

**A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:32PM**

**B. ROLL CALL: Abbe, Adepoju, Ahrens, Allison, Bedard, Boiteau, Clarke, Feinberg, Ginsberg, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jacques, LaRocca, Lee, Luther, Meehan, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Shah, Sibbald, Slater, Stewart, Stolow, Sullivan-Bennis, Tremaglio, Yensan**

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: LaRocca-change nominations to elections under External Affairs**

**Petit changes finance handbook to change lines on separate sheet.**

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Pelletier changed the word agenda at the top of all of the pages to minutes, changed Ahrens/Bedard to just Ahrens, and on page 5 for the elections bill, changed the action to passed.**

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Feinberg motions for pledge, opposition, passed**

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**- FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**SS-08/09-18 BILL CALLING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE HANDBOOK**

Whereas, Article V, Section B, Part I, Subpart A, Item 2g states that every year the Finance Chair shall publish a Finance Handbook which shall be binding upon all recognized student organizations, and,

Whereas, the Finance Handbook to be effective must be approved by the Student Senate, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Finance Handbook submitted by Allen Petit be approved as the Finance Handbook for the 08-09 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage ( 3-0-0 )
EXPIRATION DATE:	Annual Meeting
ACTION:	Passed

Changes Made by Petit on separate sheet– Vote count is (3-0-2) Passed in committee

**SS-08/09-21 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR OUTING CLUB**

Whereas, Outing club is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, Outing Club 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 \$1,200.00 from our Programming Contingency to the Category # 130 (Programming) line in the budget of Outing Club.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit

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DATE: Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation  
ACTION: Passed

Petit motioned for immediate consideration.

Rep- Buying 100 passes for RI Rock Gym for the fall semester.  
Petit- We generally pay every semester, price went up from 10 dollars to 12 dollars.  
Adeopoju- Are the passes for the whole semester or just one event?  
Rep- They are for the whole semester.  
Adeopoju- How many people do you usually get?  
Rep- We usually run out of passes.

## SS-08/09-22 – LOAN REQUEST FOR STUDENT SENATE

Whereas, Senate is a recognized organization; and  
Whereas, Senate has requested further funding in form of a loan; 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 \$2,467.50 is loaned from the Senate's Tax income reserve to the Senate to be repaid by October 31, 2008.

SPONSOR: Finance Committee  
BILL HANDLER: Chairman Petit  
DATE: Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (3-0-0)  
EXPIRATION DATE: October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008  
ACTION: Vote Next Week

Petit: Loan is on the floor for next week. Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Atrium, finance info session for all presidents and treasurers, or any senators. It is mandatory for my committee. If you know any presidents or treasurers, tell them free pizza and soda. Jessica Allison approved as my vice chair.

## - STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW

### SS-08/09-20 Bill Calling for the Recognition of the Student Alliance for the Welfare of Africa (S.A.W.A.) at Level 4

Whereas, SAWA will place Africa under a positive light, with a focus on Liberia, for the benefit of everyone belonging to the University of Rhode Island and its surrounding community, and to increase their awareness and understanding of issues concerning the region, and  
Whereas, SAWA 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 URI Student Senate recognize SAWA.

SPONSOR: SOARC  
BILL HANDLER: Chairwoman Clarke  
DATE: Wednesday, September 10, 2008  
RECOMMENDATION: Passage (4-0-0)  
EXPIRATION: Valid until Next Re-Recognition  
ACTION: Passed

Clarke- We are looking to recognized the group at level 4, the president here to talk.  
Rep- Interested in Africa, second largest continent, must do something to help educate people about Africa, problems that continent is facing, African population on campus is virtually ignored.

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Clarke- They already have freshman members, have done events as a group and have programming set up.

LaRocca- How is your group different from other groups such as UHRUSASA?

