

A. CALL TO ORDER:6:31pm

B. ROLL CALL: Adepoju, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Hansen, Holden, Holland, Holzman, LaRocca, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Mingoia, O’Loughlin, Pelletier, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Shah, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Simon, Sinapi, Stollow, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: agenda approved

Petit- Under special orders, before presidential appointments it should say swearing in of remaining senators, and after elections of chairs it should say swearing in of chairs and appointees. Agenda approved.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

3/25 first meeting-

Petit- motions to move back to approval of agenda.

3/25 first meeting-

Bickham- Change on page 15-16, agenda to minutes.

Boiteau- add page numbers 1-14 to bottom of minutes.

Petit- Page 3- strike what Petit said about Panhel and immediate consideration.

Minutes approved from first meeting.

Second meeting- Minutes approved.

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Aronoff- After meeting, Public Relations Society is holding Family Guy trivia night, and many people on Senate are going in lieu of Applebee’s . Free wings, 3 dollar cover charge, team is 10 dollars. For those of you who are 21 there are special drink deals. Rammie nominations coming out in about an hour.

Petit- Motion for the pledge. No opposition.

Holzman- Officer Mark is raising money for cancer awareness and research, he has a bucket, help out the cause.

LaRocca- Welcome back Maureen.

Holland- Hand out about a graduate student’s dissertation study, researching psychology, takes 10 minutes out of your time. At the end there is a page you can print and some professors are offering class credit for it.

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-09/10-01 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION UHURU SASA

Whereas, ASA is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, ASA 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 \$2,400.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of ASA.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, April 1 st , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next week (Immediate Consideration)

Representative- ASA holds an annual culture show, focusing on melting pot aspect of American culture. Special guest performance by a band and a comedian. Funds will go towards cost of performance. No admissions charge, but accepting donations.

Petit- Motion for immediate consideration

Holden seconds.

Petit- Motion to strike UHURU SASA from end of bill title.

Bill passes.

SS-09/10-02 – 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 \$2,800 from our Travel Contingency to the Programming Contingency of the Student Senate.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, April 1 st , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

Petit- It’s near the end of the year so programming is running low. We transferred some money out of travel already to keep programming up. Since groups need to come 5 weeks in advance for travel, and we do not think anyone else is travelling, going to transfer that money to programming now.

Petit- Motion for immediate consideration

Stolow seconds.

Bill Passed.

SS-09/10-03 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR URI CONTENDERS ACADEMY

Whereas, Contenders is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Contenders 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 \$2,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #124 (Instruction) line in the budget of Contenders.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, April 1 st , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Next week

Petit- In other business, we also granted \$335 of alcohol free money to ASA for event, granted \$250 to SAWA for SAWA week. They are having an art exhibit, and that is the cost of the exhibit. Granted \$100

to contender academy for insurance waiver for boxing match. Granted \$30 dollars to SSDP/NORML for regional conference. Granted \$100.50 to Young American for Liberty.

Petit- Groups and treasurers need to put information in my box.

- **STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW**

COMMITTEE (SOARC):Clarke- Workshop for groups with SOLC, talking with Katherine this week, this will be my last SOARC report, I pushed the date back so groups have until the 13th to get election results in to me.

Coates- What happens if they are not in?

Petit- I'll freeze their budget.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Stolow-** Academic planning summit next Thursday at 5:30 pm. It's been fun, see you guys as a general member.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Mingoia- no report.

O'Brien- Absent.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Adepoju-** As far as the tournament in Keaney, April 22nd and 23rd, going to let the group coming in pick the date. Hopefully they will pick Thursday. We are waiting on them to get back to us. We will then figure out pricing for getting them out here. We are going to start advertising as well.

Aronoff- After deliberation, we came up with the final nominations for the Rammies. See Almeida or me for more information/all nominations. Student Senate's vote will count as one and all other club presidents will be voting on Monday.

Bruce- Can groups that are nominated vote?

Aronoff- Yes. Event is Tuesday night, April 28th. All of the dance organizations are performing.

Adepoju- The basketball group just confirmed and said 22nd, which is Wednesday, so the show will probably start at 7:30 and end at 10.

Boiteau- Are you still looking for students to play?

