

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Almeida, Aronoff, Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Farrow, Gaudio, Hansen, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Kearns, Long, MacKinnon, Meehan, Mingoia, O’Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Shah, Sharkey, Shurtleff, Simon, Sinapi, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

O’Loughlin- motion to add President’s liaison appointments to special orders, Petit seconds
Agenda passes

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: minutes approved =)

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Petit- motion for pledge of allegiance

Aronoff- This is from Kim: Everyone here is on key list but if you’re the last senator in office shut the door behind you, and if someone is there who is not on senate ask them to leave. Also, in regards to computer, keep that senate or senate group related only. Don’t do your homework on them, and if you see anyone using it for that kindly ask them to stop, it’s not yours personally.

Clarke- SPO is looking for new interns for next semester where you will be planning events, deadline is April 17th, you can get 3 credits for internship. If you are interested in working with groups check this out.

F. 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 8 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Petit motions to table bill to next week, Aronoff seconds.

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 8th, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next week

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 Public Relations Society to be repaid by December 31, 2009.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee
 BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit
 DATE: Wednesday, April 8th, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next week

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 8th, 2009
 RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next week

Petit- Read over bills for next week. Finance meet me after the meeting by white board, we need to change committee meeting for next week to Monday instead of regular time because Rainville awards are going to conflict with regular meeting time.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW

COMMITTEE (SOARC): Holland-This week we had the first President’s meeting. It went well, talked about elections for the groups and transition process. This afternoon we met with Lisa Chen about website, within a week it should be up and running with all undergraduate groups. Senate recognized groups will get an extra symbol by their name. Meetings are Tuesdays at 5 in room 202. I’ve named Steve Messineo my vice chair.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Coates-This week we worked on exam rights campaign; we are working on posters and we are going to talk to cigar. We also discussed the 4 credit system and we are looking into the dispensers for the newspapers. Before the next faculty senate meeting we would like to have a proposal on web enhanced courses. We got a complaint about URI advising system so we’re going to go over teaching effectiveness report.

We're going to demo sakai, which is the new WebCt replacement, next week. I'm going to try to change committee time so more people can make it. After meeting I need Shaun O'Loughlin and Nicole Mingoia because you guys are college reps. The academic planning summit is tomorrow, I have a list of people who are coming but we don't need more.

- **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Clarke-** We haven't met yet so were meeting Friday at 2, and we are meeting in the senate office. As far as the lawsuit, we're still collecting a lot of evidence so if you hear about friends who have had problems have them come talk to me or write a statement.

- **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Aronoff-** Our committee meetings are 4:30 on Mondays in 301, everyone is welcome. As far as this Monday, due to a family emergency I might not be back. As of now I will be back in time, but if it changes I will let Kim know and she will pass on the message to you. As for the "Keep it Local" basketball group, we will be moving the event to October because of time constraints. Rammies, we had presidents meet and vote at the President's meeting, and Dave and I counted ballots. We are still waiting for a few. The day is the 28th and we hope to see everyone there. It starts at 6:30 with red carpet, 7:30 is actual event, Jay will be djing, cranking the tunes. Josh Einhorn is going to help. We will be teaming with Anthony and campus for first night, going to be doing dunk tank, let us know if you want to go in and get wet. If you don't want to get dunked but still want to help out its one of our biggest recruiting tools. We're also thinking about handing out specialized senate stuff such as key chains or pens, let us know your ideas we want to be creative. Happy holidays, see you next week.

- **CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Sinapi-** We have a meeting with lands and grounds on Tuesday at 12:30, myself and Holzman are going but let me know if you would like to come as well. Holzman is also going to be heading up the Ellery pond project because he's an engineering major and knows what he's doing. He has a lot of great ideas, and is heavily involved already. Talk to committee if you want your ideas to be heard. I've been asking Brian Boesch about roads, draining issues, and building flooding. For Northwoods I want to see and talk to people who support the project, other than that we see no reason to put park there. As for arming Campus Police, we are waiting for survey monkey to be finalized. It was looked at by exec already. We are waiting to submit to board of governors. No response from Lucas, no surprise there, and when Bruce gets back he is going to tell me how much were paying RIPTA. For Security, I'm going to be meeting Dr. Robert Drapeau, Major Baker, and Officer Mark, because apparently there are issues with ID cards not doing what they should be doing. Safety and lighting, let me know about problem areas, waiting on information as to where all the lights are. Any issues let me know.

