit to the URI Student Community, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(additions in *italics*, removals in ~~strike through~~, ellipsis indicates unchanged text)

• **Article V. OFFICERS**

Section A. Popularly Elected Executive Officers

[...]

Part 1. President of the Student Body

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

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[...]

b. No nominee shall take office until he/she has received a confirmation from the Senate. A confirmation shall be defined as ~~one-third~~ *majority* vote of the Senate in favor of the candidate taking office. If a nominee fails to receive confirmation by the Senate, the President shall make a second nomination for that position.

[...]

Section C. Executive Officers Nominated by the President

Part 3. Director of Communications

Subpart a. Responsibilities and Powers

[...]

2. Shall have the responsibility to oversee the dissemination of information regarding the functions and activities of the Senate to the campus community and all relevant external parties including but not limited to a ~~monthly~~ *newsletter, produced no less than once a semester*, informing the university community about the current and future project of the Senate.

SPONSOR:

Bylaws Committee

BILL HANDLER:

Allen Petit

DATE: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
 ACTION: Passed

**Petit-** changing currently req 1/3 vote for pres appointees. Changing to a majority vote. Have seen over years, issues with not just one appointed position. Even if majority of senate votes against person, could still get position. Like the chairs, they are stipend positions. Paying someone to not do a job. Part of the rational why we are changing.

Second change is regarding newsletter, requested for it to be monthly. After it being done all year, impractical, once a semester would be more practical. If the chairs don't submit material, doc can't submit newsletter. Once a semester, much larger and bigger newsletter. Minimum of once but if they want to do more, awesome.

**LaRocca-** Want to encourage everyone to vote for this bill, great idea. Hope people have questions.

**Sibbald-** It's a common sense bylaws change, hope you vote for it quickly.

**Adepoju-** Don't really like how DOC only writes 1x/semester, think doc should still put out information, each chair could still have a template piece even if they don't add extra. Think it should be monthly. Don't penalize DOC for not giving info.

**Sinapi-** It's just at least once a semester. It's only so DOC doesn't get punished if chairs do nothing.

**Sibbald-** Just says no less than once a semester, could do it monthly if they want. 3 might be better than 4, 4 might be too many if they aren't full.

**Petit-** Let DOC Simon address what Maxwell brought up about the doc getting in trouble.

**Simon-** Started newsletter, doc should produce, get student groups informed about senate and the university. In the beginning, it was just standing committees, had to hound people to get report. It was irritating, 4 would hand in stuff and 2 wouldn't. I filled in information for some of them on my own. I understand the bill as minimal number of times, I wouldn't change anything about it. For how ever long I am DOC, I would still do a newsletter each month but maybe not include standing committees each month. New format spotlights groups. Have to do each month.

**Ahrens-** Want newsletter to have valuable information in the newsletter. Want it to be something that people read and actually get information from. Upcoming elections, important dates, by limiting the number, actually makes a much more reliable source and more full of information.

**Yensan-** Max initiated the general debate. Big critic of the current role of DOC. Think they could be doing a lot more. Change represents unfortunate responsibility for domino affect. With issues of out reach and students, a lot of people don't even know we exist. A lot of this falls onto DOC's shoulder.

**Petit-** When we changed bylaws regarding the DOC position, coo resp. have been split between VP and DOC. To let you know this is minimum for bylaws, exec or president could tell DOC to do more often.

**Adepoju-** I feel like you do put in a lot of work, chase exec members down, I feel like DOC position should have more weight on it. Newsletters should come out monthly and exec members tell what they are doing at exec. DOC could take notes about what is going on there and use that information for the newsletter. When I am writing my blurb for the newsletter, I can't get everything that is going on in there. Taking down what was done within the month, will help what is put in there. Having publications once/month helps discussion with students.

**Shah-** In my years on senate, first year I have seen DOC utilized. When the turnover comes, afraid they will see once/semester as a minimum. Makes me afraid because you don't know who is going to take over and what is going to happen. Agree with max, doing once a month is good, a lot happens on senate.

**Prata-** Interpret bill, don't think it should diminish role of everyone, protect one of member's of exec. Way to make sure DOC is okay in job.

**Petit-** Seems like everyone is debating about DOC apart. If someone wants to, someone can motion to keep the first part the way it was. We don't want the entire bill to fail.

**Yensan-** Motion to amend bill to read as was in regards to DOC. Second by Coates.

Bylaws- (1-3-0) Open debate on amendment.