Adepoju- Going to talk to someone in Mackal and have them put up flyers for more information.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: LaRocca-** If you weren't at my meeting Monday but should have been, please come and see me. We only had a few members show up. Safety and Lighting walk is coming up. It's a walk we do around campus with students, faculty, and staff, and we walk in the evening. We go where students complain, where there is poor lighting and bad roads. We have had a lot of things changed. Although the attendance has been poor, it is usually just myself and my committee, a lot of the administration comes, and it can get pretty long. If we keep it moving, we can keep it to a good amount of time. I make a report, keep in touch with facilities, talk about what we are going to change. Going to put a sheet on the table in the office. If there is somewhere you feel unsafe or if a blue light is broken, please write on the sheet so I can emphasize these points. I emailed Mackal about basketball courts and asking about tennis courts. I might have to go right to varsity sports. Our meetings are Mondays at 2pm in room 301.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** Tell groups to join URI student groups group on facebook. I'm not friends with all of them, but I sent a message explaining what to do and how to join the group. There are clearly more than 25 groups on campus. Please Join.
Kim handed me an email about arming campus police, for Narragansett Times, and I am responding to that. Newsletter for April is done, waiting for a few more ads from student organizations. Featuring SAWA, waiting for their pictures to come in.
- b. **Secretary Pelletier-** Have fun, do a lot of senate, and do a lot while you are here.
☺ Last report!!!
- c. **Treasurer-** treasurer not elected yet
- d. **Vice President Shah -** I realized without all of the official chairs, could not give you committee assignments yet. Once all of the chairs are decided, I will place you and you will get assignments tomorrow. Will know what committee you are on by tomorrow afternoon. Attendance is going to start next week, and as a senator, you get 2 excused and one unexcused. Chairs, get me your minutes,

make sure attendance is there, sign in for minutes and sign in for office hours. New senators, fill out contact sheets. Come into the office, everyone is very friendly. Hang out in the office you'll enjoy it. We are all very friendly. If you are in the office and someone walks in from a group, give them your attention so that they know you are there to help. Sometimes people aren't comfortable. If you are in the office and no one is in there and you leave, make sure you shut the door! Applebee's after meeting, tonight going to Applebee's.

Clarke- If you don't know something for groups, don't make stuff up, tell them you don't know.

Bedard- As far as attendance, each roll call counts as a half absence. Two roll calls during each meeting. If you know you are going to be missing a meeting or coming late or leaving early, put in an excused absence form at least a few hours before the meeting. Talk to Kim if you need a form.

- e. **President Bedard-** BOG has announced 3 finalists for president's replacement. Dave has finalist list. Meeting with candidates, I am going to speak to Jack Warner about them coming in. Jack Warner had said that senate would have a roll, most likely will be a closed exec meeting with the candidates. The only information I have is their names, and they are going to be coming in over the next month. Replacement will be announced on May 11th. As of May 1st, University Library will be known as Carother's Library. Procession from Green Hall to Library. Senate exec, both old and new, are invited to be part of the procession. Letter from the URI foundation, there will be no student senate scholarship this fall because of the economy and recession, and the foundation for first time in 52 years will be freezing all endowments. If you want more information, please come and talk to me.

Bruce- You need to check website and have it taken off.

Bedard- It has been a while since they contacted us because I got a letter addressed to Neil Cavanaugh. Freezing beginning this year. If you have any questions, talk to me and you can read the letter.

LaRocca- Would people want to do a fundraiser or something, because in this bad economy this is when it is needed the most.

Bedard- How much were scholarships?

Bruce- They were around 400-500 dollar range.

Bedard- It might be hard for us to fundraise to give the normal way. We have time for this, scholarships aren't usually given until October. We'll figure something out. Senate will be in block party and mocktails. For the block party, we are doing one ton ice cream, table with tons of ice cream. Mocktails- I haven't gotten the okay, but we will be doing Beach Cruisers- raspberry, pineapple, orange and lemonade. Stuff going on all day, block party and mocktails all day. I would like each of you to help out, if you are around, it counts as your office hour for the week. Committee appointment sheet is going up for tomorrow. A lot of appointments aren't done until the fall. 69th annual greek week, greek sing tomorrow night is tomorrow night in Keaney at 7pm and Friday night is lip synch which is also at 7pm in Keaney. \$6.00 admissions fee for each event. \$5 for non Greeks and \$6 if you are greek. I'm in both so you can come and make fun of me. Relay for Life- We have 3 members now, don't forget to join. Event is on the 17th, I've done it every year since I've been here. This is the first time in a while that senate has had a team. I can help you or Stolow can help you.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Swearing in of remaining senators.

Confirmation of:

Presidential Appointments

Director of Communications- Simon

Bedard- I appointed her to stay on, she has done a great job, been in spot for a year now, knows what works and what doesn't. I would urge you to confirm her.

Clarke- Motion to vote, Holden seconds.

Bedard- 3 confirmations, do them all separately, write yes or no, takes majority.

Congrats DOC Simon.

Secretary- Harrington-

Bedard- Appointment is Joelle, this is her 2nd year on senate, been on a few different committees. Very involved, has shadowed Nicole for a while. This position is a lot more difficult than it sounds and looks. The fact that she wants to do this is awesome.

LaRocca- Joelle has been my vice chair for the past year, she does a great job taking minutes.

Pelletier- Confirm Joelle, she's awesome.