Bickham- when is committee meeting?

Sinapi- Mondays at 2 in room 301.

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** The newsletter was supposed to go out at president's meeting but campus copy had a flood so it got backed up to next day, where they got printed incorrectly a following time but we put it out anyway. Spotlight for diff organizations, online now, and over the next week I'm going to redo certain things like flyers so we can hand them out for first night. I'm also working with Coates on exam rights. I'm helping to publicize the rammies and helping Allen write something on internet that I have to talk to him about after the meeting.
- b. **Secretary Harrington-** Hey guys, first of all please keep your name tags out so that if I miss your name when Vidhi says it I can still figure out who is talking. Also, I will be continuing Kudos this year. I got two nominations this week, one for Katherine for running the first President's meeting and one for Gianna because someone told me she has been to almost if not all of the committee meetings so far.
- c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** I'm paying the bills.

- d. **Vice President Shah-** I gave you committee assignments, so I'm assuming you know where you are. Chairs, make sure they're coming to the meetings and if not tell me so I can switch them or yell at them. We're going to have an end of the year BBQ but we don't know where. If you live off campus and have a house or have an idea of where we can have it raise your hand.
Clarke- Can we have it in a park?
Shah- Good idea but we don't have money to rent grill.
O'loughlin- We have grills at ZBT.
Shah- Anyone know of a park with a grill?
Messineo- West Kingstown down the street.
Shah- If we went it would be like 5 dollars and we would get food from Stop and Shop. It's going to be during finals and it won't be that long, and both current and previous senate are invited. The biggest issue is the place.
- e. **President Bedard-** They announced the times that the presidential finalists will be coming to campus. Dr. Sona Andrews will be visiting April 16-17, Dr. Robert Newman will be here April 23-24, and Dr. David Dooley will be visiting April 28-29. I saw a tentative schedule of what they will be doing, and there is a time they will be meeting with some student leaders and others in the senate office or elsewhere, but I am waiting to hear back from Jack Warner. They will be coming within the next week so I will give you more information via listserve. There will be a celebration for President Carothers on April 30th at 2 in the Ryan center; tables, activities, games. All organizations are asked to participate, Ahrens and I are heading this up. We encourage you to attend this. The library dedication is May 1st at noon in front of library, outgoing and incoming exec welcome to come. As far as others, Rainville dinner is this Tuesday, I submitted the rsvp yesterday, so if you signed up to go for senate you're in there. Individual people, hopefully you handed in your rsvp. We have a decent chance to win, but if not it's still a huge honor. I'm writing a letter to the BOG letting them know we passed a referendum to raise activities tax for student club sports and general Senate revenue, urging them to pass it. I don't see why they would not pass it. If you are an on campus or off campus rep you need to pick a liaison, don't leave after the meeting come see me at the white board, figure out who you want to represent you. Off-campus liaison, you're going to work a lot with Amanda for things down the line and on-campus liaison, you're going to be working with Anthony for things with HRL and similar things. It will take 5 minutes don't leave. Exec please talk to me let me know when you're available. We will have a retreat this September. It will be mandatory I don't have a date yet, I am waiting to talk to Melissa from leadership department. We're hoping to utilize the new high ropes element, after we'll have dinner and workshops. April 15th is block party and SEC's mock tail. Block party will be doing ice cream sundaes. Mock tails we'll have a drink like everyone else. We'll be busy all day, so please help out in your free time, it will count as an office hour. Committee list for university committees is up in the office, take a look they are filling up. Leave a note in my box if you are interested in any of them. Relay for life is next weekend, I'm not going to harp on it, if it's something you care about please sign up it's not too late. If you don't sign up please still donate. Any help is appreciated. Any questions, don't hesitate just seek me out.

- RULES AND ETHICS:

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Elections for Rules & Ethics Committee

Aronoff- Nominates Senator Puleo, Petit seconds

Holland- Nominates Valenti, Aronoff seconds

Rodrigues- I'd like to respectfully decline.

Aronoff- Nominates Moss, Holland seconds

Moss Declines

Coates- Whose been nominated?

Shah- Prata, Holzman, Messineo, Slater, Valenti, Puleo

Holland- Can we vote for people if they're not here?

Shah- Yes.

