

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:37 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Farrow, Gaudio, Gray, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, Long, MacKinnon, Mingoia, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Shah, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Sinapi, Valenti

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: **Bedard-** Motion to add bill SS-09/10-17 under new business, Aronoff seconds

Sinapi- Motion to add bill SS-09/10-16 under exec, Holland seconds. Motion to amend bill SS-09/10-12 under campus. Add surrounding century forest, strike and put which, fifth whereas strike financially, in next resolved have it read Northwoods surrounding century forest, adding another resolved after that one that says students senate expresses their desire to protect the century forest and surrounding ecosystems as a pristine research

Holden seconds

Vote- passed, Holzman abstains

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: vote- approved

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Aronoff-**Motion for pledge, opposition, vote-passed

F. PUBLIC FORUM:

Tom Frisbie-Fulton, URI Architect

I am in charge of building all the new bio-sciences buildings. Part of my job is to take all of the competing interests and request from different campus constituencies and ask about their needs, see how we can help accomplish the tasks. One of them is for new research facility in Northwoods area. Today we're going to look at this area outlined in red, includes old SK landfill, residential areas, etc. In 2006 the university engaged planning firm of George Henry George to look at possibility of developing a new research park, forecasted market for university and determined we could accommodate about 10,000 square feet in business space, space for new businesses. Shortly after, we started talking about areas and they informed us of teaching uses of Northwoods areas which are predominantly not in red area. In yellow area you will see it was purchased specifically for providing land for research park. Property is cut by wetland and surrounded by building sites. Ideal space, as Dr. Carothers identified, is a research park that is adjacent to new campus science centers. We looked at Peckham farm, viable in terms of land but too far away, it would displace a very active research farm, it is not an economically viable option. Site at bottom of turf farm has been suggested and this is a half-mile walking distance to new biotech building, we think this will be a deterrent. We don't think this has market appeal. Looked at a cluster of other sites, Chaffee where BISC is now, college of pharmacy building, possibility of structured parking. Goes through bio-science area and names buildings. There is limiting building space here. Going back to main campus, organized into an area of athletic, residential, and an area for teaching and research areas. This area for the park fits into that general master plan of extension, linked to rest of campus with pedestrian link. As for the amenities of the site, this is a picture of future bisc quad, talks about amenities that outside researchers would like to use. Area of focus has been century forest which has tree population of oldest type. The George Henry George project plan consumed most of the hundred year growth. In other discussion we've proposed diminishing the area to 11 acres. This was rejected. Next round we suggested putting a large area of conservation land into an irrevocable trust so that it can be part of a teaching program, and they denied this proposal as well. Last proposal would secure about 10 acres of oldest trees. Reserve 150 acres for teaching.

Ed Avizinis – Northwoods

Last time I was here I talked to you about park, some of the concerns we had. There's still some basic questions that haven't been answered. Is this the right time to look at a park like this in the economic time? Dr. Carothers himself says it doesn't have a good chance. To remove the educational opportunity and instead build something that has a high risk of failure is extremely irresponsible. What will happen financially to the university if it fails? How will it affect us? The president has said that's the best site for it, but we haven't had any evidence, and that's my main concern. They're trying to play on it being too far away, but we all walk so many miles a day.

Sinapi- Were you aware of the report of the third party saying that was the best site?

Avizinis-I didn't see that but if I remember I heard it would be a benefit to have it there. This is not Peckham farm, its across the street. I don't know who decided the rating system, I didn't understand it. Seems like there's a lot of issues with that. Basically I'm still looking for answers.

Clarke- Do you have any solutions?

Avizinis- I think this area on the side is the best site because at least if it's there you're not destroying a valuable site. To turn that area into a flourishing research site would be great.

Sinapi- I agree, but if it did fail the money didn't come out of our pocket because they need to pay for the area. If there's a pithole of money it has to be thrown in there from somewhere?

Avizinis- So do you want to lose it here (university) or here (university) and the century forest?

Sinapi- Yes but century forest represents a chance, other area is a biohazard. It has been documented as getting into the area before.

Avizinis- Correct but the water wouldn't be coming from directly underneath this, coming from a pump station.

Holland- So to get this clear, do you believe that destroying century forest is a bad idea?