Holden- motion to vote. Congrats Joelle. You'll do great!!!!!!!!!!!!

Treasurer- Boiteau

Bedard- He is finishing up 2nd full year on senate, been very active with the finance committee. He is aware of budgets and all of that stuff. Its' a lot harder than it looks, it's all behind the scenes. Going to be very busy. He pays our bills. He has worked with Allen and been vice chair for a while. Urge you to confirm him.

Petit- Has been my vice chair, served on finance last year, also met with him on a few occasions gone through and asked questions if he was confused. Very prepared for this position, urge you to confirm him.

Clarke- motion to vote, Aronoff seconds.

Elections of:

Chair Positions

Academic Affairs –

Sinapi would like to decline nomination

David Coates-

Holzman seconds- I seconded Dave because he has a good head on his shoulders, knows issues that need to be addressed. Has been involved with provost student advisory committee. Has resources and contacts needed to solve the problems with current system as a whole.

Stolow- I nominated Dave because he came to me last month and said he was interested. He is a great committee member, has the passion to take over the position, and is on the advisory council. He knows what is going on and is ready to take on the position.

Coates- Some of the things I would do as academic affairs chair is taking care of college readership program and looking at exam rights. Working with bookstore to help fight book prices. Also problem with advising system once you leave UC. Another problem that we have is we need the college reps to have regular contact with deans. Need to be in contact with colleges at all times and work on scholarship awareness. Worked with provost a few times on honorary degree committee in the fall. What I feel I bring to the table is when I walk into the room with administrators, don't feel that they are talking down to me, have the ability to gain their respect. You need to be visible, approachable and always act in the best interest of the students.

Ronald Bickham-

Slater (seconded Bickham)- Senator Bickham is timely and well organized. One of the founders of FEDEA, VP of high school senate, good friends with Paul Whitney. Discussing policy about what he wants to do with bookstore prices.

Adepoju (nominated)- I nominated senator Bickham because he is very intelligent, carries himself very well, know that faculty and staff will feel the same. Came to me and expressed interest in being a chair, has taken roles on committee. I really feel like his strengths lie in his intellect, very reasonable person and can do well in position.

Bickham- Thank you for your kind words, I have a good rapport with Paul, maybe not very good friends. As for my platform, wanted to address bookstore prices. Zack made me the head guy to talk about bookstore prices. The situation is that professors don't tell the bookstore what books they need far enough in advance to get used books. Also wants to get rid of bundles. Met with Paul today and yesterday. Zack drafted a letter and sent to all professors. I was shown a great program, called enma, listed number of professors who opened letter. Only 50% actually clicked on the link, can follow up on those who did not

answer. He also wanted to meet with academic affairs, wanted to meet Friday but I told him with the transition it would be better to wait a week or so. Trying to get Dean Libutti to come as well. I want to concentrate on getting the bookstore prices down. Just to address position as a whole, been to a few advisory committees. I want to change position a little bit, utilize office hours to actually have students ask questions. Student was complaining about a quiz that wasn't on the syllabus. Want people to come in and ask questions that I can answer.

LaRocca- Have you been to a faculty senate meeting before and do you have time to attend in the next year?

Bickham- I have not been to one, I will have the time to go in the future.

Coates- I have not been either, had a class that I dropped. Now I have the time to go.

LaRocca- Faculty senate is very important, need to be able to have the time to work with them. Talk to people who have been to the meetings before.

Stolow- How do you plan to utilize committee?

Coates- I would use the committee to bounce ideas off of that I come up with and definitely have them attend faculty senate things with me. Other committees also associated. Hopefully come up with a lot of projects, thinking about freshman and maybe doing a major fair. A lot of issues with things through faculty Senate, web based supplements to courses that really do not have any guidelines. Probably have them working with Provost advisory council as well.

Bickham- I would like to have an open floor. Bookstore, change some of the sets questions, it says now is the course material relevant. You wanted to change it to something to ask if the book was relevant. I would like to have that on the sets. I want to have it be mandatory to attend at least one provost meeting/semester.

Petit- If you could please explain to the senate, what the Ombud is and who the current Ombud is?

Bickham- I do not know.

Coates- Ombud is Vincent Rose, do an annual report, responsible for handling conflicts between faculty, students and administration. Goes through the flow chart with what Ombud needs to do. Academic affairs needs to have a hand in conflict resolution. Issues with teachers who violate university guidelines.

Petit- When students come to seek help, only so much academic chair can do, Ombud position is very important, have a good relationship is very important. Want to have them be able to work with them. Ombud might have a student come to them and they can't help but academic affairs chair can help.

Holland- What are you planning on doing for the sets and are you going to try to get them online?

Coates- IDEAS as they are now known, think they should be online, matter of public record, do not want them buried on microfilm in the library. Left out questions about text materials being relevant to the course, can hopefully get that changed.

