

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Bedard, Bialonczyk, Birch, Boukari, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Coates, Cologna, Einhorn, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Harrington, Holland, Holden, Holzman, Jones, Juhr, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Navilliet, Petit, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Shah, Sharkey, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Stewart, Stewart, Timas, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Coates- motion to add recommendation for bill SS-09/10-75, Boukari seconds (4-0-1)

Vote- passes

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: vote- passes ☺ yay!

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Petit- motion for pledge, opposition, passes

Holzman- hillel is having an event Saturday night, other side of barlow, 8 p.m.

Boukari- counseling center, 11-2 in atrium 2 alcohol screening day, first 100 people get coupons for a slice of pizza from ronziros, facebook event, invite friends, let people know in groups

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-09/10-67 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ALIMIA INTERNATIONAL DANCE ASSOCIATION

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 \$2,250.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line and \$1566.40 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #720 (Uniforms) line in the budget of Alima.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, March 3 rd , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Member- march 17th, soul, annual show, do it to display international multicultural dances, various orgs on campus, last year raised money for Haiti for education, this year Haiti but for relief fund, also doing foundation dedicated towards education. 5th annual show, successful in the past. Edwards again. Well known around campus

Prata- did you fill up bottom or top?

Member- top as well, people standing in back

Prata- one of our biggest orgs, promote diversity, I expect my committee to show up at this event. They won two rammies last year.

Vote- passes ☺ Holland abstains

SS-09/10-68– CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ART CLUB

Whereas, Art, is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas Art 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 \$762.562 from our General Contingency to the Category #400 (Capital Improvements) line in the budget of Art.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Petit- they spoke to me, members can’t make it so motion to table it to next week, holden seconds

SS-09/10-72 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION (NASO)

Whereas, NASO, is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, NASO would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas NASO 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 \$2283.95 from our Programming to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of NASO.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-09/10- 73 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR PANHELLIC COUNCIL

Whereas, Panhel, is a Senate recognized organization, and
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 \$4398.57 from our Programming to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of Panhel.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, March 3rd, 2010
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-2)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Next Week

Petit- budgets originally next week but we need to meet with a few other groups, vote on march 17th, week before spring break and st. patricks day. Hopefully everyone will be here to vote

Messineo- couple weeks ago I thought we had a bill on the floor for exposure what happened

Petit- pushed back into committee, issues they hadn’t resolved, should be voted on next week

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-09/10-71– Bill Calling for the Recognition of Film Experience at Category R

Whereas, Film Experience will create an outlet for students interested in viewing and creating films.
Whereas, Film Experience meets the requirements for recognition at category R, and
Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Film Experience.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, March 3 rd , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Valid Until Next Re-recognition
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Member- There was no film group established, want to create networking, experience in field if they're majoring or not. Become a studio of creating our own films, critiquing them, viewing others films, incorporating all aspects of film media into this club to get experience do what we all want to do. Currently in the process of filming a couple of things. Very serious about this.

Holland- hope you vote for them, all around support for film appreciation, film club here.

Caisse- full support behind this group, known matt for the past few years, passionate and talented. Believe he has the ability to spearhead this org and really make it work

Coates- I'm going to ask for clarification for r vs a, we do have a film major here

Holland- not everyone who likes film needs to be a film major, can watch a movie and talk about with friends this is where they can do this

Sinapi- why r and not a

Holland- its not for academic purposes its for liking films, certain groups targeted towards majors, this group targeted towards films, nothing to do with major

Holzman- any resources from film dept regarding making, editing movies, or movies to view?

Member- currently we are going to the media center at the library for equipment, people who are film majors have access to equipment, but not directly related.

Clarke- recognized r because they're a common interest group, vote for them there

Coates- from now on, justification for a group isn't peoples majors because technically anyone can join any group, there are several groups geared towards a major that have members from everything

Member- I'm not a film major I'm secondary ed, encourage everyone to come

Petit- I don't see an issue with finding or anything at category r, not an issue

Bedard- group not receiving any financial backing from film, why they're r

Vote- passes ☺ Caisse abstains

SS-09/10-74– Bill Calling for the Recognition of Veteran Student Association at Category R

Whereas, Veteran Student Association will help veterans transition from military to college life and to enrich the community and the campus by uniting veteran students with each other and with other non-veteran students.