Avizinis- Yes, my main concern isn't to shoot down the research park, it's to go ahead without answers.

Laura D'Acunto – Student Action for Sustainability

I'm Laura, President of Student Action for Sustainability, here to speak on behalf of group because everyone in my group is against this research park for a lot of the same reasons. We're not against a park we just want it somewhere else because we don't want to lose the value of a research area right on campus. Dr. Carothers, in response to many letters we sent him, has said the only thing that sells the park is its location. That makes me mad, if that's the only selling point there's something wrong with the park in general. I think URI should be a leader in community, state, nationally. At earth day I put out a simple petition, in two hours got hundreds of students saying they don't want it there.

Keith Killingbeck – Proposed Research and Technical Park

Thank you for having me back. First, proximity, we've heard repeatedly that the proximity of park is critical to success. This is the engineering crew responsible for the report made available in 2007. In the report they used four other universities that had successful parks, and those were the models they used. People from the NRS, they went to four sites via google earth and plotted distance from campus to research park. They found 5 miles, 1 mile, 1 mile, and one half mile. None closer than a half-mile. In terms of proximity, and these were all successful, it doesn't seem necessary. URI master plan, on first page it says what plan is about. Basically says we need to preserve our natural environment. Goals and policies- the rural quality of campus is part of the characteristic charm, preserving and enhancing this charm is necessary. Master plan proposes that the university adopt a growth boundary with Flagg road as its northern edge. So what can we do south of Flagg road? If Peckham farm isn't site of choice, I would argue it could be, but if it is off limits, and let's say that at the bottom of the hill that the university is going to give that to recreational services. Here we have a new building placed in the north matrix of campus, new chemistry and pharmacy building areas, greenhouses, building here that is between Flagg road and greenhouses above blue butler building, 48,000 square feet, sitting right there not in the century forest. 1200 student use land every year in formal classes, there are workshops also. Hundreds of us gathered for the centennial celebration, there are many trees as old as university. And they are thinking of building a park instead of Northwoods. From just classes alone, Northwoods is cost free, co-2 emission free, gas free, travel-form free, carbon footprint is a whole other issue, if were a green campus t doesn't make sense to cut down a forest and building a building. The forest is an irreplaceable academic resource. We hope to protect Northwoods natural outdoor laboratory. Yellow outlines 85-88 acres we would like to have set aside. You can see Flagg road, water-tower, this is the area our students and faculty use.

Frank Golet – Nature Resources

Keith has done a great job, so what I'm going to do is reinforce some of those points, add a little flavor. URI has no doubt one of the best environmental sciences program in the country, based on our ability to put students into jobs. The main reason we've been so successful is we stress experiential learning, which means getting people out into environment they would be working in, our environment is the outdoors. Northwoods is our experiential learning laboratory. We've been using Northwoods for decades, and I started here in 1972, and at that time people were using it for same thing as today. Currently, one thing you'll notice is we know at this point there are at least 16 courses that are using this site every year. No question that the century forest is the most valuable part of whole Northwoods because it is the oldest forest and least disturbed. Its right on campus, these areas are hard to find around the state, imagine in 50 years how hard it will be to find an area such as this. Century forest is where park is proposed. We proposed other areas, mentioned before, ideal reasons. Keith and I started to express concern in October 2007, telling people for the first time about this project. Since then we've been meeting with administration and in that time they've been unwilling to explore any other sites as the actual site. We feel that the research park is a high risk situation. Very likely to fail. Why would you want to experiment on the 100 year old forest when

there is a very high chance of failure? We've documented the educational value, they have not documented why it wouldn't work somewhere else. They said they would set aside other areas, a majority of this land is wetland, the students need to use the dry areas for class though. This is an irreplaceable area, even if half of it is developed, that will have a tremendous impact on what is left. Invasive species moving into edges, it's hard to imagine 16,000 students being crammed into 9 acres and not running into each other. We can't afford to lose any of it. When study of 4 potential sites was done, educational values were not on list of criteria.