Bickham- I know that they are going online, I would like to keep it in class and then have them scanned through and put online. Most people just do it because it is in class. Feel that it is much smoother to just do it in class and have it scanned in.

Adepoju- Seeing that we have a new senate, could you just introduce yourselves, major, year and go over your plans?

Bickham- Sorry I have not met all of you, double major in political science and computer science, trying to major in econ, plan to get my MBA, one year program here.

Coates- Dave Coates, sophomore, double major in political science and economics, trying to minor in Chinese. Was on academic and finance, once I graduate considering spending time overseas, bounce into politics or graduate school.

Petit- Have you read the student handbook and the relevant sections relating to academics?

Coates- I've read the student version and chapter 8 of the university version, rules with exams and exam rights.

Bickham- I have not yet read them.

Petit- Pretty much, every dispute that happens with students, rules and regulations are laid out in the handbook, for the academic affairs position, the chair does a lot outside of academics, issues that come up with the conduct board. If you have read student handbook and university manual, you will understand

how conduct board works, no one is there to help them. Whether it is getting trouble for plagiarism or violence, they don't know their rights.

Faustin- Motion to vote.

Aronoff- Seconds denied

LaRocca- Recently, exam rights campaign that academic affairs chair does each semester has been lacking, so what are your plans for making that more noticeable? I had freshman complain that they had 3 exams in one day.

Bickham- 2 things, first thing I would do is contact cigar, work with DOC, week before exams. A lot of students read the cigar. Second thing- forum to take questions and answers, tell them about their rights. One more thing, running for this position, but just because I did not read a few pages, does not mean that I am not qualified.

Coates- know we have exam rights posters, post those in passable areas, I know we can ask DOC to make more. Access to list serve, send out exam rights to students.

Bedard- Both of these guys bring different aspects to the table, I am putting my support behind senator Coates, really see an extra drive in him, he has things he is already getting done and not even in the position. A lot of energy and new ideas for position.

Voting for academic affairs chair by secret ballot.

Campus Affairs –

Coates would like to nominate Sinapi, second by Holden.

Holzman declines.

Slater declines nomination.

LaRocca is nominated-

Petit (seconded LaRocca)- I seconded because she has done an amazing job this year as campus affairs chair, Ellery pond project, being very active about the safety and lighting walk, working with admin a lot with RIPTA and lands and grounds. New things that she wants to do in the future. She'll do an even better job next year.

Rodriguez (nominated)- Nominated senator LaRocca- has done so much for this university. If we keep her for another year, she will do even more. With the ice, RIPTA and Ellery pond, I believe she would continue doing the same thing, vote for her. And I love you.

LaRocca- Thank you for your nice words. If you don't know me, I am a 4th year pharmacy major, next year will be a 5th year. Been here for 3 years now, after Nicole leaves today, I am the oldest person on senate. I never say mean things like Vidhi. I have been involved with Campus Affairs since the very beginning. I was assigned to SOARC my first year but always went to Campus as well. My second year, I was SOARC chair, this past year I was campus affairs chair. I used to try to make as many committee meetings as I could. I have seen it under two different chairs. If you know me, right when an issue comes up, I'm on it like glue. In the office, I knew people who thought they might have gotten food poisoning. Right away, I was on the phone and asking if they had seen an increase with food poisoning. Right now, it's not a situation. Right when I became chair, problem with expired condiments. Toured dining services, explained to me the new inventory process. New interim director is Steve Mello. Tried a lot with RIPTA, will be continuing next year. Have talked to Lucas and got him to come to senate. Helped Kim put all of the maps online. Still working on things, they make a lot of promises and do not fulfill them. Have had two very successful safety and lighting walks. Work closely with Jerry Sidio. Started Ellery pond, idea that Officer Mark brought to campus. All of senate is behind Ellery pond, Have met with Brian Bouche from Lands and grounds. Met with Thomas Frisbee Foulton, chief architect for the University. We were both thinking about it as the same time. Had an artist search during midterms, going back to see if they are interested again. Arming campus police- trying to do it right and not quick, for next year if re-elected, want to utilize survey monkey, do not want to bombard students because if we do too much, gets to be distracting. Worked on Juicy Campus with Senator Sinapi, night for the bill was the night that they self imploded. Continue the work we have been doing. I live off campus but I am very attached to the campus. Here Monday through Friday for a long time. Can readily get here if need be. The water thing, situation with contaminated water, was one of first people to hear from off campus. That night called University communications, spoke to Weygand a lot about that situation. I know who to talk to and how to talk to them. Can't be too aggressive, this is what the students feel. Need to find ways to work things out to make it a better for the students. In LKS, but not in an executive position.

Holden- seconded Sinapi, He knows everything about senate, back and forth. Like chair LaRocca said, involved with Juicy Campus. Think he would do a great job.

