

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL: Bedard, Bickham, Boiteau, Clarke, Coates, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Harrington, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Long, MacKinnon, Messineo, Mingoia, O’Loughlin, Petit, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Shah, Simon, Sinapi, Slater, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Rodrigues- Motion to move election of cultural affairs chair and elections committee member to special orders, Prata seconds, passed.

Petit- Motion to add recommendation for finance bill SS-09/10-18, 5-0-0, Holden seconds, passed.
Vote-passed

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Bedard- Motion to move Shah to no vote and add Sharkey under aye, Holden seconds, passes.
Vote- passed ☺

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Holzman- Motion for pledge, Rodrigues seconds, passes.

Prata- Local police man has been missing for a few days from Gloucester, I know him as he is a friend of the family, please keep him in your thoughts.

F. PUBLIC FORUM: none

G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

SS-09/10-18 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 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 09-10 fiscal year.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, September 16 th , 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Until Passage of Finance Handbook 10-11
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Petit- On sheet there’s all the changes, there are a few spelling errors and a couple of words repeated, I fixed those just didn’t change on sheet.
Vote- passed

SS-09/10-21 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR URI SAILING TEAM

Whereas, Sailing Team is a Senate recognized organization, and

Whereas, Sailing Team would like to travel to the Collegiate World Cup, and

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

Whereas, Sailing Team would like money to help cover the costs of this 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 Travel Contingency to the Category #680 (Sailing Team Expense) line in the budget of the CSIC.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, September 16 th , 2009

RECOMMENDATION: Passage (5-0-0)
 EXPIRATION DATE: Upon Dispensation
 ACTION: Vote Next week (Immediate Consideration)

Petit- Motion for immediate consideration, Holden seconds, passes

Sailing team member- We're back after a long summer, last spring we came and you graciously approved our \$6,000 loan to send us to France. It is approaching, this October. Making final preparations. As we promised we spent all summer fund raising, we got 75% of our budget, sold t-shirts in union, positive support, a lot of people have bought shirts and donated. The community is behind us in our effort to go to the world. We are before you tonight looking for immediate consideration for more financing in the form of a grant in order to make our trip happen to go and bring back that world cup. Thank you for your support, we hope we're successful and bring back cup to URI.

Messineo- Is your team still better than actual United States navy team?

Sailing team member- Yes, we won national last year again.

Bedard- Like I said last semester, this is a huge opportunity not just for the team but for the university as well. They are representing the whole United States. Support them, hope they bring back the cup, good luck guys.

Vote-passed

Petit- One more thing, there is a mandatory meeting for all presidents and treasurers of all groups, atrium 2 on Monday from 8-9, finance 101. Hopefully there will be food. Bruce might get pizza. Or Maureen. It is going to be an intro to the finance paperwork, you're all encouraged to attend. My committee needs to attend. Good refresher. Get the word out to groups.

Weiss- Is it all orgs or just senate recognized?

Petit- Just Senate recognized.

- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW

COMMITTEE (SOARC): Holland- Hi, we had the presidents meeting it went pretty well. Re-rec paperwork due October 7th. We meet at 5:30 in 314.

Bedard- Have any groups handed in re-rec?

Holland- Yes, 3 have. Senate was first.

- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Coates- Hello, my meetings are Tuesdays at 530 in 354. The first provost advisory council is Tuesday October 6th, I'm going to use that as my meeting for that week. Everyone can meet 5 minutes before, discuss what we want to talk about. During my meeting we talked about plan for year. If at any point you have an issue with an advisor at the university, like they've told you the wrong information, come talk to me or someone on my committee, because we are trying to put together a website that will help advise for this situation.

- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Clarke- Hi, I met with some coalition members, we're doing panel discussion, I have a flyer, worked on it all day. We have Tom Doogan, a Narragansett police officer, a realtor, me, and a woman from MADD. Spend 5 minutes each talking, then ask questions, show of hands who lives off campus? You should all be there. When it comes close there will be flyers all around campus, tell everyone you know. This is your chance to speak out. Committee meeting tomorrow at 6.

- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: none

- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Sinapi- For safety and lighting our committee divvied up what we will be doing, we'll be doing this tonight and possibly later this week. We already have a few lights. Hopefully a lot of them are on this year. Amanda had a long list, so hopefully they got fixed. For parking, still tell me complaints. I need info on plains road lot. Today it was pretty full, I need to know if it ever gets full. Right now we're short. Plains road is our last option. Still waiting for info on greek parking. For RIPTA, we were talking about how we were missing signs. Apparently they decided to put some up last night or today. Still missing some in spots, let me know if you see anything. Anyone ever hear of zipcar? Hertz wants to bring a similar program to campus called connects. It will be \$8.50 per hour, they pay for gas, insurance. You wouldn't need to pay for permit. I've talked to some people and they were interested. They don't need to be utilized completely, just 30%, they're nice cars. Bruce is going to find out if university

is interested. May or may not send out survey, to find out how many would be interested, to figure out how many cars we need. It will be pretty basic. Let me know if you think of a good question. If you want more info talk to me.

Slater- They're off the 8 minute mark, I waited 15 this morning. What's the number if you want to complain? Hillclimber, isn't that supposed to be 15?

Sinapi- From plains road lot? What time?

Slater- 10:40

Sinapi- At that time it should be 8 minutes because there should be 3 busses going around. When the bus picks you up record the time, number, what bus it is. That way we can forward it to Lucas, we have a lot of new drivers. There was an accident today that backed them all up. We don't know if it's that or a guy taking a break.

Messineo- With new drivers, this morning on my stroll, I saw a bus that was full and watched it pull into plains. I watched it roll by and 4 kids chased it. Tell drivers to stop and explain it is full so students don't complain.

Sinapi- That's more of a courtesy thing because you can see in the windows if it is full. I wouldn't blame them if they don't, sometimes they get yelled at.

Petit- What is the status with Ellery pond restoration project?

Sinapi- I haven't talked to lands and grounds guy yet.

Petit- Why haven't you talked to someone yet?

Sinapi- He hasn't returned my email.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- a. **Director of Communications Simon-** Hi, I want to apologize for not being present last meeting. There wasn't a September newsletter out because there wasn't enough information so the October letter will be a little longer. I'm redoing the brochure. I'm working with Holland on a response to what the cigar said about the RAMS. This summer I worked with people about a recycling program in Narragansett. This applies to a lot of people. I just found out Clarke is working in similar interests. Ask me if you need help.
- b. **Secretary Harrington-** nothing
- c. **Treasurer Boiteau-** Didn't pay any bills, didn't have any.
- d. **Vice President Shah-** I hope you went to your committee meetings and are going to go. You know that attendance starts this week so make sure you go. Make sure you know which committee you are on. Go to more than one if you want. If you can't make it come tell me and I will put you on another. I'll know if you do not go because chairs are keeping attendance. Our retreat is September 27th Sunday at noon, meeting in senate office, going to ropes course, 4 hours, we'll have dinner, then do a 3 hour session with solc in MCC, end at 8. It is mandatory make sure you are there. The BBQ is Sunday at 1 because its going to rain on Saturday. It will be on my house, I will send address through listserv. Also Clarke and O'loughlin's house. Come, we have a nice backyard.
Holland- People running for senate, you are welcome to come on retreat.
Rodrigues- Weather is good for both days.
Messineo- Do we have to talk to you if we can't go to retreat? Let me know if you need grill or George Forman if it rains.
- e. **President Bedard-** My report will be shorter this week, I promise. We have to fill some university committees. Students are placed on various committees and I have to appoint people, I want to send them in no later than next week. They meet about once a month. I have affirmative action, student orientation, honorary degree, library doing a lot this year, university college and general education. If interested let me know this week. Seats filled- (lists senators and which committee they are on.) If I called your name and you are no longer interested let me know.
Bruce- It's important to understand that its critical we get students on these committees and they're active because it's your way of being involved. Some committees are less effective than others but it's your job to make them more effective.

Bedard- Let me know so I can email people this week. With our website, if you haven't been on lately we updated it recently, it has improved leaps and bounds. Kim's been using other student governments to compare to and ours is great, better than theirs. When you see Kim or Sherri Davis, the two of them built this website for us. I'm doing a blog now like president Dooley. It's another way for us to be accessible to students, we want them to be aware of what is going on in senate. We also have a link to our facebook group and a link to surveymonkey. We'll be putting up surveys throughout the year. Check out the website. I haven't written first blog yet, hopefully by Monday. We need to nominate a candidate for homecoming king or queen from senate. Please raise hand if you are a graduating senior(Shah, Simon, Slater, Daodu, O'Loughlin, Petit, Clarke, Messineo, Van Fechtmann, Weiss) is there anyone missing?