Bedard- Motion to move to campus affairs, Holden seconds

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE:

SS-09/10-14 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR ASIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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 \$595.00 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 29th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-1)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Rep- \$600 going to performers for annual event. We had additional funds but finances fell apart.
Holzman- Motion to immediately consider, Boiteau seconds.
Vote- passed

SS-09/10-15 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR FENCING CLUB

Whereas, Fencing is a Senate recognized organization, and
Whereas, Fencing would like to hold a programming event on campus, and
Whereas, it is within their mission statement to do so, and
Whereas, Fencing 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 \$5,000.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category #124 (Instruction) line in the budget of Fencing.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
DATE: Wednesday, April 29th, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
ACTION: Vote Tonight

Holzman- Motion to immediately consider, Aronoff seconds.
Bill to pay coach.
Rep- Traditionally our coach is compensated, she's been good about teaching us, built team up, been up for club teams consideration. Goal to retain coach and in order to do this we need to compensate

her. Want to become a club sport also. Want to compensate her because she's brought team back from near destruction.

Prata- why does it say programming in bill?

Holzman- Specifically, it's not for programming it's just coming out of the contingency fund.

Bedard- Money is going into group's instruction line, but it's coming out of programming because that is where all our money is. We moved it all there a few weeks ago.

Holzman- Instruction is a form of programming, not an outdoor expense, moved money out of general contingency. Right now there is only \$1,000 in contingency and \$4,000 will come out of taxes.

Aronoff- Motion to amend bills to say 09-10, Holland seconds.

Holzman- This is something we do not normally do, but we are doing it because she would be able to successfully sue us because there was an understanding that she would get paid.

Vote- passed

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):

Holland-No bills, website that Lisa Chen is working on should be up shortly. Kim, myself and someone else will be working on having all groups on there asap. Were working towards re-rec, working on levels over the summer.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Bickham- no report

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Clarke- No report

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Aronoff- Hey guys, last night was the Rammies, Maureen was not there so let's give her a round of applause. Half of senate was there, those that went we had a very good time. Would have been nice to have everyone. Had close to 175 people there throughout the night. Tichonderogas did a great job. Thank Giana and Dave for keeping me sane. We are planning on doing it next year, going to be appointing Giana as one of head people for next year. For rammies, went perfect. As far as America's best dance crew, right now we have 3 groups status quo, ringmasters, one other. Jabberwockys can't come, beat freaks we are waiting on. Going to be in first two weeks. Going to have maybe some frats and sororities perform. Please sign first night sheet. October 8, first multi-cultural roundtable in senate chambers. Going to invite new president. Discuss some ideas. Any ideas email me over the summer.

Boiteau- Angie and Maxwell trying to get basketball thing going, have you?

Aronoff-Haven't yet because of rammies. In September we'll talk about it.

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

SS-09/10-12 Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Location of the Proposed Research Park

Whereas, the area of North Woods surrounding the century forest, which is the proposed location of the research park, is an asset to students, faculty, and researchers, and

Whereas, the North Woods site's development represents an unnecessarily destructive choice to a unique and valuable ecosystem, and

Whereas, building in this location will result in displacement of fifteen classes, of which have a minimum enrollment of 1,274 students every year, and

Whereas, there are multiple alternative locations for the proposed research park, and

Whereas, several of these locations would be more viable environmentally and academically, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Student Senate express the necessity to avoid the destruction of the considered site in the North Woods surrounding the century forest for

the reasons provided prior, and be it further
Resolved, that the Student Senate expresses their desire to protect the century forest and surrounding ecosystems as a pristine natural environment, from this project and all future development projects, and be it further
Resolved, that the Student Senate supports the more viable alternative sites for the construction of the proposed research park.

SPONSOR: Campus Affairs Committee

BILL HANDLER: Chairman Sinapi

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2009

RECOMMENDATION: (6-0 -0)

EXPIRATION: Perpetual

ACTION: Vote This Week

Sinapi- We already have had plenty of people come forward. Is it true that it was suggested that park be built in different suggestions and there have been no complaints to graduate housing? We wanted them to build not near century forest, wouldn't that have an impact as well?

Killingbeck- It would but depends on where. Look at yellow section, there is an old gravel road at the top, off that map in upper right corner there is an area that's not wetland that could be built upon but university has other plans for area. Suggestion for park there was rejected.

Clarke- Just a comment, at first I wasn't completely against because we do need money from some source. But the fact is, number one this university should focus on academics and research should come second.