Coates- I nominated Sinapi, spends a lot of time in senate office, spent a lot of time using open forum on arming campus police, incredibly knowledgeable and creative.

Sinapi- Will be a senior next year, poly sci/psych major. A lot of things with Campus, been on committee since the beginning of the year. Have had the chance to see how campus affairs operates. Committee has a tendency of following a status quo. Refuses to challenge anything, issues with RIPTA, Lucas although he has come here, pretty much ignores us. Question with RIPTA, they either don't acknowledge or ignore us. We pay for RIPTA and their services through our parking passes. We are paying for poor service. They are not accountable toward anyone. No one has gone to the cigar about RIPTA, also with lands and grounds, not sure if you remember, big problem with ice and snow, very beginning of winter. We also had nine broken bones total, one to a faculty member. Our response from Lands and Grounds was that we do not have the resources. I don't know why another issue, question lands and grounds. Always talked about all of the things but they were not fixed, a lot of people fell and got hurt. Arming campus police, yes we have done some stuff but moving at the slowest pace known to man. Been on the table for almost two months now, were going to make a bill. We have had two surveys outside of campus affairs, we have done nothing. I went to the whole forum, very few people showed up, Amanda did and Meg did. They had a lot of great points, those were not broad casted enough in meetings. I understand that we want to do surveys but this is dragging out issues. We have problems with administration ignoring us, sit there and take it. The only thing we get good feedback on is Ellery pond. I am on senate to bring up things that no one talks about that are major problems. You pay to come to school, get to class and not fall on your head. You pay for the busses to make sure you are assisted in getting to class. Can't be ignored and they are. Although I have not been on campus for more than a year, I have plenty of connections and talking about networking. I think we found out about the water thing 3 or 4 days after the fact. That was another thing that a lot of people could have been made sick over. Very antagonistic right now, when I am ignored and think I am suppressed, I change. The bill being made for juicy campus was going to be 5 senators or an exec bill, no one could agree in committee. I think it was 2 or 3 weeks that we discussed it. Obviously motivated and committed. Biased on many levels, arming campus police, I am still open to discussion. A lot of change, would do good, counter productive status would be changed.

Bedard- I'd like to put my support behind chair LaRocca- biggest thing is arming campus police, we do not want to rush this. Would look very foolish to rush a decision out of senate concerning this issue. The surveys that have come out so far, fairly bland and do not offer any insight into the issue. Currently working on a more in-depth survey that will give us the most information possible. Two major projects that I want done are the sticker and Ellery Pond, Ellery pond is LaRocca's baby. I know it is going to get done in the next year, there are issues that we do not have full control over. We can complain all we want about snow and ice but we do not budget them. I'll admit that we can always find new things to do, Amanda has new ideas. Amanda knows exactly what needs to get done right off the bat.

LaRocca- As for Arming Campus police, I wanted to go right into a bill, but after going to exec and other senators, who were very opposed, realized we can't make decision without opinion of constituents. These are the people we represent, most students are not very educated on topic. Need to try to educate them and survey them at the same time. With online survey monkey, only get 10 questions for free and only 100 students. It has taken longer to get survey monkey funded. Sometimes it seems as though things aren't constantly being worked on but I am. With lands and grounds, we do not have power to give them more money. I asked if we could help with proposal to get more money and we may be doing that in the future. If you want to shovel ourselves, go outside and start shoveling. With RIPTA, constantly trying to get in touch, plan was to go above his head. With RIPTA going to continue to work. Having these opinions during committee would be very helpful. With water notification, was university's email system, was fixed two days after that. To make sure students got an email, I suggested that they set up a mock student email account. If that email address got it, then all of the students got in. There is going to be barely a learning curve for me. I want this criticism and the constructiveness.

Pelletier – I used to be campus affairs chair. Amanda was always at the meetings. Amanda was always nagging me about any campus complaints she had. She drove me crazy: RIPTA, dining, etc. you need to be really specific. When Amanda became chair she took this and worked with RIPTA and dining. When I met to speak with Lucas the first time, tom came with me to providence. I met with the head of RIPTA. It took months for us to pick out signs. Amanda needs to be the chair because she's already worked with Lucas so she can now go over his head. Everything that's happening on campus she knows about. She's the person

for this job. Done a great job this year. Huge learning curve with campus affairs. So many facets with campus affairs. She will do great things and continue to do great things like Ellery.

Gaudio- I support Amanda, first meeting, put service behind blue lights, gave number. Amanda listens to both sides, will let anyone talk about situation. Meetings are very effective, one whole meeting went almost 2 hours talking back and forth about issue. Great at mediating the entire meeting. Remember when we found about the water, went to classmates, lots of questions. Amanda had so many answers about water, had called people over the weekend. On a more personal note, I am a student with severe allergies, and she did everything to find out if dining and housing were safe for me. Always tries to find things that I can eat, listening in on conversations. Amanda will go at it full force.