Whereas, Veteran Student Association meets the requirements for recognition at category R, and
Whereas, it is custom of the Student Senate to do so, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate recognizes Veteran Student Association.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland

DATE: Wednesday, March 3, 2010
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (6-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Holland- next presidents meeting is April 5th at 7 in atrium 2

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

SS-09/10-75 BILL CALLING FOR THE OFFICIAL URI STUDENT SENATE PROPOSAL TO THE STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES COMMITTEE REGARDNG THE DISPOSITION OF THE URI STUDENT HANDBOOK

Whereas, from time to time the University of Rhode Island constitutes the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee to solicit suggestions from the campus community for inclusion in and alterations to the URI Student Handbook, and

Whereas, the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee is empowered to deliberate upon these proposals and make recommendations for the alteration of the URI Student Handbook to the URI Faculty Senate for approval, and

Whereas, it is the Student Senate’s responsibility to insure that proposed changes to the URI Student Handbook reflect closely the student community’s values and expectations and protects the general student interest, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following policy recommendations shall be considered the official policy recommendations of the Student Body of the University of Rhode Island:

[italics mark inclusions to the text, strikethroughs mark removal from the text]

Pg. 8 Statement of Students’ Rights

Include: *Students have the right to be represented in university decision-making and policy-forming processes, the right to be duly informed of proposed changes to student responsibilities and academic policies, and to participate meaningfully in discussions regarding those issues.*

1.1 Truthful Information. Providing incorrect, untruthful or incomplete information *in response to legitimate requests by* ~~to~~ University officials or conduct board is prohibited.

1.3 Evidence. Destroying, altering, or concealing evidence of violations of community standards *in an attempt to avoid consequences or to assist another to avoid consequences* is prohibited.

1.4 Academic Honesty. [Some mention of use of tutoring services and the writing center would be appropriate]

1.5 Procedures. [...] a. ii. May fail the student for the course, with permission from the instructor’s dean [...] d. Disciplinary action on an allegation of academic dishonesty may be requested by the ~~student’s dean~~, the instructor’s dean, or by the instructor with a statement of position from the instructor’s dean. *Students may refer to University Manual sections 8.27.10 through 8.27.21. f. In the case of a student being exonerated by the conduct board or administrative hearing the professor is enjoined from action.*

2.5 Physical Actions. [...] a. Actions which *require* medical attention for substance abuse.

2.6c Consent. [...] Impairment due to alcohol and drug use, permanent/temporary ~~emotional~~ *mental* or physical disability[...]

2.6g What to Do Following a Sexual Assault. [...] However, if these have been done, a “rape kit” can *still* be performed.

2.6h Options for Victims of Sexual Harassment. [...] A student may pursue any or all of these options. *At no time should any victim of sexual assault be advised or counseled not to pursue legal action.*

2.16 Hazing. [...] paddling in any form, infliction of excessive fatigue, physical and psychological shocks; forced consumption of any substance, exposure to the elements, quests, treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, road trips, or any other such activities[...]

2.20 Safety Equipment [...] ~~Responsibility for a false fire alarm will result in the minimum sanction of removal from campus residence.~~

2.21 Drugs [...] ~~...including syringes and needles and inhalants~~ is prohibited.

2.21 Drugs [...] ~~Being in an on-campus room where illegal drugs are being used may result in conduct charges.~~

2.23a Illegal consumption and possession of alcohol. [...] ~~Empty alcohol containers randomly located in a room of someone under 21 may result in charges.~~

2.23b Proximity to alcohol or other drugs. [*strike entire section*]

2.28 Locations for Consumption. The University Club is the only designated *public* area for the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

2.34 ~~Minimum Mandatory~~ *Recommended* Sanctions for Alcohol and Other Drug Violations: Individual Students. (Strike any instances of “minimum mandatory” thereafter and replace with “recommended”).

4.1 Responding. Students must appear before a university official when properly notified to appear. *The student must be given an adequate period of time to respond, and must be notified of the reason for which they have been summoned.*

5.1 Student Senate. [...] ...and serves as the governing body for all recognized organizations. *The Student Senate shall have the sole power to make all appointments of undergraduate students to any policy-making, advisory, or search committee at the University. The University shall fulfill its burden to duly inform the students of upcoming and current policy discussions by notifying the Senate of them in a timely fashion.*

6.2c Overnight Guests. [...] Any one guest cannot stay in a student residence or Greek house longer than 4 nights within a month without explicit *written* consent of the roommate(s), suitemates, and/or apartment mates ~~as well as approval from the Hall Director, Site Manager, or House President.~~

6.3 Noise [...] If, ~~in the judgment of a University staff member~~ the noise level has interfered with any educational or residential activity to the point where a resident has lodged a complaint...

6.10 Appliances. [*include in allowed appliances: computer, printer, laptop/phone charger, game systems*]

6.22 Entry Without Consent [...] ...there is the smell of marijuana, a towel under the door, ~~the window is open and a fan is on...~~

6.22a Limited Administrative Search [...] ...hands-off and limited to what is in plain sight, ~~refrigerator contents~~ and a quick look...