Prata- When Dr. Carothers was here we discussed that if park was built, we would not pay for it?

Fulton- We would get federal assistance in grants because these parks develop a large amount of jobs or it would be a private development where we would bring in a developer to manage land and build.

Killingbeck- Dr. Carothers told me money would come from bond issues, might be grants somewhere down the line. Told us he does not want to use state money but truth is there have been no corporations that have told us they would build. Hope was that there would be people, but that hasn't happened. He told me it would be bonds that would be floated.

Fulton- Parks, there are over 300 nationwide, failure rate of less than 5%, most built for money and most built under auspices of corporation, and either sell bonds or lease land to outside. Under stimulus act, there's a significant amount of money for economic recovery loans.

Prata- Based on financial information and that corporations could help, is it safe to say that somewhere down the road environmentally friendly research facility would take interest and would realize this is a valuable asset?

Fulton- All of our new buildings, one reason we can't develop chemistry building is because we have a bio-fill water filtration on that site. We are very sensitive to how they are developed and want sustainable properties. We do have competing researchers, I think it's possible that others will show interest, but right now we need to start with small corporations not big enterprises, and this is not achievable at a distance. After we achieve a little we will be able to attract bigger companies.

Golet- Tom I was surprised you said failure rate is less than 5%, if this is true why is everyone so concerned that it is going to fail?

Fulton- I'm not sure I should respond because I'm a campus planner not an economic planner. Big name universities, they have a research park 8 miles up, all they need to do is put up a sign but we do not have the experience that we are seeking. We are handicapped by being so far away from 95 and existing economic centers, our environment is not the same as other universities.

Bedard- We're discussing a bill, over an hour of presentation. Concentrate on bill. I'd like to think that you guys have the information you need to vote. Bill says we are opposed to park on century forest but not park in general. Second resolved says it all. We talked about this for a very long time in exec this week, this is the bill everyone in exec agreed on. If you have issues with bill please discuss those. My advice is ask questions on bill.

Sinapi- I support location and premise, however because of how situation was handled, like when it showed over 90% of conserved land being wetlands is irrelevant. They could have built this anyway and not told us. Last part of bill may be a poor idea, university paid for land but by the time they build there other parts of land will be just as old. We're wasting areas we need and when we start complaining of a lack of buildings we're going to need to build there anyway.

Aronoff- I think you should vote for this bill tonight, ridiculous that we want to get rid of these woods, let's find a better location.

Holzman- I want to point out the value of research to undergraduate population, all 3 presidential candidates were in support of more research in undergraduates, undergraduate education does not suffer with an increased focus on research, benefits undergrads in the end. In time, this park will become a revenue source because of the leasing. It will pay for itself but it will be a long payoff. On walking distance, we are used to walking miles a day but a lot of professionals are not. If we are going to have a corporation with outside people, they will not want to travel the distance. Bus will bring them to site if it's down by the lot. Last thing, timeline of project, we say that it's a high risk project because of economy, but even if everyone said yes tonight these buildings wouldn't be able to be used for at least another two years. Is economy going to be better in two years? Maybe. There is time, we could debate this for a few years and the university would have no problems. I don't agree with location.

Long- A few people think that by clearing these woods well be displacing students, there are side areas of woods for students to use. Its roughly 1,000 students but with revenue that will be coming in, its projected to not only stop tuition increase but lower it, allowing thousands of students to come. Also, I think that the Vice President is an engineer, and the fact that he is not supporting any other location is a clear sign we should build there or not at all. Woods were purchased for building. If we do not take this opportunity they will go over our heads in a few years and build there anyway.

Clarke- I think Killingbeck made a good point- unique area and in 50 years this type of area is going to be far and few between. We need to preserve what we have. Students need this forest.

Bedard- You can move park to another location, you cannot move a forest to another location. Building anything will lose all the land because it will affect rest of land. Personal opinion that forest is far too valuable to a sizeable chunk of students and that we should not build anything. Only argument against another location is too far of a walking distance, this doesn't cut it for me. I am in full support of this bill. It doesn't shoot down park, we understand value down the line, but we also realize how important the land they're proposing to build it on is.