Clarke- How many positions are there?

Shah- 5 available. There are six people nominated.

Prata

Petit- She's interested in being on Rules and Ethics, she's been studying up on bylaws since she got on senate. She's been nominated and lost twice before, she's level headed and she would do well.

Bedard- As you saw during kudos she's a ton of energy, all over senate. She'd be great for this she understands the bylaws, and now with transition this is the perfect opportunity for her. Vote for her she'll do an amazing job!

Prata- I was up for this twice before, I think I'd be really good. I'm very unbiased and levelheaded. It's the jury of senate so I'd listen to both sides. Bylaws would be my guide.

Holzman

Boiteau- Jacob is a very good person dealing with issues and complaints, looks at both sides, comes to the most reasonable solutions.

Petit- He's always working on something, gives 110%, knows a lot about how senate works, has the experience that rules and ethic needs. He has served on it this whole last year, good to have experienced members so they can guide new people. He is not here tonight because he's celebrating Passover.

Messineo

Holland- I've worked with him since we got on senate, very level headed looks at both sides of story.

Petit- I've known him since beginning of freshmen year, he is intelligent, listens to everyone's side. He is an open-minded person but after all the facts makes the right decision. Often times on rules and ethics there's the popular decision but the wrong one and the unpopular decision but the right one and he has the ability to make the right decision.

Messineo- Thank you. I've been non senate for a year now, I am a justice major, want to get more involved in senate, know I'd be good for this.

Slater

Petit- I've known him for a few years, really likeable guy, he's been on rules and ethics for last year as well and knows how things work, understands bylaws.

Holzman- not here =(

Slater- not here =(

Bedard- Noel and Jacob are both at Passover so ill speak on their behalf. They have both been on senate for a long time and both make a great addition. They've been on committee before and know how it operates. This is very key, only two that have been on it before, rules and ethics is very important, if there is ever a bylaws interpretation or a complaint it goes to them, they review it to see if its valid, meet with all parties involved, come to a sound judgment, make a ruling on correct interpretation or complaint. Need people with that experience to mix with new people.

Puleo

Petit- I spoke with him last week, seemed interested, spent this week learning bylaws, asking questions. He has shown a lot of interest and I think that he has a high standards of morals and values that will allow him to make the right decisions.

Aronoff- He's always expressed interest in being on senate, he's level headed and knows right from wrong, been studying his bylaws constantly. Takes a huge interest in senate and its well being. To have a new person so interested is really good, has huge dedication. He would be a huge asset.

Puleo- Thank you, I'm a new senator and I think that I'm good for this committee because I've read bylaws a couple times, some sections over and over. As for resolving conflicts, I'm good at stepping out of a situation and hearing both sides, not being biased. I do this in my personal life, so I can look at a situation and tell you what's going on. I don't know who's been on senate, but I came to meetings before I got on

because I try to show interest and learn about something before I get involved. I'm not so quick to make a decision.

Valenti

Aronoff- Bri, you can't say a negative thing about her. She's so chipper and energetic. First time I met her was at homecoming, she wanted to get involved, she knows the bylaws and she's not biased. She is open to what's going on, thinks about things before she makes opinion. Came to cultural this week and had so many ideas cares a lot about senate.

Holland- She came to me and showed interest. I think that's a great point, that she wants it enough to ask people about it. It's good to have people who have not been on committee as well.

Valenti- Thank you, so I was a freshmen representative and I want a chance to get more involved in senate. I've looked over the bylaws, don't know them by heart, but on rules and ethics you deal with a problem and then go into bylaws. I'm level headed, did mock trial in high school, where we were presented a case and needed to act as lawyer. I'm not afraid to go against the grain say what I think is right.

Petit- What is your personal definition of ethics?

Valenti- Ethics is your moral conduct, moral code. There are public ethics, like in culture, you're not going to go around walking naked. You follow rules, it's how you feel about an issue and how you deal with it in day to day life.

Puleo- Ethics is how you address issues of morality-right and wrong. Everyone has different definitions of right and wrong, but you should trust me. Ethics is a branch of philosophy, question of morality.

Messineo- Ethics is situational, and depends on circumstances. It varies within culture and society so it's up to a person individually to find what is ethical to them.

Prata- Personal ethics are based on what you believe. In senate, I interpret ethics as bylaws, we refer back to them when ethical questions arise. Difference between right and wrong, your code of honor.