16. Mediation. If formal mediation is the unanimous choice of ~~three~~ *two* parties: [...], ~~and (3) the Office of Student Life.~~ Mediation may be initiated at any point in the process when the ~~three~~ *two* parties agree to mediate....

17. Charges. [...] A student has ~~48 hours~~ *3 business days* to point out errors in charge letters and when a corrected letter is issued, a student will have at minimum and additional ~~48 hours~~ *3 business days* to choose action.

18. Response to Conduct Charge. [...] Students will have a minimum of ~~two business days (48 hours)~~ *three business days (72 hours)* upon receipt to respond to a charge letter. a. If the student accepts responsibility for the charges and the recommended sanction, the case is resolved and a decision letter will confirm the resolution. ~~This option, administrative action, is the most expedient and private and most cases are resolved in this manner.~~

19. Hearings. [...] ~~Concerns, challenges, or objections regarding the process are not part of the hearing but must be raised with the Office of Student Life no later than 48 hours in advance of the hearing.~~

20. Only full-time students who do not have current judicial sanctions are allowed to serve. ~~The existing board selects new student members.~~ *The student members are selected by general secret-ballot election from among the student body. Any student who meets the qualifications listed above may run for the position.*

21. Hearing Panels. [...] ...the hearing panel consists of four students and one faculty member selected from the board as described in section 20. *The chairperson of the panel shall be selected from the student members of the board.*

24.4 Hearings are closed *by default*. *By written request, the charged student may intentionally waive the right to a closed hearing and open the hearing to the public. If this is done, the Office of Student Life shall act to ensure that the public shall be accommodated in the hearing room, and that the presence of the public shall not disrupt the process of the hearing; this should not be interpreted to allow the exclusion of student or professional media.*

24.14 [...] Decisions are based only upon evidence and testimony introduced at the hearing. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote, *except deliberations on responsibility, which shall require unanimity*. The chairperson has the right to vote in all matters.

25.1 [...] A digital recording of the hearing **will** be made to help in the preparation of a hearing report and appeal. ~~Poor recording quality will not be grounds for appeal.~~

25.8 Charged student, *complaining witness*, and advisor leave the hearing room.

28.1 Situational Conditions. j. Fines for alcohol/*drug* violations

28.1 Situational Conditions. k. Random drug testing (*to be used only if the case involved abuse, possession, or sale of drugs by the charged student*)

30.2a [Strike entire section as repetitious of 30.1a]

, and be it further

Resolved, that these policy recommendations shall constitute the official instructions of the URI Student Senate to any student appointee to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee, and be it further

Resolved, that the Senate shall undertake all actions necessary and proper to assist the student members of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee in delivering and negotiating for the adoption of the aforementioned policy recommendations, and be it finally

Resolved, that the Senate shall undertake all actions necessary and proper to ensure the successful passage of these changes and all other changes deemed by the Senate to be in the student body's interest through the Student Handbook amendment process

Sponsor: Academic Affairs Committee
 Bill Handler: Chairman Coates
 Recommendation: PASSAGE (4-0-1)
 Date Introduced: March 3, 2010
 Date Expires: Upon the final disposition of the pending business of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Committee
 Action: Vote next Week

Coates- we have quite a lengthy bill on the floor for next week, extremely important that you look through this bill very carefully, regarding our changes to the handbook, should have it read well before next wed. vitally important that you ask me questions before next meeting, paraphrased, some of it out of context. If having issues over wording compare it to handbook, 6 copies in office
Boukari- what's being added or subtracted to section on hazing?

Coates- being reorganized, issue where word forced appeared but does not seem to imply everything's forced

Holzman- seeing as there is nothing in here regarding off campus jurisdiction which is typically one of the biggest things, should we refer this back to committee to be added or amend it on the floor?

Coates- time sensitive, committee has already begun work and will do it. Need senate's support. If it will be amended you'll be provided with changes ahead of time

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Clarke- commuter housing fair next Wednesday, get a chance to come by especially if you're moving off campus, well have a booth about rights, what we can do for them. Something going on at statehouse, I'll let you know more about road to the statehouse when I hear more.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Prata- planning more with the rammies, talking to departments helping us, sent out a list of awards we will be having to groups, give opportunity to nominate their groups and others. Once have final ballots, then we will hand it out to all presidents at meeting. In addition to groups getting ballots, comm. Has decided each senate member gets a ballot as well. Get one and give them back to me. That's about it.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Sinapi- not much. A lot of potholes, but start being fixed as of today. If you have seen any please send me a note so I can forward it. If anyone has any ideas for survey about permits email them to me. A bill for Ellery is on agenda further along. You better ask me questions because we will have debate. As far as Charles hall, the presentation should be online soon. Working to get a hold of him.