**Holzman-** more appr. Way to break up bill is to consider by paragraph

**Coates-** Motion to end debate on motion. Rejected.

**LaRocca-** I would vote against this motion, was going to suggest that we find a middle ground to produce no less than twice a semester. When I spoke to committee, this is what I said.

**Shah-** If some people feel that they are not comfortable with this, should go back and amend.

**Yensan-** uncomfortable with entire thing, talking about compromises, can't put a number on this, doc is executive position, may not be in the mission statement exactly, need to represent the view of the senate. Should take the initiative and reach out, this is setting the bare minimum. If we are talking about one or two times, that is what they are going to do.

**LaRocca-** I think what a lot of people are forgetting, everyone can utilize the DOC. If we jam pack the doc with so much stuff in the bylaws, not going to have enough time to do every thing that comes up with the chairs and committees. I ask Juelia all the time for help with different publications. Is that room to utilize the DOC, need something done, talk to Juelia and ask the DOC.

**Ahrens-** I think this debate is foolish, this is the first year we have ever had this before. Gave DOC extra role of newsletter. I'm not objected to doing 2, if you need to write or have something written, everyone on senate can utilize DOC. Failure of student senate in filling up newsletters. Even if you split it down to two per semester, still other responsibilities. Was monthly originally, was double sided paper, now is an 8 page booklet. If you want something well done, let us do the good booklets with information, color pages, organization information. Regardless of what you want to do, make a decision, not life or death. Move down to one or two/semester. They get inundated with other stuff.

**Coates-** I don't have a problem with newsletter number being up to president.

**Sinapi-** Motion to end debate.

**Holland-** second

VOTE ON MOTION TO CHANGE WORDING BACK TO WHAT IT IS CURRENTLY- MOTION FAILS.

Discussion on bill as a whole-

**Holzman-** Move to consider by paragraph. Opposition.

**Bruce-** not appropriate here. Allen has already prepared you for the fact that there are two key parts of the bill. Debate separation. Suggest to stay with bill the way it is, do not care what version of bill you pass.

**Sinapi-** Motion to end debate. Messineo- seconds. Opposition- vote, division, debate is ended.

Bill passes.

**SS-08/09-80 BILL CALLING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, ARTICLES IX**

Whereas, the bylaws require consistency involving level recognition/budgeting, and Whereas, in order to use student activities money both contingency based and budgeted the bylaws require a (2/3) approval, and Whereas, fixing this inconsistency will help resolve problems in the future, therefore it is, Resolved, that the URI Student Senate Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

(additions in *italics*, removals in ~~strikethrough~~, ellipsis indicates unchanged text)

• **Article IX. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

[...]

Section A. Recognition

[...]

Part 2 Requirements

[...]

Levels I, II, and III, *IV* organizations shall hold their annual meetings before April 1 unless special permission has been granted by ~~the~~ SOARC Committee.

[...]

Section B. Funds

[...]

Part 5. Eligibility for Funding by Budget

Subpart a. Definition

The Senate may by two-thirds (2/3) vote enact legislation granting eligibility for funding by budget Levels I, ~~and~~ II, and III provided that the Senate itself may function as if inherently eligible for funding by budget.

SPONSOR: Bylaws Committee  
 BILL HANDLER: Allen Petit  
 DATE: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4- 0- 0)  
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
 ACTION: Passed

**Petit-** fixing two inconsistencies in the bylaws, recognizes that level 4 fits in one location but not in the other. Just adding and level 4, second change is adding and level 3, level three gets an FBP, is a budget by nature, should just be reflected in bylaws that it is that way. Talked to a few people on bylaws committee in the past, they had planned to change this.

**LaRocca-** Motion to strike the word committee, article 9 Friendly in committee.

**Petit-** Few spelling type errors occurred when information was lost from computer loss.

**Bickham-** Motion to amend 1, 2 and 3, 4, done last week, do not know why it was not already friendly.

**Yensan-** Motion to also strike the word The before SOARC. No opposition, friendly in committee.

VOTE ON BILL- passed!

**Petit-** Bylaws will not have any more bills. Able to address concerns. If you have anything else that should have been addressed that was not. Pretty sure we got everything that needed to be changed but can do a 5 senator bill if necessary.