Rep- We aren't culturally limited, we invite anyone. Anyone who wants to learn about Africa can come to the group. Our VP is white and his major is African American Studies, he went to Nigeria this summer. He went there and tried to promote environmentalism. They are people who have a thorough knowledge of the continent. We aren't interested in throwing parties, we are here for serious reasons.

Petit- Amanda said you have already had events, what have you done?

Rep- For first night, we needed to show the freshman what we are about. I did some volunteer work where children are trying to keep active. A church in providence has a program called greater blessings, at 5 am the bishops distribute food to homeless. The freshman came there with us and helped out with the cause. Tomorrow is our first on campus event, there are 3 screenings, one from 12-2, 3-5 and 7-9, about the Liberian civil war, it gives a first hand account, it is very graphic, be prepared, it talks about the war and talks to survivors of the war. We are then going to have an open forum. We are hoping to unveil another event, we are going to unveil on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a Tuesday. Regardless of color, allegiance, Africa is still your home, everyone can be traced to Africa. We also have forums planned, hoping to work with WRIU to have a weekly one-hour program where we interview anyone on campus doing something cultural, try to tie into the continent. There is a lot that we can do. The program is downstairs in the Rainville Ballroom, called the Love of Liberty, also have a facebook page. We are working with a manager of the Coca Cola company, efforts to bring clean drinking water to villages in Africa. She is from Kenya.

Feinberg- What was the committees thinking about why you chose 4 over 3?

Clarke- We picked 4 initially because they seem to be doing a lot of volunteering, and we want to see how they work.

Vote- Passed

## SS-08/09-23 Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Gymnastics Club at Level 3

Whereas, URI Gymnastics Club will provide a positive, team oriented gymnastics experience for any interested URI students and compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Clubs.

Whereas, URI Gymnastics Club 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 URI Student Senate recognize URI Gymnastics Club.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday, September 10, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXIPRATION:	Valid until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote next week.

## SS-08/09-24 Bill Calling for the Recognition of URI Men's Swimming and Diving Club at Level 3

Whereas, URI Men's Swimming and Diving Club will provide an opportunity for anyone interested in swimming and being part of a team atmosphere; as well as allow members to increase their competitive level of play.

Whereas, URI Men's Swimming and Diving Club 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 URI Student Senate recognize URI Men's Swimming and Diving Club.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday, September 10, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXIPRATION:	Valid until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote next week.

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SS-08/09-25 Bill Calling for the Recognition of The Mob at Level 4.

Whereas, The Mob will increase student morale and unity through participation at all university athletic events, while promoting good sportsmanship and competition for all URI fans alike.

Whereas, The Mob 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 URI Student Senate recognize The Mob.

SPONSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday, September 10, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Vote next week.

Clarke- Three more bills for next week, if you have any questions, please talk to me. Rerec- deadline is October 8<sup>th</sup>, please make sure they know to visit soarc before rerec. If anyone wants to help with Rerec, please come by a SOARC meetings.

**- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Stolow- Meeting Friday at 5, only time that fit in right now, room 202. Met with head of Readership program today, discussed advertising, one of my main points that I want to address, we are going to talk it over.

**- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Adeopaju- We didn't officially meet, we do have a meeting time, 4pm on Mondays in room 301. Make sure you are there, I will be taking attendance. For anyone new, try to jump on the committee. I have a brilliant idea that I can't unveil right now, I don't want to say it and not be able to do it. Think Big, Think Fun, Think 90's ish. Have a good Rest of the week.

**- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Just a few things, meetings are Wednesday at 3:30 in room 301. Safety and Lighting- prelim walk will be Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> after the senate meeting. We will have that time before half apps to walk around the campus. The walk with all of the administrators, campus security and police, Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:45 pm. We do a walk around well traveled areas at night and determine how safe the area is. The rule on campus is that from anywhere on campus you should be able to see a blue light. Trouble desk is 401-874-4060. If any lights are out on campus, they will take care of it right away. Letter to the cigar by officer mark, let everyone know that parking tickets have increased to \$85 if you park in a fire lane, on grass, not a spot or a handicapped spot. It comes from the state. If it is an issue where you are a commuter and you are in upperclassmen lot, that goes through parking services and you get warnings. Don't park where you aren't supposed to, it's way too much money and not worth \$85.00. Package slips- new system, have to print out an email, why do you have to do this? Trying to go down to the mailroom tomorrow or Friday, I don't like killing trees. If it's not necessary, maybe we can work with them to have a greener option.

Adeopaju- With the mailroom, maybe they can supply a computer where you can show them what your package number is.

Bruce- Make sure that you talk to Carol in the mailroom.

**- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- a. *Director of Communications-* Simon- Sent tom the email with the article attached concerning the article of the lawsuit, he hasn't received it yet. If anyone

else has anything else, let me know. I am late because I have a class right before this.

**b. Secretary-** Pelletier- Kudos to Amanda Clarke for first president's meeting.

**c. Treasurer-** Shah- elections committee- talk to me about the budget, LaRocca- We have the slips, just need to wait to change the numbers.

**d. Chief Operations Officer-** Feinberg- Retreat is finalized, tell me if you aren't going to be there, retreat is mandatory, Dave and I will be talking about penalties if you aren't there. Liaisons- talking to you this week. Committee attendance- make sure you go to committees, formal- going to start planning soon, potential of doing with another org, going to come back with prices and dates next week.

Clarke- Do you still want e-mailed minutes?

Feinberg- Email minutes or put them in my box.

Shah- What are the times for the retreat?

Feinberg- Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, starts at 1pm, probably meet at 12:30 and it will last to 9 or 9:30pm.

Yensan- Where are we meeting before retreat?

Feinberg- Senate office at 12:30

**e. Vice President-**

Bedard- Senate scholarships starting next week- one is for a Greek student, one is for any student, more than \$100. Approximately \$700.00. Please leave a note in my box downstairs. You must be at least junior standing to apply for the scholarship. 9 people didn't pick up minutes or sign in for office hours, hope you are doing them either tomorrow or Friday. A few people said they already picked up minutes from this meeting, pay attention to the chart. Josh and I are going to be keeping track of attendance, 2 excused and one unexcused from when you got sworn in till March. If you miss 3 committee meetings, you will be written up for rules and ethics. If you do not sign in for office hours for 3 weeks, you will be sent to Rules and Ethics. Doesn't matter who you are, we will write you up to Rules and Ethics if you don't do your job. Make sure you do Senate outreach before the end of the month. No Applebee's tonight, get together at Stalow's house.

**f. President**

Ahrens- Homecoming- starting committee tonight- meet by the flags, need people to help advertise and run the event on that night. Want to do it in the quad, battle of the bands, definite plans starting this next week. It starts in a month or so, the 27<sup>th</sup> is ADA walk, come walk, its 2 miles. If we can aim for 20 dollars a person, I am going to send everyone an email with the link. It is a good thing for our name to get out esp. with the lawsuit in Providence. 3 students going to be on the building committee with new dorms and the fitness center. If you are interested, please let me know before tomorrow. Bylaws committee has meetings on Tuesdays at 7:15pm. Also, ACLU, Tuesday morning at 9 am, we filed for it to be done in superior court because we are addressing state constitutional issues. Lawyers from Narragansett wanted it in state court, we have to travel to Providence, and they won that part of the case. For the three students involved, they aren't being prosecuted while the court case is going on. We are fighting to have the sticker not be used and students not prosecuted while the court case is going on.

**- RULES AND ETHICS:**

**No report.**

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Elections Committee**

Pelletier- It came to our attention that the numbers of off campus and on campus representatives need to be changed because a change in the ratio of students. Once we changed these numbers, we also learned about people dropping senate and more seats being open. The bill is under unfinished business and we are going to motion to reconsider it, this is why. Also, I am sending around a sign up sheet to work the booths on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> to promote senate. It is mandatory that you sign up for a time.

