

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

B. ROLL CALL: Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Hansen, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, Moss, O'Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Rodrigues, Shah, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Petit- Motion to move under last resolved that sailing team is the one getting loan not PRS, but Kim may have already removed it.

Holland-Motion to remove Andrew Blais from public forum, seconded by Aronoff

Agenda approved

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:☺ Minutes approved

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Aronoff- Please put out nametags to help Joelle, Vidhi, and cigar reporter.

Bedard-motion for the pledge, opposition, passed.

Rodrigues- Congrats to us for Rainville award! *applause*

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Jesse Fielding, URI Sailing Team – World Cup 2009

I would like to definitely congratulate you also for award, it's a pleasure to be here in public forum. Just a history on what's happened, last fall the URI sailing team went to the naval academy and we kicked their butt. We've done that more times than they like to remember. We won the Kennedy Cup, which is symbolic of the national title. We earned the right to go to another world cup, due to winning national championship, we were happy with our performance and we are now trying to get to the world cup and win for URI there, representing the school, club sports, and student senate in France. URI has gone to this event more times than any other team in U.S. (11) so we are pushing with fundraising and campaigning. You'll hear a bill, which is a proposal to receive a loan from senate like we've done since the 80's. The loan is 15% of our budget, and helps with set costs for this event. That loan is crucial for us getting there, gives us chance to win. If you have any questions about event, our victory at navy, or plans in future before we fly to France in October please use time during bill, but thank you for having us in for public forum.

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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 15 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Motion to amend amount from \$2,000 to \$3,000, seconded by Aronoff, vote 4-0-0

Adepoju- Hi, I'm Maxwell, part of this academy, asking for money because we've gone a year and a half without paying our trainer, things kind of fell apart. We want to get him paid this semester. \$2,000 was to pay him and the annual show but we're not doing show this semester because we

want to make sure he gets paid and not as many students will be in show. Want to do a show in the fall.

Vote- passed

SS-09/10-04 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR CAPE VERDEAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Whereas, CVSA is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, CVSA would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, CVSA 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 \$900.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #130 (Programming) line in the budget of CVSA.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, April 15th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Rep-We raise money for children in Cape Verde, use it for things like school supplies. We are hoping to throw quad event which would allow students to alleviate stress, did one last year and been doing project for quite a few years, so far it’s a success. We have an obstacle course, April 23, everything’s free for students.

Petit- At obstacle course, students can donate toward their project.

Rodrigues- Will there be bowling again?

Rep- Yes I think so.

Almeida- I think you guys should vote for this, I’m from Cape Verde. It’s a third world country, a lot of kids don’t go to high school or college.

Rep-I joined a year ago also, trying to make stuff possible.

Vote- passed

SS-09/10-05 – LOAN REQUEST FOR URI SAILING TEAM

Whereas, Sailing is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Sailing would like to hold a programming event on campus, 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 \$6,000.00 is loaned from the Senate’s Tax income reserve to the URI Sailing Team to be repaid by December 31, 2009.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, April 15th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Bedard- As Jesse said, the sailing team has been very successful, and it has represented the United States on multiple occasions. I think this is a great thing. They’re an outstanding team I’d like to see them go to France and take home a world title. I urge all of you to pass this bill without hesitation.

Coates- What is the specific expenses of \$6,000?

Rep- Regatta organizing committee in France, every year you have to buy into the Regatta. Housing, boat rental fees, certain other fees with race committee organizing, and dockage fees in France. We're fortunate that we use this money to pay up front and at end of event the organizing committee returns those funds to us because we take good care of our boat, houses, people at event. Its an up front cost that goes into the event, normally we've gotten the loan in the fall, but in France they've bumped up time schedule for this year's event.

Messineo- Did you ask about other 85%?

Rep- We have an extensive fundraising campaign, proven through time. We feel the press on this one more than any other due to inflation, euro dollar ratio is fairly high, it is a concern and the fact that they've bumped up payment. The interest of the event has grown and event has gotten more costly, we're working hard to raise the other part.