Holland- Sinapi

Bedard- Anyone on this list who does not want to be a nominee? (Daodu, Van Fechtmann) We're going to have ProJo on campus again starting October 1st hopefully. Academic affairs is figuring out how many copies we need and in which buildings. They offered us a deal we couldn't turn down- 1 cent per paper. Keep an eye out for that. You can get it for free.

Rodrigues- Is that substituting any other paper?

Bedard- No, in addition to what we have already. We have to vote again because we have a tie between O'loughlin and Shah. We're going to go to Applebee's at 9, people in the back you're welcome to come. If you want a ride let us know.

Clarke- I want to say Mingoia is my vice chair, clap for her!!

Holden- Can people in back say who they are again because you don't have anything intelligent to say?

Bedard- Stand up and say year? They proceed to talk...haha. If you know people and they have not signed up, the deadline to sign up is next Friday by 1:00. Also, congrats to Vidhi Shah for homecoming queen nominee!!!!

- **RULES AND ETHICS: Holzman**- In light of an absence against tom gray, he has resigned.

H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Elections Committee-

Simon- This goes to people in back as well, last day to sign up is 25th s please get your stuff in. I'm going to be passing around sign up sheet, you need to go to booth instead of office hour. One for October 1st, Thursday and September 30th Wednesday, goes from 9-5 so please do multiple hours. There is another one on the 22nd, this is an informational booth so people can ask question get handouts. Also, there are different flyers going around, if everyone on elections can please stay after meeting.

Rodrigues- How many do you want from elections committee?

Simon- We want at least 3 people there at a time, as many hours as possible.

Petit- I wanted to announce, people running in back if you are signed up you can write a declaration that gets written in cigar, up to 75 words, printed on both election days, hand in by 25th. For everyone on senate, in classes ask teacher for a few minutes to announce that senate elections are going on, ask people to sign up.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS:

Election of Cultural Affairs Chair

Nominations- Prata and Almeida

Almeida

Clarke- Jason was on SOARC with me, came up with rammies, he is qualified.

Faustin- He's very motivated, he said he would love to do it, it was his idea for rammies. He could not make it tonight but he left words. "I could talk about why I'd be good but actions speak louder than words, my impact on rammies speaks for itself. I try to have an impact on all groups of students".

Prata

Rodrigues- I believe she is worthy of chair. She helped out as much as possible even though she wasn't in committee. She's determined, ready to take on position.

Bedard- The two people nominated are far and away the two most qualified. I nominated her because she has the fire and passion for this position. She wasn't even on cultural, rammies would not have happened

without Gianna. Week before there were still a million things and without her running around it would not have happened. And also on first night Gianna came and helped run because Jon (cultural affairs chair) was not here, she has ideas for position, around office a ton. I think she will do a great job.

Prata- I'm very interested. I was on campus affairs, but cultural interested me since I got on senate, especially when rammies came up. I joined original rammies committee, tried to help as much as I could. If I have things written down I can have them done, I'll do things in an orderly way. Rammies went off without a hitch. I'd like to run it again. Not only that one event, but start some more URI traditions. I'm only a sophomore so I'll be here for a while.

Clarke- What are your other interactions/orgs?

Prata- I have not been involved in student recognized orgs, however I have had a lot of interaction with students coming in. I recently changed to teaching. Also in garrahey guide program, science majors mentor other science majors coming in. I have a great deal interacting outside this.

Coates- I think both candidates are qualified. But I have statement from Aronoff- I 100% support Bedard's nomination, she is hard-working. She has a lot of ideas, goes above and beyond, passionate about what she does.

Petit- What are some ideas you have?

Prata- I want to continue gingerbread house tradition, but also I want to get all orgs together and express winter traditions. That's very basic but I would hope that would stick with URI.

Holland- I have known Gianna since she ran to be on senate and she does not do anything halfway. She saved the rammies.

Bedard- Keep in mind that we're not just electing cultural affairs chair but another member of exec, Gianna is well rounded enough.