**Bylaws Committee-**

Tuesdays at 7:15pm

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

Elections for External Affairs Chair

Clarke nominates Feinberg, seconded by Tremaglio.  
Stewart nominates O'Brien, seconded by Stolow.

Feinberg rescinds nomination.

Stolow- I seconded O'brien, I've known him for 3 years, he knows all of the issues from off campus. He has been around for a few years now, has a good grasp.

Stewart- Has been talking to me for a while about this. He has been to many Narragansett coalition meetings, he lives off campus, has a good perspective, the fact that he is running shows his enthusiasm.

O'Brien- It was told about the position, but the more I thought about it, the more perfect it was for me. I've been going to coalition meetings. I'm good friends with some Narragansett police so I know both issues. The lawsuit, I am extremely interested in working on. The RIPTA stuff I've also been looking at and want to work on.

Ahrens- I was the external affairs chair for 2 years, I will help senator O'Brien, I feel confident that he will do a good job and I put my full support behind him. Vote.

CONGRATS SENATOR O'BRIEN. Batman was a close second. ☺

Swore in Senator O'Brien.

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**SS-08/09-19 BILL CALLING FOR THE ELCTIONS FOR FRESHMAN AND OPEN SEATS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2008-2009**

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:

- On-Campus Representative (3)
- Off-Campus Representative (6)
- At Large Representative (5)
- College of Business Representative (1)
- College of Human Sciences and Services Representative (1)

Whereas, The Elections Committee has determined that the earliest practical dates for the annual election for Freshmen Representatives and additional vacant seats are September 25, 2008 and September 26, 2008, therefore be it,

Resolved, that the Annual Fall Election be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2008 and Thursday September 26, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and it be further

Resolved, that the declaration period open on Thursday, September 4, 2008 and close on Thursday, September 18, 2008, during regular operational hours of the Student Senate.

Sponsor:	Elections Committee
Bill Handler:	Nicole Pelletier
Recommendation:	Passage (4-0-1)
Date Introduced:	September 3, 2008

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Date Expired: Upon validation of the Annual Fall Election results  
Action: Passed

LaRocca- motion to reconsider, seconded by Tremaglio

Changes made on seats. Elections committee vote (4-0-0)

Passed.

## **K. NEW BUSINESS:**

## **L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM:**

Ginsberg- Next Tuesday- blues and cues event, have pizza, play pool, always a fun time.

Maureen- Thank you everyone for financial donation to first night, close to 60 orgs there. Had a great night, beautiful weather, Jim Carrol program as at capacity, also wanted to remind people that org fair is weds September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm. You need to do that soon.

Stolow- If you want to go to my house, meet in the office after the meeting.

Bruce- compliments to Amanda, Allen and Tom for first president's meeting. Good change of pace and worked out very well. Tomorrow is the anniversary of 9/11. The campus community keeps a lower approach to let each person deal with it in their own way. They do set off the chimes 4 times to signify the 4 impacts.

Pelletier- Because student org fair is the same day as our advertising, might send some people outside.

Officer Cherino- I have the dirty job of ticketing at 85 dollars, I don't agree with it, that's why I put the article in the cigar, I'm looking for your help to get that information dispersed. Facebook your friends and share that information.

Petit- Motioned to adjourn.

**M. ROLL CALL: AYE:** Abbe, Adepoju, Allison, Boiteau, Clarke, Gorman, Harrington, Holden, Holland, LaRocca, lee, Luther, Meehan, Messineo, O'Brien, Sibbald, Slater, Stewart, Stolow, Sullivan-Bennis, Tremaglio, Yensan

Nay: Ginsberg, Holzman, Jacques, Petit

No Vote- Ahrens, Bedard, Feinberg, Pelletier, Shah, Simon

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 7:30pm**