Petit- Can you give everyone a number for total budget?

Rep- The total budget based on going in past and estimates from France is about \$40,000. This is an increase from last event's budget, been a gap of two years. We are working very hard as a campaign. We have a lot of the members here tonight and were very dedicated.

Vote- passed

SS-08/09-06 – CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Senate, is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Senate, would like to help fund a programming event on campus, and

Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, 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 \$150.00 from cat.# 127 (Co-Sponsorship) of Senate's budget to the Chi Upsilon Sigma National Latin Sorority

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, April 15 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Bedard- This is a request is for National Latin sorority, it is to help them fund their 5th anniversary banquet on April 25th. Reason it's coming to the floor is that they are not technically recognized but they asked if we would help them out, we've made a commitment to promote and help diverse organizations. Yaya is a member of this organization as well as other Latin students. It is an awesome cause I would urge all of you to help them.

Aronoff- Is banquet only open to them?

Bedard- No, it is \$10 for ticket and it is not a closed banquet. If you're interested in going come talk to me.
Vote- passed

Petit-In other business, we gave SSDP/normal \$83 because they had a gap. Also, I won't be here for next two senate meetings so Jacob is going to be running the show. I will be here during the week.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

SS-09/10-07 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of The 411 on the 401 at Level 4

Whereas, The 411 on the 401 will provide a creative outlet for campus talent by showcasing musical guests, student film and media, student art, as well as opinion pieces by hosting a live show.

Whereas, The 411 on the 401 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 Student Senate recognizes The 411 on the 401.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Holland
 DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-2)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-09/10-08 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Martial Arts at Level 3

Whereas, URI Martial Arts will introduce both MMA and Capoeira in a fun and safe way to the students of URI through exposure to the physical fitness techniques and cultural aspects.

Whereas, URI Martial Arts 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 Student Senate recognizes URI Martial Arts.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Holland
 DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

SS-09/10-09 – Bill Calling for the Recognition of El Son Sensual at Level 3

Whereas, El Son Sensual will bring all different types of cultures together by learning and teaching members the values of different cultures through music and dance.

Whereas, El Son Sensual 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 Student Senate recognizes El Son Sensual.

SPONSOR: SOARC
 BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Holland
 DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Valid Until Next Re-recognition
 ACTION: Vote Next Week

Holland-Read over bills, we will vote next week.

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Coates**-I met with USA Today representative to talk about college readership, because if you didn't know we pay for those kiosks. New York Times is going up 5 cents. Know your rights campaign is in full swing. Juelia made a great flyer. TJ made a poster that we're going to blow up and put in the union and other places on campus. We went to the teacher effectiveness report, so we can see what we can do as students to help advising. Academic planning summit-nothing really. New vice chair Ronald Bickham.
- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Clarke**-I don't have a report there are a few ideas floating but nothing substantial. Committee meet me in back over here after.
- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Aronoff**- I hope everyone's holiday went well. SEC has generously made us a Rammie poster, which I'll pass around. Also, if you are willing, we have a ton of posters that need to be put up around campus, there's a bunch in my desk. Come out for the Rammies its in full swing, everyone who has heard about it is excited. Join facebook group, if you want to help let me know. Committee and I are discussing if we want a red or keaney blue carpet. April 28th, red carpet starts at 6:15 or 6:30. Still working on first night, looking at quotes for gavel pens that say student senate. In next meeting or after we will have a sign up sheet if you want help out. Meet Mondays at 4:30.

Clarke- Be aware where you are posting flyers. There are regulations.

O'Loughlin- Is this what the awards look like?

Aronoff-No, they are ram bobble heads, we got them in; they look amazing and are in a top secret location. Everyone got an invitation to Rammies, please rsvp to Kim. Provost Hayes and Dr. Dugan rsvped already.