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

**SS-08/09-89 BILL CALLING FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPRING ELECTION RESULTS**

Whereas, the Spring Election was held as scheduled with no irregularities and no challenges filed, and

Whereas, the Elections Committee produced a final count of the valid cast ballots and no recount was requested, therefore be it

Resolved that the URI Student Senate confirm the following results (winners in bold):

	Referendum
Yes	<b>1044</b>
No	411
	President/Vice President (1)
<b>Dave Bedard/Vidhi Shah</b>	<b>812</b>
Maxwell Adepoju/Amanda Clarke	630

	At-Large Representatives (12)
<b>Josh Einhorn</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Mike Holden</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gage Kearns</b>	<b>150</b>
<del><b>Jesse Stein</b></del>	<del><b>149</b></del>
<b>Zach Stolow</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Jorge Rodrigues</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>Jonathan Hansen</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Brianna Valenti</b>	<b>118</b>
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# URI STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

March 11, 2009

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Naomi Jeanty	78
Allison Keihm	74

## On-Campus Representative (9)

<b>Jason J. Almeida</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Gianna Prata</b>	<b>404</b>
<b>Rachael Gaudio</b>	<b>385</b>
<b>Joseph Puleo</b>	<b>370</b>
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<b>Hakeem Ottun</b>	<b>18</b>

## Off-Campus Representative (11) (ties to be determined by internal elections)

<b>Katherine Holland</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Noel Slater</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Katrina Meehan</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Stephen Messineo</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>Christopher Raupers</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Thomas J. Van Fechtmann</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Suzanne Sharkey</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Max Moss</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Tim Gray</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Corey Long</b>	<b>2</b>
Jaimie Testa	2
<b>Jess Chan</b>	<b>2</b>
Bryant McGrath	2
David Ruiz	2
Marco Kaiser	2
Matt Brum	2
Robbie Cox	2

## College of Business Representative (1)

<b>Steve Boiteau</b>	<b>23</b>
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## College of Arts and Sciences Representative (1)

<b>Anthony Sinapi</b>	<b>45</b>
Joseph Puelo	38

## College of Engineering Representative (1)

<b>Jacob Holzman</b>	<b>9</b>
Jamie Bova	5

## College of Pharmacy Representative (1)

<b>Nicole Mingoia</b>	<b>17</b>
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## College of Nursing Representative (1)

<b>Temitope Daodu</b>	<b>29</b>
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Katherine Holland

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College of Human Sciences and Services Representative

**Andrew Weiss**

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College of Environmental and Life Sciences Representative (1)

**Shaun O’Laughlin**

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University College Representative (1)

**Jon Aronoff**

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SPONSOR: Elections Committee  
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Amanda LaRocca  
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4 – 0 – 0)  
 DATE: March 11, 2009  
 DATE EXPIRES: Annual Meeting  
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

**LaRocca-** motions to bold Corey and Jess Chan.

**Holzman-** People who are not eligible are on the bill.

**LaRocca-** We will strike people next week.

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

**LaRocca-** forgot during campus affairs, new bus for free with ID, 212, goes down to south county commons on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, love that esp. for freshman and sophomores. Committee had an idea, want to promote. Want to have a night where campus affairs and others on senate will go out using the bus. We can say we have taken the bus, what we like, suggestions that we have. Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Didn’t decide if we wanted to do a small dinner or ice cream, haven’t figure it out yet. We could even do bowling. Friday night before hand is Relay for Life. Thinking about leaving from bus circle around 6 or 7. Next meeting, sign up list for those who are interested.

**Petit-** POI is bus free?

**LaRocca-** Yes with student ID.

**Coates-** tomorrow at 5pm in room 354, provost meeting.

**Petit-** Yield time to Officer Mark

**Officer Mark-** Safe and Happy break! Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, student skate night, come out and have fun.

**Holzman-** as you are individually considering arming campus police, two charges as student gov, rep student body opinion and also do what is best for student body as a whole.

**Bruce-** I missed you last week, congrats on last week’s finance meeting. Be very careful on Spring Break and Vidhi, I’ll talk to you after the meeting.

**Rodrigues-** Motion to adjourn.

Holden- Second

**Bedard-** Please sign up for Relay for Life. Senate has a team. Senior speaker, meet me after the meeting.

**M. ROLL CALL: AYE:** Abbe, Adepoju, Allison, Almeida, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Einhorn, Faustin, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Inthisone, LaRocca, Luther, Lynch, O’Brien, Prata, Rodrigues, Sinapi, Slater, Stein, Valenti, Yensan

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

Nay- Holzman, Petit, Sibbald

**N. ADJOURNMENT:**