Prata- Put support behind Amanda, has amazing leadership skills, knows how to deal with very specific types of personalities, very important to keep Amanda here, in a transition year, group came in to talk about research park, new issues that are coming up and are going to be part of transition. We are in a transition year, most beneficial for senate and campus as a whole so there is not a new learning process.

Adepoju- I think this is a very hard decision, experience tells it all, amazing connections for Amanda. I am very big on the underdog method, feel like giving a new guy a chance to bring out new ideas will not hurt senate all. Probably he is one of the most intelligent guys on senate right now. When I made the announcement about new senators coming in, wanting to tackle new situations he is what I was thinking about. Amanda would do a great job but please don't count the underdog out.

Holland- Both candidates are extremely knowledgeable about senate. Amanda is very dedicated to this position. Looking at ways to improve what can be done with committee. If people aren't going to listen to her, can't really help that and does what she can until things are done.

Sinapi- As far as getting stuff done, the example of Juicy Campus, calling attorney generals about different states. Go after things after I find out about it. Every year is a transition period. I've been on campus and I know what is being transitioned. I never planned on going above RIPTA or Lucas. At this point, my policy would be to go to administration. Going to cigar and possibly the PROJO, hear about how RIPTA is wasting money. Issue with sporting events, tennis court, giant crack in it. School drove an hour to play our team and couldn't play. Cigar and then ProJo. If we just bring it up, then they ignore us. With campus police, I am not trying to rush it. Two months to make something good is not acceptable by any means. Might be a mute point by the time we decide to do anything. Lands and Grounds- lack of employees, employees laid off, where is the money going where our safety is irrelevant. With learning curve, I learn good and I learn a lot. As far as the bylaws, I learn very quickly.

Stolow- Stop writing notes, this is an important topic.

Pelletier- When working with RIPTA, you can't go over anyone's head until you've worked with our rep, they aren't responsive to that and you need to accept what we have and be happy with it while working for something better, fully support Amanda and know she is the best person for the position. As Cristin said last time Amanda ran, Amanda bleeds Keaney blue and absolutely deserves to have this position. Vote for Amanda.

Clarke- Give Sinapi a chance, consider him for this position.

Sinapi- The babies get passed on, I will have all of her babies as well. With RIPTA, we have a contract but the University has a lot of hype on it. If they bring it private enterprise, can get cheaper services. If they make it common knowledge that RIPTA is providing private services. People thinking they are not terrible, they went from 30 minutes late to just not showing up. Sometimes they learn whatever routes they want, Amanda did everything she was supposed to but nothing ever happened to the bus driver. There is no one way to do anything. Single minded and pointless.

Long- New and not familiar with everything going on, but I know senator Sinapi personally, never known someone who can debate with so much passion, be flexible in opinions and what he agrees on. Will ignore frivolous things and fight what is most important. Want to bring new ideas and assimilate what is already existing.

Slater- Amanda has done great with the job, time to change the guard. Keep mentioning RIPTA, how you can change their mentality toward us. Sinapi's plan so far, great future and ideas for what he wants to do.

McKinnon- question, obvious that you both really care about position, if you lose this election, would you be as fervent in your support towards committee?

Sinapi- yes, we sometimes have shouting matches now, almost always have really good debates for campus. Been on before I was even on senate, no reason not to bring up issues, with Juicy Campus, not chair but still went after it. On campus, concerns my campus.

Larocca- I'm not going anywhere, I will be at meetings and debating. I will still be on this campus, still want to work on Ellery Pond.

Julio- Motion to end debate.

Cultural Affairs-

Messineo (seconded Abbe)- Angie was on cultural for the past year, and I'm a big fan of how she put things together, programming events. Angie was a big part and I'm in support of Angie.

Adepoju (nominated)- Been talking about this for the past 2 weeks, Angie is the love of my life. A lot of people give me credit for success of committee but I have really needed the support of everyone. They were the muscle that really drove cultural. I would give her my child, that's how much I trust her. I see a lot of great things coming out of committee in the future. Her not being elected tonight would honestly be a slap in the face. She is the head of the "I Keep it Local" event in the future. She has done all of the contact work. As far as Aronoff is concerned, great guy, great individual, Angie will get the job done and she knows what to do. She has been a lot of the creative back bone. If you didn't vote for her, I would be crushed.