Petit- When she first started she always wanted to be involved, asked for advice, the fact that she's been on rules and ethics has given her experience. I think what's inspiring is that she ran to get on rules and ethics three times, finally got on the third time. She'll be dedicated.

Faustin- Motion to vote, Holden seconds

Shah- Who plans on coming to bbq on Sunday? You come for the patriots game silly goose! (said hesitantly). Our new cultural is chairwoman Prata, and elections is secretary Harrington. Prata resigns from on-campus and rules and ethics.

Swearing in of chairwoman Prata. *applause*

Election of Elections Committee Member Nominations- Shah, Harrington, Shah declines. Any other nominations? No.

Holden- She wins no matter what right? She's been on since freshmen year.

Clarke- I think Joelle should do it because she's organized, always has the minutes out.

Harrington- I'll get it done, vote for me.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Election of Cultural Affairs Chair

Election of Elections Committee Member

SS-09/10-19 – BILL CALLING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE URI STUDENT SENATE BYLAWS, Articles IX.

Whereas, the SOARC Committee has undertaken an effort to reform the URI Student Senate organization recognition system, and

Whereas, the resulting plan requires a significant number of changes to the URI Student Senate's instruments of governance, therefore be it

Resolved, that the following amendments to Articles of the URI Student Senate Bylaws be adopted and implemented immediately:

(additions in *italics*, removals in ~~striketrough~~, ellipses indicate unchanged text)

Article IX: Student Organizations
 Section A. Recognition
 [...]
 Part 2. Requirements

Executive Board members of Senate recognized organizations shall be elected as established by way of each organization's individual constitution. In the event of a discrepancy between the group's individual constitution and the legally accepted rules for recognition, SOARC shall have the right to default to the appropriate section of the Model Constitution. ~~Levels I, II, III and IV~~ *Categories R, A, M, and S* organizations shall hold their annual meetings before April 1 unless special permission has been granted by the SOARC Committee. In order to become an elected officer of any organization, the candidate may be requested to furnish written proof that he or she has not been in poor academic standing (below a 2.0/4.0 cumulative G.P.A.) for greater than two consecutive semesters to the Chairperson of SOARC. A letter from the Office of the Registrar will serve this purpose.

Subpart a. Basic Filings

Any organization may apply for recognition by filing with the Student Organization Advisory and Review Committee a list with at least the minimum number of required members for the intended level of recognition, with first and last names and local phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and a copy of its written purpose and model constitution as well as recent and planned activities. Each recognized student organization must apply for renewal of recognition annually on a date which falls during the first week of October by filing lists of current officers and members as described above, and a brief description of recent and planned activities, and by filing a copy of its written instruments of organization in alternate years or as may be more frequently requested. The descriptions of the four ~~levels~~ *categories* of recognition are as follows:

- ~~Level I: A group which provides an indispensable social service that demonstrates a clear institutional benefit to the student body, and/or student organizations. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefit package.~~
- ~~Level II: A group which provides individual benefits to members of the student body outside the group's immediate membership, and demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefits package.~~
- ~~Level III: A group which exists for the advancement and growth of its immediate membership and provides a community of common interest. Not eligible for funding by budget; eligible for contingency and financial benefits package.~~
- ~~Level IV: A group which wishes to use the name of the URI student body but fails to meet basic requirements in essential areas or for other compelling reasons cannot receive funds from the Senate. Not eligible for funding by any means, but are eligible to be co-sponsored for events with other Senate recognized groups.~~
- *Category R: A group which exists solely for the advancement and growth of its immediate membership and provides a community of common interest. Not eligible for funding by budget; eligible for contingency and financial benefits package.*
- *Category A: A group which meets the basic requirements of a URI Student Senate organization; however, is not eligible for funding for reasons including but not limited to... receive academic department funding, or organizations whose main purpose is philanthropic. Not eligible for funding by means, but are eligible to be co-sponsored for events with other Student Senate recognized groups.*
- *Category M: A group which provides an indispensable social service to the student body, and/or student organizations through government or media and demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget.*
- *Category S: A group which provides individual benefits to members of the student body outside the group's immediate membership, and/or demonstrates to SOARC a need for an annual budget. Eligible for funding by annual budget, contingency, and financial benefits package.*

[...]