Puleo- Point of information, does campus affairs have to vote for changes? No recommendation on amendments. Vote, 4-0-1. And in contrast to what Long just said, woods are not built for development, they are not built for purpose of building on top of. As to Vice President Weygand, he is one engineer, so because one thinks that this is only viable place doesn't mean that it is.

Bickham- When will a decision be made regarding where it will be or if it will be built?

Fulton- not presently, it's on hold.

Killingbeck- Dr. Carothers told me that he would like to make decision before new president comes in.

Rodrigues- How is this going to be paid for, I'm a little confused?

Fulton- There are opportunities in stimulus bill for grants to be allocated to projects like this, no guarantee. Dr. Carothers does not want it to come out of tuition.

Rodrigues- If it will be a failure, why waste money on a failure? I support protecting forest, this is not the best idea. I like Killingbeck's plan. I don't want a forest that's been here for 100 years and change its entire ecosystem I don't think it's right.

Aronoff- Motion to end debate, Holland seconds.

Vote- passed, Bickham abstains

Sinapi- Campus bill going to exec based on survey results, almost 600 responded to survey. Lands and grounds bolted down trash cans.

Prata- When we met with Lucas he was pleasant and had a few good ideas like having a GPS tracking system in busses to see if they are where they are supposed to be.

Aronoff- Motion to move back to report of standing committees, Holden seconds.
Opposition, vote, passed

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

SS-09/10-16 - Bill Calling for the Student Senate Opinion on the Question of Arming Campus Police

Whereas, campus police currently do not carry firearms, and

Whereas, the current campus emergency plan when an individual with a weapon is believed to be on campus is to notify the South Kingstown Police, and

Whereas, the Student Senate surveyed the University of Rhode Island study body, and
Whereas, a large majority (76.7%) of the student body respondents do not support the current emergency response policy to armed individuals on campus, and
Whereas, a large majority (69.8%) of the student body respondents support the establishment of the campus police as the emergency response to armed individuals on campus, and
Whereas, a small majority (56%) of the student body's respondents recommended that campus police be equipped with firearms, therefore be it
Resolved, that the Student Senate recommends that the Board of Governors approve equipping campus police with tasers, stored firearms, or both, and be it further
Resolved, that these additional resources will provide campus police with the adequate equipment necessary to become the URI emergency response plan.

SPONSOR: Executive Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Sinapi
 DATE: Wednesday, April 29, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: (6-2-0)
 EXPIRATION: Perpetual
 ACTION: Vote Next Week (Immediate Consideration)

Sinapi- Start with a bill. Recommendation 6-2-0. Reason for second to last resolved, there was a question on survey, compromise question because similar to percentages people voted more in favor of compromise than just carrying firearms. We felt small majority was not enough to say we support arming campus police. BOG has stated it is not black and white. They are looking for whatever information we can give them. Survey results from various groups of people.
 Vote- passes

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** not here
- b. **Secretary Harrington-** Kudos to Giana and Jon for the Rammies. We might want to reconsider because we did not immediately consider arming campus police bill.
Aronoff- Motion to reconsider, opposition, fails
- c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** Paying the bills and in office I set up a system for next year so that balance for checkbook is accurate because it was never accurate before.
- d. **Vice President Shah-** Our BBQ is on Sunday at Jess's house but I haven't gotten money from anyone so if I don't get it by Friday I'm not going to buy any food. Get us your money. Give Kim \$5 by Friday. I'll buy food and people who paid will eat. Retreat is September 27th, don't make plans, going from 12-8. If you guys are not going to be at a general meeting you need to put a note in my box. I'll just give you an unexcused, and after two you might get kicked off.
- e. **President Bedard-** Thank you to anyone who went to forums, 3rd and final was here yesterday, four of us had same general feel. BOG will be announcing decision on May 11th. I'll be in and out of RI in the summer meeting with President and summer senate. We will have a good relationship. Tomorrow is celebration for Dr. Carothers, begins at 2 in Ryan center, Tom Ahrens and I are MCing, performances from different groups. Desserts and whatnot, fun stuff. Stop by it's from 2-4. Walk by IFC and panel going from library down to Ryan center. Going to raise money for Dr. Carothers scholarship. Library dedication on Friday. Welcome to sit outside library, should not be more than an hour. Thank you to everyone who helped out with Rammies, we can agree they went very well for a first time. Looking forward to doing that next year. Wish everyone the best of luck on your finals. Have an amazing summer.
Rodrigues- Which of the 3 candidates did you like the most?
Bedard-Dr. Dooley, but honestly it was almost same with Dr. Andrews. Dr. Doogan was not as personable as other two. They could do a great job running university and meet with students. Take these celebration flyers and post them.