Messineo-I'd like to yield my time to officer mark.

Officer Mark-I'll be posting flyers for blues n' cues so give me some flyers and I'll hang them up.

Petit- Rammies are under Dave's desk. For first night if you are planning to live on campus, you can talk to Maureen McDermott and she will get you a waiver that allows you to move in early so that you do not need to worry about where you're going to sleep.

Coates- Allen, when did you speak to Maureen?

Petit-I did it last year and she's fine with it.

Coates- I talked to her yesterday and she said she still needs to talk to HRL so wait until next week to talk to her.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Sinapi-**We met with lands and grounds and our snow and ice issue should no longer be a problem; we are getting new equipment. For flooding we need to replace old drains so we have a funding issue. For Ellery pond aesthetically we need ideas, constructing wise we're just waiting for them to start drudging. There is a staffing issue with maintenance and lands and grounds, that's why stuff is not getting done. For security I'm meeting with Dr. Robert Drapeau, Major Baker, and Officer Mark. RIPTA meeting this Friday. Northwoods either Friday or Tuesday. Police survey up and waiting approval from administration.

Coates- get anything from RIPTA?

Sinapi-That's the point of the meeting.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

a. **Director of Communications Simon-** I want to congratulate everyone for Rainville, thank you Dave and Nicole for helping with the application. I worked with Coates on exam rights and that should be out soon. I got a letter today and it is a thank you letter from 6th grader that we sent the box to. It's really cute. Let me know if you need anything.

b. **Secretary Harrington-** Kudos to Anthony for the police survey.

c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** Paying the bills.

d. **Vice President Shah-** Hi, congratulations on Rainville again. BBQ is going to be at Jess Allison's house. She lives off campus. Next week we'll be collecting \$5 from everyone so we can get food. If you want to come bring \$5. Retreat is going to be last weekend in September. Its mandatory mark it down.

Holzman- when is the BBQ?

Shah-No set date. I don't know if it's better to do on a weekend or reading day.

Rodrigues- I think reading day is better.

Messineo- Do we still need a grill?

Shah-Yes we do.

Coates- I know that you'll decide time in exec but Carothers' celebration is on reading days.

Shah-It will be after classes don't worry about it.

e. **President Bedard-** Hello. Congratulations to everyone here for winning award, first time we have won it. You should all be very proud of accomplishments. It is a team award so it takes everyone. I challenge you to not become complacent. It means that we should realize that people recognize what we are doing and try to go past that. I know you can I look forward to seeing all of you in action next year. One of first changes is that we are getting a new president. Dr. Andrews will be visiting campus tomorrow, there is a set time all of senate can meet with her. That is 1:30 in this room. She will be having lunch with President Carothers and then coming here. It will include other undergraduate and graduate students as well. Please be here before 1:30, you have about one hour for Q & A. If you're going to come please ask serious questions. If you have substantial things to ask, do so respectfully. If you cannot attend that, there is an open forum in

ballroom right after that is open to everyone. Today was block party and mocktails. It was messy and a pain but both went over well, students enjoyed it. Thank you to those of you who cleaned up the disastrous mess of ice cream (Messineo, Holden). Thank you to Sinapi who went out and picked up things for mocktails. There's some left over in office in a bowl. Next Wednesday is administrative assistants' day. Exec, we're having our goal dinner Sunday, meet in the office at 6:45 and we'll carpool over to the Mews. Bruce and Maureen might also come. I'm expecting that all of you will be there. Finally, relay for life is this Friday, begins at 6 p.m. at outdoor track. If you are not involved yet there is still time to donate. Go online and make a general donation or one for senate. www.relayforlife.org/uri. It's an amazing event.

Aronoff- If you meet with Dr. Andrews tomorrow dress appropriately. You're representative of the student body.

Bedard-Girls, guys you know what to do. Business casual.

Petit- You said there would be other student leaders. Who are they?