Section B. Funds

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Part 4. Grants

The Senate may by majority vote make occasional contingency grants of Student Activities Tax funds to any student organization at ~~Levels I, II, or III~~ *Categories R, M, or S*. Such grants shall be used for

the providing of services or benefits to the student body, and may be accompanied by any restrictions or limitations that may be enacted.

Part 5. Eligibility for Funding by Budget

Subpart a. Definition

The Senate may by two-thirds (2/3) vote enact legislation granting eligibility for funding by budget ~~Levels I, II and III~~ *Categories R, M, and S*, provided that the Senate itself may function as if inherently eligible for funding by budget. In order to be granted a budget, the Finance Committee must receive a list of names with the appropriate number of undergraduate members from groups wishing to apply for a budget, following the same guidelines as required by initial recognition. An organization granted eligibility for funding by budget may annually prepare and file a budget request for the next fiscal year, showing the total amount needed and a detailed

SPONSOR:	Executive Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Holland
DATE:	Wednesday, September 16, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (11-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Execution
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Holland- I've been working on this for a long time hope you have read it through and asked questions.

Petit- Could you explain new categories?

Holland- r is recreation and common interest, a is academic,...etc.

O'loughlin- I think this bill is awesome, I'm excited to be a part of it lets vote.

Vote-passed

SS-09/10-20- Resolution Expressing Support and Welcoming Dr. David Dooley and Lynn Baker-Dooley to the University of Rhode Island

Whereas, Dr. David Dooley was appointed the 11th President of the University of Rhode Island on May 11, 2009, and

Whereas, He and his wife, Lynn Baker-Dooley are joining the campus community after years at Montana State University, and

Whereas, this position presents them with a new location, opportunities, and experience, therefore be it

Resolved, that on behalf of the URI Student Body, the Student Senate welcomes Dr. David Dooley and Lynn Baker-Dooley to the University of Rhode Island community, and be it further

Resolved, that on behalf of the URI Student Body, the Student Senate wishes Dr. David Dooley and Lynn Baker-Dooley health, happiness, and much success throughout their tenure at the University of Rhode Island.

SPONSOR:	The University of Rhode Island Student Senate
BILL HANDLER:	President David Bedard
DATE:	Wednesday, September 16, 2009
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage
EXPIRATION:	Perpetual
ACTION:	Vote Tonight

Bedard- Bill supports Dr. Dooley, welcomes him to university. This is similar to what we did with Dr. Carothers.

Bruce- Friendly comment, I would urge you to amend bill to read Reverend Lynn Baker-Dooley because she is an ordained minister and prefers this.

Bedard- Motion to amend bill to read Reverend Lynn Baker-Dooley in title, Reverend Lynn Baker-Dooley in second whereas, Reverend Lynn Baker-Dooley in first resolved, and Reverend Lynn Baker-Dooley in second resolved. Holden seconds all, amended

Vote-passed

Messineo- Because Gianna vacated seat on rules and ethics do we need to open nominations?

Shah- next week

Bedard- Motion to reflect in minutes that vote was unanimous, Rodrigues seconds

K. NEW BUSINESS:

L. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM: Maureen- Sorry I missed last week, thank you for first night it was our biggest in terms of number of student orgs. We had lots of good feedback in terms of sign ups. Freshmen had great time.

Rodrigues- Motion to adjourn, MacKinnon seconds, motion rejected.

Simon- I know September 22nd is not election date but they need to know election date so I'm going to pass this around and people need to sign up.

Petit- Will it count as office hour?

Simon-yes

Bedard- During election everyone is required to work an hour. If you spend an hour in office and not booth you will not be counted as in.

Coates- I would like to congratulate Holland on her hard work for by-laws change, but I find it hard to believe there were no questions.

Petit- If you are on rules and ethics you cannot work elections booth.

Rodrigues- Motion to adjourn, Holden seconds.

M. ROLL CALL: AYE: Bickham, Clarke, Daodu, Einhorn, Farrow, Faustin, Gaudio, Holden, Holland, Long, Messineo, Mingoia, O'Loughlin, Prata, Puleo, Raupers, Renzi, Rodrigues, Slater, Valenti, Van Fechtmann, Weiss

Nay: Coates, Holzman, MacKinnon, Petit, Sinapi

NoVote: Bedard, Boiteau, Harrington, Shah, Simon

N. ADJOURNMENT: 19:48:38 seconds (aka 7:48 p.m.)