- **RULES AND ETHICS:** no report

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SS-09/10-13 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELECTIONS FOR FRESHMAN AND OPEN SEATS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009 2010

Whereas, Article VII Section A Part 3 Subpart a. of The Student Senate Bylaws states: The annual election for Freshman Representatives shall be held as early as practical each autumn, and

Whereas, Article VII Section A Part 3 Subpart c. of The Student Senate Bylaws states: The Senate may by legislation call a special election at any time for the filling of any vacant seat or the placing of any referendum question, and

Whereas, in addition to five (5) Freshman seats there are the following vacancies:

- Off-Campus Representatives (2)
- On-Campus Representatives (2)
- At-Large Representatives (5)
- College of Arts and Sciences Representative (1)
- College of Business Representative (1)
- University College Representative (1)

Whereas, The Elections committee has determined that the earliest practical dates for the annual election for Freshman Representatives and additional vacant seats are September 30, 2009 and October 1, 2009, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Annual Fall Election be held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 and Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and be it further

Resolved, that the declaration period open on Monday, September 14, 2009 and close on Friday, September 25, 2009, during regular operational hours of the Student Senate.

Sponsor:	Elections Committee
Bill Handler:	Juelia Simon
Recommendation:	Passage (4 - 0 - 0)
Date Introduced:	April 29, 2009
Date Expired:	Upon Validation of the Annual Fall Election Results
Action:	Vote Tonight

Aronoff-Stating when our elections will be, declaration periods, has 15 seats. Please vote yes so we can have election in the fall.

Bedard- Motion to amend bill under third whereas, on-campus now has 2 open seats and at large now has 5 open seats, Holden seconds.

Vote- passed

K. NEW BUSINESS:

SS-09/10-17 - Resolution Expressing Appreciation to President Robert L. Carothers for Service to the University of Rhode Island

Whereas, it is the custom and duty of the URI Student Senate to recognize those who have made a substantial impact on the University and its students, and

Whereas, Dr. Robert L. Carothers has dutifully served the University for 18 years, and

Whereas, the University has taken many steps towards greatness under his leadership, and

Whereas, we recognize the impact he has had on not only the University, but the State of Rhode Island, and surrounding communities, therefore be it

Resolved, that the URI Student Senate express its appreciation to Dr. Robert L. Carothers, and be it further

Resolved, that on behalf of the URI Student Body, the Student Senate thanks Dr. Robert L. Carothers for his continued dedication to the students of this University, and be it further

URI STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

April 29, 2009

Resolved, that on behalf of the URI Student Body, the Student Senate wishes Dr. Robert L. Carothers nothing but continued success in all future endeavors.

SPONSOR: The University of Rhode Island Student Senate
BILL HANDLER: President David Bedard
DATE: Wednesday, April 29, 2009
RECOMMENDATION: Passage
EXPIRATION: Perpetual
ACTION: Approved (Vote was Unanimous)

Bedard-Another bill, resolution expressing appreciation for Dr. Carothers, basically a formality, stating our recognition and appreciation, wish him nothing but future success. Vote on this tonight, urge you to vote on this, want to print it out on senate letterhead, frame it and present it to him tomorrow. Motion for immediate consideration, Rodrigues seconds.

Vote- passed

Bedard- Motion for minutes to reflect vote was unanimous, Holzman seconds.

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM: Aronoff- Today is Officer Mark's birthday, wish him a happy birthday if you see him. Last Rammies thing, if you see Mike Knolf thank him too.

Harrington- Email me added bills.

Bruce- Good luck, have a good summer.

Holden- Motion to adjourn, Aronoff seconds.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Aronoff, Bickham, Clarke, Farrow, Gaudio, Gray, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Kearns, Long, MacKinnon, Mingoia, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Valenti, Weiss

Nay: Sinapi

No Vote: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington, Shah

N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:17 p.m.