Bedard-I don't know I haven't had chance to talk to Jack Warner, I haven't gotten a straight answer. I think invites were sent out to presidents of multi-cultural organizations. This room will be full so try to come early. Be respectful.

Coates- I'd like my committee to be there because we are academic affairs committee and she is the head of academic affairs at her current university. Also, within two weeks after that the other two candidates will also be coming.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:** no report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Confirmation of Liaison Appointments

Noel Slater- multi-cultural liaison

Bedard-He is responsible for being in between for us and multicultural center so we have an idea of what's going on and vice versa. He'll do an awesome job; he asked me about it and showed interest. I appreciate the motivation. These are all yes or no votes.

Slater- I'd be a good fit for the position and I showed interest.

Bedard- I want to congratulate off campus and on campus liaisons!

Gage Kearns- faculty senate liaison

Bedard- He has been on senate for almost a full year now. As a liaison he will go to their meetings, sit in as a student rep and report back to me what faculty is up to on a monthly basis.

Kearns- I'm very interested, they work with all the issues we do. I think I'd be a good fit because after this past year I can go in and orient myself, report back to senate.

Petit- Is class schedule free at meeting times?

Kearns- Yes, already checked.

Coates- Do you want to be on academic affairs committee for next semester?

Kearns-Yes, I will do both academic and campus if my schedule allows.

Joe Puleo-IFC liaison

Bedard- You cannot be Greek, Joe is more than qualified. He was hesitant at first but I explained what he needs to do and he would like to do it. He will be going to IFC meetings on a regular basis and return to us with information. Having a liaison at meetings is part of their compact.

Gianna Prata-Panhel liaison

Bedard- This is the same thing as IFC just for sororities. She would be awesome, and she wants to do it.

Prata- I'm interested and one of only girls not in Greek system. I can make the meetings.

Mike Holden-Club Sports Liaison

Bedard- He was our liaison last year and he wants to stay on in position. He will meet with them once a month, it is part of our compact with them. This is an important time for this position because three of teams who were derecognized are trying to get back on their feet. I urge you to confirm him.

Holden- I've been doing a great job so far and see no reason why I shouldn't get this.

Bedard-There are a couple of committees left, if you are interested come talk to me. Do not look at the bottom because they are only for special occasions. Rules and ethics you guys need to pick a speaker so meet with me after meeting.
Congratulations to all liaisons!! You have been confirmed!!

Elections for Elections Committee

Boiteau- I'd like to respectfully decline.

Coates- I'd like to respectfully decline and also nominate Aronoff, Holden seconds.

Holland- I'd like to respectfully decline.

Shah-So far we have Simon, Shah, Rodrigues, Clarke, Petit, and Aronoff.

Petit- Nominates Messineo, seconded by Coates, Messineo declines.

Clarke- Would like to decline.

Aronoff- Nominates O'Loughlin, Holland seconds.

Messineo- Nominates moss, declines.

Petit- Nominates Harrington, seconded by Boiteau, declines.

Rodrigues- Nominates Bedard, declines.

Petit-Nominates Kearns, seconded by Holland, declines.

Holden motions to skip discussion, opposition, not passed.

Shah-We're going to talk quickly on each of the candidates.

Holland- Did O'Loughlin decline?

Shah-No, we have six.

O'Loughlin

Holland- I have known him for a while and I believe he would be an asset.

Aronoff- He is very dedicated to senate.

O'Loughlin- Yea, I was not expecting this but I'm excited because I want to be something more than a general member.

Aronoff

Holden- He's a great kid, he'd do a great job.

Coates- We all know that Aronoff gives 110% into everything.

Aronoff- I'm dedicated and I want to have as many people as possible out to vote.

Rodrigues

Aronoff- Jorge is always in the office, very dedicated. This would be a good start to get him more involved.

Coates- He'll get the job done.