Harrington- Hall will put presentation up very soon

Petit- ask me any question regarding finance on bill

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** starting to work on a few letters to the editor, out by Tuesday
- b. **Secretary Harrington-** no report
- c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** not here
- d. **Vice President Shah-** hi, assassins, if you have not assassinated your target by next week I'm disqualifying you. Second, people who owe me a dollar for your gun give it to me. All those dollars are going to the prize monies. Student speaker committee is Abigail, Rodrigues, Caisse, Harrington. I would like two more people but if we can't get two more people its an odd number so that's nice. Apps were due march 12th but I changed it to the 17th, last meeting before spring break. Facebook group, tell as many seniors as you know. If my committee could do that as well. Group looks good, 20 people interested in applying. Go to the basketball game

Cologna- how do we know who's been assassinated?

Petit- if we've done it do you want us to tell you?

Shah- yea go ahead tell me, if you want to be responsible for an assassination.

- e. **President Bedard** - hello, I'm in process of putting together student event for inauguration, if you know of groups, particularly performance groups, that are interested in participating please send them my way, give them my email. Put them on program. Student event immediately following ceremony. There is a basketball game tonight. Sign up sheet is going around. Those of you who have nothing to do after meeting please go. Probably only be one more home game. New SR&R committee, coates, caisse, rossi, holzman. Talk to them if you want to put anything in. one day of elections left. Get people out to the polls. If you know people who want to get one have them start a write in campaign. Not too hard to win. Other than that, good. If your name is on list come see me I'll give you a ticket.

- **RULES AND ETHICS: Messineo**- met last evening on number of complaints, came to a judgment on several of them and we will have a bill on floor next week.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee-

Petit- thanks for people who worked booth, Kim sent out an email there's still a spot or two where there's not two people working tomorrow, swing by tomorrow, haven't really heard any issues regarding candidates talking at polls or anything. Issues earlier with people that lived on campus, book we had did not have dorms, people were having issues. That was resolved about noon, a lot of people told to come back. Some people chose to vote off campus. Tell people to come back tomorrow. Last thing, if I could talk with the reps from each pair after meeting

Cologna- on the off campus ballot two of the names were on campus candidates, Farrow and I started crossing off some of the names

Farrow- Kim corrected it, brought out new copies, no longer the two names on there. Just not count them I guess. I noticed at 3:30

Petit- okay awesome, I will look into that tomorrow

I. SPECIAL ORDERS

Nominations for Rules & Ethics (1)

Coates- Caisse, Prata seconds

Messineo- Robert Stewart, MacKinnon seconds

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09/10-76 – CONTINGENCY GRANT 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 grant \$3500.00 from our Tax to the Category #400 (Capital Improvements) line in the budget of Senate.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	David Bedard
DATE:	Wednesday, March 3 rd , 2010
RECOMMENDATION:	Failure (0-5-2)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next Week

Bedard- background, Sinapi went to finance on behalf of senate to lock up funding for phase one of Ellery pond project, finance shut down request, ending project, Sinapi appealed to exec, voted 9-0-0 to bring to senate floor. Please talk to me, Sinapi, petit about this. This is something we've been working on for a while. We will be voting for this next week.

Sharkey- for Petit, what's balance on tax category 400?

Petit- I'll fix that next week

Tondreau- I want to clarify, project has been shut down because bill was not accepted?

Bedard- we can't do anything without money

Slater- that's someone's interpretation of the bill, things can be done without money

Sinapi- debate saved for next week

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Coates- reiterate importance of everyone looking over bill for next week, please submit questions for next week.

Rodrigues- Mind telling senate what your email address is?

Coates- its on the website. Uri.academic@gmail.com

Petit- please don't not ask questions and save them all, seek out members, people who have been on it before, a lot of issues can be resolved, better points to bring up on floor

Tondreau- please make sure that you look into it. Don't let anyone else influence you

Holden- motion to adjourn, MacKinnon seconds, declined

Bedard- if you are on list for basketball, I have 11 extra tickets, come get a ticket.

Holden- motion to adjourn, MacKinnon seconds

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Bialonczyk, Birch, Boukari, Cahill, Caisse, Clarke, Einhorn, Espinal, Farrow, Ferreira, Holden, Holland, Jones, Juh, Long, MacKinnon, Navilliet, Prata, Renzi, Rodrigues, Rosati, Rossi, Segal, Sharkey, Sinapi, Slater, Stewart K, Timas, Tondreau

NAY: Coates, Cologna, Elliott, Holzman, Messineo, Petit, Stewart R, Weiss

NO VOTE: Bedard, Harrington, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 p.m.