Abbe- Senator up until last meeting, PR and writing major, friends with most senators, really active on campus, passionate about all aspects on campus, really well rounded. Last year, when I was a freshman I joined. Max's right hand woman, cultural affairs chair, very important to be able to know how to handle cultural issues on campus. Need to know how to keep unified and promote multiculturalism. Best candidate for this type of job. Issue with 500 family, lot of controversy, feel strongly about group, became issues of Race when it came to voting. Those of you who do not know, there was a screaming battle. I panicked that this was what this girl viewed senate as. I went outside and talked to the girl, explained the situation to her. Especially with multicultural organizations becoming so popular on campus. Start weekend programming so they don't have to go back home or go to a party down the line. I think I would be the best candidate to speak with them, work with them and I am very passionate about the diversity on this campus. I am very well rounded when it comes to cultural aspect of campus. I have close ties to people on SAA, SEC, SAWA, Sailing, Club sports, college democrats, college republicans, panhel, ifc, pink women. I know people everywhere I go on this campus. When it comes to events and things like that, working with students in general, very confident in speaking with them. Have to hear whatever they need to say to me. Able to come up to me, not uncomfortable. Able to relate to students on a strong level, with events, need to know ins and outs. I found a lot things that were very unorganized and being looked past. I am obsessed with organization, writing professional letters, emails and proposals, anything for senate, that's my major. Feel very comfortable with organizations on campus.

Petit (seconded Aronoff)- Since joining senate, trying to get hands in on everything, shows he cares about organization. Co-chair of Rammies with Jason. Together they have been making this an event senate can be proud of. With everything that Jon does, puts 110% into it. If you vote for him for cultural, going to take to a whole new level.

Rodrigues (nominated)- I nominated Jon because he is more passionate about senate than anyone else. Enthusiastic, willing to work with other groups, very organized. All of the stuff he does outside of senate, theater, zbt, camp, very organized. Reference to babies, Rammies is Jon and Jason's baby. Rammies were like a teenager soon to be going to college. With SOARC, he is very passionate, know and think he would be a great chair.

Aronoff- Thank you for kind words. Elected to senate, helping the school we all know and love. Cultural affairs committee is focused on bylaws definition. One of the reasons I want to be new chair I know diversity has been a problem. I want to bring URI from the bottom to the top with a roundtable discussion. With special events, traditions set by predecessor. Rammies event, I want to continue with that and make our inaugural year a complete success. I am extremely dedicated, ready to take on the task and willing to give a helping hand to anyone. Vote for your heart and you will see I am one of the best candidates.

Almeida- I want to speak about both, Jon is all about senate, status updates are always about senate, knows what he wants to do but since Angie has been working hand in hand with Maxwell, upper edge. Experience is not always the biggest thing to worry about, both know what they are doing and are organized.

Puleo- As chair person, can you honestly say that if you had people in your committee with conflicting views and you want to side one way and people want to side another way, can you make sure that it won't be personal, biased?

Aronoff- Yes, everyone is entitled to their own opinion. Everyone voices their opinion, what happens in the cultural affairs meeting, everything is a group decisions and everyone is entitled and every side will be accounted for.

Abbe- My answer is yes, I am currently the president of my sorority, 37 girls, all different majors and backgrounds. Running that has been one of the most difficult and best learning experiences of my life. There is always going to be someone with a different opinion. This past year, have learned how to deal with that. Hear both sides and come to consensus. For those who have held exec positions you know how I feel. Katrina Meehan is my VP, she will vouch that I am understanding and try to make everyone happy.

Faustin- Support behind Angie, been Maxwell's right hand woman. If you came into the meetings, you would think she was the president. She takes charge and makes sure everything is organized. She has future plans and wants to continue what she has been doing.

LaRocca- Both senator Aronoff and Angie, both in and outside organizations- what are your time constraints, how much time to put in committee?

Abbe- I have had one of my girls shadow me this year, she will be taking over most likely next year second semester. Time is not an issue, I am very good at time management. I will be there for double the amount of office hours, I will hold weekly meetings and be at all of the president's meetings. I will most likely be on campus from 8-8, very dedicated, not going to be an issue.

Aronoff- I am extremely dedicated, I don't care if I am here until 1am. I will put 110% into cultural affairs. In regards to what is going on, will be at every senate meeting. Will probably be at other meetings, full report at every exec meeting.

Prata- What experience do you have outside of URI to develop leadership skills to be cultural affairs chair.

Aronoff- I am an assistant camp director for a sleep away camp, I am the events coordinator, never been a time that an event has not gone through because of lack of organization. I will always be there smiling with bells and whistles on. I am a special events coordinator for new jersey state theatre, whether it's an awards show like the Rammies, put 110% effort into everything. Never a time that I am too stressed and can't do something.

Abbe- Like I said, sorority brings a lot of leadership and dedication. Besides that, when I was a senior in high school, chose to do for my senior project, mentoring position in Newport, RI. Worked with at risk teenagers in government paid housing. Learned about being a minority, uproar of multicultural organizations, knowing how to talk to them without offending them or making yourself look superior, important to know how to do. I set up with the people who work with boys and girls club, trips to different colleges, went to art school in Portland, ME. Lots of experience with planning events.