Petit-When a situation is presented, will you be more strict or lenient in regards to the bylaws?

Prata- For me, I will be more strict because you need to look on a case by case basis but if you are too lenient with bylaws you are not following rules at all, need to have a set guideline. Everyone needs to be treated the same. Follow the written law.

Messineo- I would be strict, bylaws are in place for a reason. Each situation is handled differently, but if you're more lenient, you're going to open floodgates and there will be a lot of arguing back and forth, sticking to what's in place will help you in the long run in determining punishments. Has to be altered depending on situation.

Puleo- I would go by bylaws pretty closely. Not much reason to be lenient, bylaws aren't unreasonable or difficult to follow. If people make honest mistakes I do believe people deserve a second chance. It should be what bylaws say.

Valenti- I would be on strict side, bylaws are senate's foundation. No reason to stray except very specific situations.

Aronoff- All the candidates are great but I'm putting my support behind Prata, she's been nominated two times before, you can't say anything bad about Gianna. She knows how to make a decision. Vote for her because she's one of best choices.

Petit- The reason I asked those questions is because they are the stereotypical questions. Second question is a trick question because there is no right answer. If there was one, it would be it's a case to case basis.

Clarke- I put my support behind Holzman and Slater.

Petit- I'm going to lay out my dream team: Prata, Holzman, Messineo, Puleo, Valenti.

Holden motions to vote, Aronoff seconds

Congratulations Prata, Holzman, Messineo, Slater, Puleo !!

Nominations for Elections Committee

Aronoff- Nominates Petit, messineo seconds.

Prata- Can chairs be on it?

Shah- As long as you're not running, but no one is running so everyone eligible. You can run except for if you are on rules and ethics.

Petit-Nominates Simon, Holden seconds.

Aronoff-Nominates Holland, Petit seconds.
Clarke-Nominates Boiteau, Petit seconds.
Rodrigues-Nominates Shah, Holden seconds.
Coates-Nominates Rodrigues, Aronoff seconds.
Petit-Nominates Clarke, Messineo seconds.
Rodrigues-Nominates Bedard who declines.
Clarke-Nominates Coates, Holden seconds.

Presidential Appointments of Liaisons

Bedard- So far I have appointed Noel Slater for Multi-Cultural Liaison, Gage Kearns for Faculty Senate Liaison, Joe Puleo for IFC Liaison, Gianna Prata for Panhel Liaison, and Mike Holden for Club Sports Liaison. These names will sit on the floor for a week so talk to those people, we will confirm them by secret ballot at the next meeting.

Rodrigues- Is it by majority vote?

Shah- yes

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:

Sinapi- With library, there is a rumor from faculty senate that it will be closed during dedication, this is supposedly not going to happen but if you hear that it is let us know. Were suspicious because it's shady.

Maureen- For Rainville, if you received an invite and have not submitted rsvp please do so by the end of the week. First night forms were put into senate mailboxes, if you're a member of an organization give it to the primary person and have them fill it out.

Aronoff- SEC asked me to say that springfest is next week, on Monday they will be having rock the quad, its free, Wednesday there are mock tails on the quad, slumdog millionaire at 8 in Edwards free popcorn, Thursday there is a lobster bake from 11-2 or before they sell out, \$5 for chicken \$8 for lobster, along with two sides. Get tickets before hand. On the 25th Angela from The Office is coming, she will be in Keaney at 8. Sunday springfest is holding a concert with the Roots. It is at 8 at the Ryan Center, though the price is not decided yet.

Maureen- Concert? Roots have been contracted, working on one other group. Price is \$15 for students, \$25 for nonstudents.

Petit- Finance meet in back left corner because Dave took our spot.

Rodrigues- Have a good Easter!!

Aronoff- We're going to Applebee's after, meet in office to get rides.

Coates- Anyone interested in academic affairs meet with me.

Harrington- Stop cross debating, new rules and ethics meet me in back.

Petit- I had Peking Tokyo Chinese food today and it was awesome!

Rodrigues- Chinese food is bomb for sure.

Coates- URI exam rights are as follows...lists exam rights.

Holland- If you're part of student groups have presidents send me contact info.

Holden motions to adjourn, Rodrigues seconds

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

Nay: Aronoff, Petit, Rodrigues

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

N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:38 p.m.