

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** 10:44pm

**B. ROLL CALL:** Adepoju, Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Gray, Hansen, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, LaRocca, Long, MacKinnon, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Ottun, Pelletier, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Rodrigues, Shah, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stollow, Valenti, Van Fechmann, Weiss

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Petit-** Motion to add bill for nominations for Rules and Ethics and Elections committee under special orders after internal elections.

**Bedard-** Nominations are next week, not this week, after exec is in place.

**Clarke-** Motion to add bill SS 08/09/86.

**Agenda passes.**

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** **LaRocca-** motion to table reading and approval of the minutes to next week. Second by Holden.

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Holland-** Put out name tags.

**Aronoff-** Camp is hiring, if you need a summer job, let me know. A few jobs left.

**Stollow-** SAWA event for tomorrow night moved to April 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-8. It's a great event.

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE: Petit-** New senators, if you are interested, request it on your sheet or come and talk to me. My office hours are posted in the senate office. If you are interested, committee meets on Tuesday nights at 5pm. Last thing I would say, as a new senator, please talk to other senators, don't just be a warm body.

- **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 25, 2009

RECOMMENDATION:

Passage (4-0-0)

EXPIRATION DATE:

Valid Until Next Re-recognition

ACTION:

Passed.

**Rep-** First book is a chapter, national organization that benefits low income families by giving them the chance to own their first new books. Children are not being given the same opportunities to read and have great interactions with their teachers. Hoping to engage the students on campus, already have 45 people in our facebook group join. There is an awareness on campus that children of local Rhode island families really need this help. If we are approved, we would love to engage other people in the URI community. We already had some fundraisers, hoping to show never ending story in swan hall. We are also having a literacy day, want to be able to give back to these children.

**Clarke-** Level 4, definitely suggest that you vote for this organization.

Bill passes.

**Clarke-** meeting time is Mondays at 5:30 in room 314. Come by and see what we do. I'll be around for a while, working with Holland, going over everything new with SOARC and the president's meeting.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Stolow-** Meeting is Friday at 2pm in the senate office.
- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Mingoia-** Done for the semester, meetings are Fridays at 3pm. We do a lot with the lawsuit and coalition. Neighbors who live in area towns full time do not always like us.
- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju-** We are beautiful. Really want Angie Abbe to be chair, vote for her. We meet Monday at 4pm in room 301.
- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: LaRocca-** Welcome new senators, I'm sorry you never saw me at the orientations. Campus deals with everything on campus, snow, rain, dining halls, residence halls, walkways. Our big project is the Ellery pond restoration project. We want to clear out a lot of the brush and work with the admin to clean out a lot of the silt. We want to stop the rojo's complex from flooding. Mondays at 2pm in room 301. If you aren't assigned to a committee, doesn't mean you can't go. I occasionally bake, I owe Rachel some sugar cookies.
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
  - a. **Director of Communications- Simon-** DOC takes care of anything having to do with the media, get students informed about what is going on with senate. I have been doing a newsletter every month. Highlight outstanding groups, talks about committees. If you need anything coming from the senate, talk to DOC.
  - b. **Secretary- Pelletier-** Meet Kim and Bruce this week, that is your goal for this week. They are both amazing. I type minutes, as of next week, this will not be my job anymore.
  - c. **Treasurer**
  - d. **Vice President Shah-** If you want to be on speaker's list, raise your hand high because I have bad eyes. Please introduce yourself to me so I can attach a name to your face. Anyone who has not filled out this form, even old senators, raise your hand. It is so I can assign you to committees. List of preferences, contact, when you are available. You will know your committee by Sunday. You must go to one committee meeting. You must also do one office hour each week and sign in for your minutes. Figure out what committee you want to be on. Ask if you have any questions.
  - e. **President- Bedard-** Going to have a great year and get a lot done, I know you will all do great things. A few things, as far as your responsibilities, Vidhi is going to keep track of minutes and committee attendance even more. Current chairs and prospective chairs, Vidhi is going to hound you if you do not get your minutes in. Tom and I lacked a little on this but we are going to hound you. I have a big sheet of liaison positions that I will be putting up in the next week or two. If you are interested, I can assign you. Many are appointed in the fall but you can start looking at them now. It's a great way to get new people involved right away. Join Relay for Life! As far as senate social, Wednesday night tradition is Applebee's. In place of Applebee's, we are traveling to Denny's in Warwick, open 24 hours.

**- RULES AND ETHICS:**

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Presidential Appointments

Director of Communications- Juelia Simon  
 Secretary- Joelle Harrington  
 Treasurer- Steve Boiteau

Very confident in all 3, will do great things. Talk to them, talk to me. You will have a chance to ask them questions.

Nominations for Internal Elections

Academic Affairs- Stolow nominates Coates, second by Holzman.

Adepoju nominates Bickham, second by Slater.

Clarke nominates Sinapi, Boiteau seconds.

Campus Affairs- Rodrigues nominates LaRocca, petit seconds.  
Coates nominates Holzman, seconded by Stolow.  
Aronoff nominates Slater, Clarke seconds.

Cultural Affairs- Adeopju nominates Abbe, seconded by Messineo.  
Rodrigues nominates Aronoff, Petit seconds.  
Clarke nominates Almeida- respectfully declines.

External Affairs- Bedard nominates Clarke, Rodrigues seconds  
Boiteau nominates Mingoia- declines  
Coates nominates Holzman- second by Slater  
Petit nominates Messineo- declines  
Boiteau nominates Rodrigues- declines

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

**Bruce-** Congratulate everyone who is joining senate, staying on senate, about to leave the senate. I look forward to seeing you in room 210. If I can help you with anything, let me know. Special congratulations from Maureen, she likes to be here but she could not be here tonight. Her mother was 95 and a great woman. She looks forward to meeting you and congrats to everyone.

**Stolow-** The event I said is the 20<sup>th</sup> is actually the 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

**Petit-** Glad meeting went past 10:30, be prepared Wednesday.

**Pelletier-** Announcement because Tom Sibbald is not here, Bowling for Bods is tomorrow, great event, flyers are going around.

**Messineo-** Motion to adjourn, Aronoff seconds.

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 11:11** Make a wish.