Rodrigues- Thank you, I am a math major and yes I can count. I want to be on this committee to learn the process. Hopefully we can work on elections and do the best we can.

Shah

Holden- She's great.

Rodrigues- She can get stuff done.

Shah- I'll be on elections, I know a lot of people decline so I'll stay on and do it. I know programming.

Simon

Holden- She'll be great.

Petit- I nominated Juelia because she's worked with elections a lot in the past as DOC she'll be an asset.

Simon- I've done it for last two presidential elections, like two years ago when everything went down. I did it this past one too, so I know what to do and who to talk to.

Petit

Messineo- I've known him for three years, solid character. He knows a lot of people on campus and still lives here.

Aronoff- I nominated him because he's finance he knows everything.

Petit- I'd do a good job because I've worked with them putting up flyers and stuff.

Bedard- My dream team is everyone but Aronoff, because I need to give him a lot of work for cultural next semester. And I want Vidhi to do it.

Petit- My dream team is same as Dave's.

Holden- My dream team is everyone but Vidhi because she doesn't want to do it.

Clarke- Mine is everyone but Vidhi because she has no passion for the job.

Messineo- I think you should vote for O'Loughlin because he's excited.

Rodrigues- My dream team is everyone but Aronoff because he has a lot of stuff to do.

Coates- Make sure you vote for Juelia because it is her specialty.

Holden motions to vote, Rodrigues seconds.

Nominations for Summer Senate

Petit- Summer senate is composed of President, Vice President, Finance, and two general members of senate. They meet three or four times during summer to talk about groups, to distribute summer activities tax. If you're interested in being on it you should probably live in Rhode Island because you need to meet here and it's a pain to drive.

Prata- Once or twice a week?

Petit- We generally meet three or four times the whole summer. It's not more than an hour.

Bedard- Nominates Holland, Coates seconds.

Messineo- Nominates Clarke, Rodrigues seconds.

Aronoff- Nominates Prata, Holden seconds.

Holzman- Nominates Coates, declines.

Rodrigues- Nominates Boiteau, Prata seconds.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Messineo- Just a reminder, relay for life is this Friday and Saturday. If you're not on a team just go and have fun anyway. Officer Mark has a collection bucket behind me if you have spare change.

Officer Mark- We're having our last blues n' cues, last one before break, recognizing outgoing seniors, Tuesday, April 21st 9-11.

Holzman- I want to point out, the fact that we're getting a new president is an interesting place to be. We are a governing body. Having new high level administrative positions puts us in a good position as to making it clear to new president that we are a strong body that wants to be heard and steer university to where it needs to be. In coming days and weeks make the most positive showing you can.

Holden motions to adjourn, Rodrigues seconds. Denied.

Bruce- Rainville night is my favorite night of the year because it highlights students. If you haven't ever been to that I hope you'll go because it's amazing to see what some of these people can do.

Clarke- Committee come see me after.

Petit- Finance meet me in back corner.

Coates- Anyone interested in helping me hang flyers for exam rights come see me after meeting.

Holden- Clap for Bruce because he did a great job last night.

Clarke- We're still collecting evidence for lawsuit and it's still pending so if you ever hear any of your friends complaining let me know.

Prata- Are we getting food for the Rammies?

Aronoff- We're still discussing. Slimdog millionaire, 8:00 in Edwards, free admission free popcorn. Go out and promote Rammies!!

Rodrigues- I love Juelia's giraffe.

Congrats DOC Simon, Chairman Petit, Senator O'Loughlin, Senator Rodrigues and Chairman Aronoff on Summer Senate!

Holden motions to adjourn, Prata seconds.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Almeida, Aronoff, Bickham, Clarke, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Hansen, Holden, Kearns, MacKinnon, Meehan, Messineo, Mingoia, Moss, O'Loughlin, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Rodrigues, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Sinapi, Slater, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

Nay: Coates, Holland, Holzman, Petit

No Vote: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 p.m.