Coates- I usually try to stay Swiss, but Jon Aronoff claims to live in Fayerweather but he only sleeps there. Is always in senate office. Be excited about what he could bring to cultural affairs.

Holland- On SOARC with Jon Aronoff from moment he joined senate, always in the senate office, as said previously, you should consider the underdog, new ideas always great.

Messineo- Motion to vote. Holden seconds. Vice President Shah says no.

Stolow- Idea of weekend programming was addressed, what types of programs do you have in mind?

Abbe- Would love to work with 500 family, want to bring groups together for programming. With help of 500 family, can work together to do what the students want to do, dances, fashion shows. Have had a lot this year. Movies, things like that. I want to do what the students want to do. For students who don't have a car or can't leave, I want to be able to voice their opinion.

Aronoff- My goal, if I am elected, I want to put out an event at least once every two months. That's not including the round table discussion. We have first night in September, Halloween contest and homecoming in October, November, canned food drive contest. Winning club might get a prize. Every month, I want to have something that gets student senate's name out. Let's get our name out, do fun events that we can have. Welcome to hearing any ideas.

Simon- Max set the bar for this year on cultural affairs committee, made it a really hard act to follow. Both have different things to offer. Haven't talked to Angie, Jon has talked to me for the past 4 months. Always in the office and sitting at my desk. Once the Rammies started, in charge of advising student senate. He came and asked me about what he had to do for URI events. He got everything done on the first day. Today I was finishing up the newsletter, and I asked him to write me a few lines about the Rammies. He was back with them within five minutes. One of most dedicated on senate. He really has his act together,

first meeting him, I did not take him seriously. Always jumping around the office and making people laugh, realized his potential and how much he can do for senate. Seeing how much he put forth, really great if he is elected. Really great for the job.

Motion to vote, opposition. Vote.

External Affairs

Messineo nominates Mingoia- Petit seconds and she declines again.

Holzman also nominated- respectfully declines.

Rodrigues (seconded Clarke)- I seconded Amanda because I've been working with her for a year with SOARC. She has a great background and would take it one step further.

Bedard-Clarke is point person for the lawsuit, great ideas for the committee. Talked to Andy, talked to Tom, could talk for days about her. Running unopposed.

Clarke- Thank you for voting for me, second year on the senate, know how to run committee meetings. Pre-law, excited to take on lawsuit. Love living in the community. Please vote for me.

Stolow- Motion to end debate, second by Rodrigues.

Winners right here, Coates, Sinapi, Aronoff, Clarke.

Everyone declines current positions.

Swearing in.

Nominations for Rules & Ethics Committee

Bedard nominates Prata, seconded by Petit.

Petit nominates Holzman, seconded by Boiteau.

Stolow nominates Aronoff

Petit- He can't be on it because he is a chairperson.

Sinapi nominates Rodrigues, seconded by Aronoff.

Petit nominates Messineo, seconded by Holland.

Holzman nominates Slater, seconded by Petit.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

Rodrigues- Since there are new committee people, are meeting times changing?

Shah-With new committee Chairpeople, I have the committee assignments, but I have to shuffle around new people. You'll get it tomorrow, then your chair will set a time. If you can't make a time we'll reassign you.

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Aronoff- Trivia at the Drunken Clam is starting in 5 minutes, Allison is holding trivia until we get there. It's at the drunken clam, free apps and drink specials for those of us who are 21.

Bedard- Exec don't leave, come talk after meeting, go to drunken clam and go to greek week, come watch me sing and dance, admissions fee tomorrow 7 greek sing, Friday 7ish lip sync, both in Keaney.

Petit-With recesses I don't know why people vote against them, if a meeting goes past 9 we take a break so people can take a bathroom break. Next time be nice, Vidhi needed to go!! I don't know why people keep talking about babies it's kind of weird, hope it doesn't continue.

Maureen- Rainville invites sent out to groups and individuals, if you got one please turn form into us by April 8, if you're part of a group and want to go, each organization can send 3 student representatives.

Officer Mark- I wanted to follow up where Holzman left off on bucket. If you haven't been affected by cancer, you know someone who has. Wherever I go on a call I'm going to be carrying this bucket and soliciting pass the buck, at the end I'm going to make a check out to relay for life on behalf of police department. Aronoff I don't know what you said about award thing but I'm honored.

Bruce- Congratulations new exec!! I hope what you'll do is reach out to everyone who is not on senate. Next week I'm going to be on a conference, so I won't be here next week but I'll miss you. Maureen will be here.

Aronoff- Just a reminder for Rammies, if you have a ballot give them to Jay or myself, any questions talk to me, if you want to present.

Almeida- If you don't give it to us now put it in our boxes.

Holden motion to adjourn

Aronoff seconds

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Hansen, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Sinapi, Slater, Stolow, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

Nay- no one

No Vote- Bedard, Boiteau, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: