

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

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

**C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** No changes

**D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Approved, no changes

**E. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Petit -motions for pledge, second by LaRocca, vote: passed

Luther- Peace walk from last year through Peace dale is now around campus, on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm, passing around flyers.

**F. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**G. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**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 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (3-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2008
ACTION:	Passed

Ahrens- homecoming, working with buying t-shirts, 1500 shirts, senate paying for first half and SAA for the second half. We are planning to be paid back, last year, we sold 1400 this year we have 1500.

Yensan- When will be reimbursed?

Ahrens- October 31<sup>st</sup>

Luther- The design is on the senate computer downstairs.

Feinberg- Need to make one amendment, miscalculated the staff T-shirt, easier on Tom and my part but I can't motion to amend the bill.

Sibbald- Motion to alter the amount to 2,525.38. Seconded by Holden.

Finance vote- friendly

Vote- Passed

**SS-08/09-26 – CONTINGENCY GRANT REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE)**

Whereas, NSBE is a Senate recognized organization, and

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

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

Whereas, NSBE 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 \$2,462.50 from our Programming Contingency to the Category # 130 (Programming) line in the budget of NSBE.

SPONSOR:	Finance Committee
BILL HANDLER:	Chairman Petit
DATE:	Wednesday, September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (5-0-0)
EXPIRATION DATE:	Upon Dispensation
ACTION:	Passed

No one present to represent group. Representative arrives during SOARC.

Petit- motions for immediate consideration on bill. Adeopoju seconds.

Rep- President of NSBE, this Friday we are trying to throw an event, our talent show, we have a performer coming in, we are also having an after party after the show, we have Theo martins performing, another URI student. This Friday is to start off the year right, the doors open at 7, the showcase starts at 7:30, around 8 or 8:15, the event really starts. We want everyone to come out and have a good time. Selling water to raise money for a scholarship.

Heffel- you are having Cassidy come and there is going to be an after party?

Rep- Yes

Holden- How many tickets have you sold?

Rep- 220, NSBE discount price

Petit- Spoke to Rodney earlier, were you able to deposit money

Rep- Yes

LaRocca- please explain to the senate how this event pertains to your mission statement?

Rep- It doesn’t really but a lot of people think because we are engineers, they think we don’t like to have fun, it’s really about networking and a lot of people will see we aren’t just engineers, a lot of people are going to see Cassidy coming, looking for a future in the music industry, networking and building relationships.

Vote- Bill passes

Petit- Granted 434 dollars to EMA for capital improvements, needed cases to carry equipment. Want to thank everyone on my committee that came out and helped with finance info session.

**- STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISORY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE (SOARC):**

**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.

SPONOSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday, September 17, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXIPRATION:	Valid until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Clarke- looking to be recognized at level 3, you must start as a club in order to be recognized under club sports.

Rep- Erica, sophomore, after team was cut by administration, couldn't be the end of gymnastics at URI, we graduated 8 seniors last year but we have a lot of girls interested, about 20, we found a new coach, Kelly Doyle, talking to gyms and working out practice schedules, we would welcome any new members and gymnastics experience is not required. We have a competition we want to compete in. We would provide a positive experience for any students who joined.

Boiteau- With the construction, they took out the old gymnastics facility, if you were to practice off campus, how much would it cost?

Rep- URI sold all of our equipment and we would have to pay rent to the other gyms.

Petit- Would there be a fee associated with joining the other gyms?

Rep- We would have to pay a fee

Ginsberg- Is the coach also charging a fee?

Rep- Yes, the coach is here.

LaRocca- What are the estimates for cost?

Rep/coach- 25/hour, 6 hours a week no matter how much we go, we will be there 2 days a week, and then one day a week, we will go to another gym which is 36 dollars an hour, they are going to charge monthly or at the end of the semester, this way girls can fundraise.

Jacques- Why would you be using 2 gyms?

Rep- Aim high has throwing pits that we can use so we need to go there one day/week.

Vote- Passed

**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.

SPONOSOR:	SOARC
BILL HANDLER:	Chairwoman Clarke
DATE:	Wednesday, September 17, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXIPRATION:	Valid until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- We are in the same position as the gymnastics team, the administration cut us, we lost 2 kids through transferring, we have 23 kids practicing, started raising money to help support ourselves, we want to give an opportunity to kids in the state who still swim because there are not a lot of teams around.

Jacques- what are the expenses?

Rep- transportation, competition, we worked out a plan with our coach who has been around for 30 years. A lot of people have equipment that is left over that we can use.

Petit- How are you practicing, with the girl's team?

Rep- We practice with the girl's team.

Vote- Passed

**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 17, 2008
RECOMMENDATION:	Passage (4-0-0)
EXPIRATION:	Valid until Next Re-Recognition
ACTION:	Passed

Rep- Not as violent as it may sound, our president and treasurer could not be here tonight, we are the nut jobs standing up and screaming with poster paint at basketball games. We do a lot more than just what you might see, we raised 1000 dollars for pink out last year where the proceeds went to Gloria Gemma breast cancer foundation. Planning to make experiences at all sports including track and swimming. We are going to be doing events for everyone that may not be part of the MOB. We are going to be doing something for the game at Duke to get projector screens to get people motivated. Oklahoma state and Penn state are also big games that we can bring out to everyone who may not be a sports fan.

Adeopju- I thought it was funny that you are going to try to go to other events, I am part of the boxing club, how diversified would you be coming to an event like that or would you go to club sports or other sports?

Rep- We like to see URI teams win, I do like seeing people get the crap beat out of them. I wasn't even aware that we had a boxing team. We are trying to be very unified this is RI sports. We are trying to push sports on the university. It might only look like Basket Ball and football, but we just left a soccer game to come up here. We aren't just basketball, there are a lot of other things on the campus.

Adeopju- Do people need to contact you or do you just go to events?

Rep- We are getting better and better at informing people, we have men's soccer tonight, women's volleyball tomorrow, then no URI on campus sports for the next week and a half. We have organized events where we try to bring a mass of 100 people to an event. We try to hit the major events where the eyes of the outdoor world are on us but we are here to be students. Even if 5-10 of us show up painted, people look at us. That's what we are all about.

Ahrens- I met with athletics, we have a lot of good ideas, and athletics really helps the campus out. Help students out, student senate is going to hold a press conference for the basketball game.

Harrington- How many are in the group right now?

Rep- Right now, we have 134 through people contacting me, this is our roster. Facebook is the best way we contact members, get out information, we met last week and will meet tomorrow night.

Vote- Passed

Abstentions- Ginsberg, Allison

LaRocca- all of the orgs started since rerec, just want to make sure that you are aware that they need to file rerec paperwork with all other orgs.

Petit- motions back to finance

**- ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Luther-** Monday at 3pm, room to be decided, we know about the kiosks in Swan and Washburn, they don't lock.

**- EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**O'Brien-** We are having a meeting on Monday at 3pm in the senate office, getting everything together, going to set up an official meeting time at that meeting. We are working on a lighting contest for the Narragansett community and students. Whoever wants to will judge, working on open forum about sticker policy, doing what we did last semester basically to really get the word out there. Working with Amanda about RIPTA.

LaRocca- lot of good information for you, we'll chat.

**- CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**Adepoju-** met this past Monday, big event I can't announce it, I want the right orgs to be a part of this, this will be one of the biggest cultural events in a while. Everything going smooth, just got an invite from MCC, event from URI and lifespan, reception supporting collaboration of diverse labor force in RI, URI president's house, RSVP let me know, I will put us in together, I will be attending.

Ginsberg- what time is it?

Adepoju- September 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm

**- CAMPUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**LaRocca-** Little news, little update, little presentation, spoke to carol at union express, package slips, so many more people on campus, more people getting packages, same amount of space. It isn't a lot of space, a lot of students were not checking their mailboxes regularly, maybe the person who sent it wanted to be a surprise. This way you get an email and then you can go pick it up. When you print out the email, it gives a package number and the location of where your package is in the mailroom. When you bring your slip and ID, they will go and get the package, if there are a lot of people, they will log it out for you. They recycle all of the paper. Maybe it was something you wrote on the back, print your package slip on the other side. Is there anything I should tell the students? She said mostly freshman haven't checked their email, their parents are receiving the package notices. Check your e-campus and make sure it is the right email.

Met with Lucas about RIPTA today, want to describe the routes that RIPTA takes so I can clear up a lot of things, so you know where you can get a bus and how long you should be waiting, morning and afternoon, 2- 211's short ripta shuttles, going to have maps printed and put in your box. The 211's follow amanda's red route, starts at flag road, maps will be printed. The union that the driver's belong to is very strict, the bus drivers will only pick you up if you are at a posted stop. There should be a metal sign that says RIPTA. Ripta is aware that the signs don't exist and I will be contacting them next month if the signs still are not present. In the morning last year, we had the hill climber, fits 66 people, used to just run from 8:30 to 11:30, now we have 2, one of is only til 11:30 and the other is until 5:30. Gave route. It is more of an express, in the morning, 4 busses. If you are at flagg rd, plains rd, union and upper college, you should be waiting 6-8 mins between shuttles. If you are more in the center of campus near quad on east alumni or ranger road, it will be 8-10 mins. The times are not concrete because of construction and traffic on campus. You can contact parking services, my committee or myself if you wait too long and I will contact Lucas. At 7:30pm, night route begins, little shuttle, flagg rd to plains rd, up through residence halls, butterfield, union, up ranger road and into the emporium (fortin rd). It comes back down and does the hyphenated route. It doesn't go to Keaney anymore, used to only get 2-3 riders. Plains rd then up to fortin. I am going to have lucas come for public forum so they can explain new things and you can hear it right from them.

Allen- how often does bus run at night?

LaRocca- 10-15 maybe

Clarke- Why is there a bus stop near fine arts?

LaRocca- Used to be a stop maybe.

Pelletier- It used to be a stop and is no longer part of the route. The plan last year was to move that stop closer to Chafee.

Adepoju- I am dying for a stop near Heathman.

LaRocca- There is one next to white hall, pointed out different stops.

Lee- Wondering if you thought it was important to promote flex busses?

LaRocca- Raise your hand if you knew that could reserve a bus to pick you up on campus at a particular stop.

LaRocca- They have a few people who call religiously in August and give times that they want to be picked up and brought to class. This is the flex bus and it is free. Gave times bus goes to Bonnet. It goes to the top of bonnet, depending on where your house is, you might have to walk. I am going to try to work with Lucas and Andy to try to really promote the off campus bus and

shuttles. There are some people who don't realize the hill climber is for campus, they think it goes off campus, hopefully a little facebook group thing. Committee will work on it.

Ginsberg- for the night bus, you said every 15 mins.

LaRocca- I'm not sure exactly but I know that they take breaks up at fortin.

Ginsberg- I know that I've heard from a lot of my friends that they have waited an hour or an hour and a half in front of the union.

LaRocca- I'll talk to lucas, it does an abbreviated route. You can also call campus police for a safe ride home.

Holzman- Just so everyone knows, I chat with bus drivers when driving, sometimes the busses will take the access road behind the athletic complex to cut off part of the route. If you see this, let Amanda know.

LaRocca- I need to ask about their breaks.

Holzman- I told McCormick last year.

LaRocca- Apparently a lot is in the works, he will blame RIPTA in providence for a lot of things.

Shah- What time do the busses stop?

LaRocca- 12:30

Petit- What is the number for the flex bus?

LaRocca- You can go to the parking services website, they have all of the maps. The flex bus will also take you off campus. They are trying to get a bus to south county commons and another maybe an express bus to eastward look.

Safety and Lighting- prelim walk is tonight right after this meeting, if you haven't been to one, come to this one, meeting in the office, same route, not picking out every single thing, we are going to do that on Monday with the administrators. Looking at report from last year to see what has improved and what has gotten worse, hopefully everyone will come tonight.

**- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

- a. **Director of Communications- Simon-** Going to start working on the newsletter, first Monday of each month, cover committees with one half, other half will be orgs on campus. Probably distributed where you can get the cigar because they don't come out on Mondays. Put 3 articles together, one for safety and lighting, another one is going in tomorrow for orange sticker, another one is just reminding students that sticker policy is still intact.
- b. **Secretary- Pelletier-** Kudos to Shane Lee for cleaning out rules and ethics box. Sign ups for elections starting now because last week it took too long. Everyone must sign up and if for some reason, you cannot sign up, you must see me as soon as possible.
- c. **Treasurer- Shah-** No report.
- d. **Chief Operations Officer- Feinberg-Retreat-** meet between 12 and 12:30, ropes at 1, dinner free at 5:30, waivers in all of your boxes, get those signed. If anyone has issues, please talk to me, 5 of you have so far, may end up inviting all potential new senators that signed up.

Clarke- where do you want us to meet

Feinberg- senate office, we will carpool

Feinberg- started initial planning for formal, December 9<sup>th</sup>, last day of class, we picked because it's the cheapest, going to be about 25 dollars max, really cheap, we haven't had a formal in the 4 years I have been on Senate, first in a while. Also, we are going to be combining the formal with Sec so we can boost our attendance numbers and we don't need to cancel it. It is at Amalfi's.

Sibbald- Are we getting a bus?

Feinberg- If you think we need a bus, we can do that, it is going to make it a bit more pricy.

- e. **Vice President- Bedard-** tonight- important, kinda fun, senate person needs to be nominated to run for homecoming king or queen, these people are eligible to run for homecoming king or queen.

Nominees:

Allison.  
Pelletier  
Ginsberg  
Feinberg  
Ahrens

Our Homecoming Nominee is Tom Ahrens! Congrats!

Senate Scholarship Committee is Pelletier, Abbe, Meehan, Bedard and Bruce.

Ads in cigar next week?

Deadline is 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October.

Must have at least junior standing

Must have a 2.5 gpa, one must be a greek student and one goes to someone in a student senate recognized group.

We have had a lot of discussion about student senate t shirts. Show of hands who would spend 10 bucks on a t-shirt. Shah is in charge of designing a t-shirt. Bedard- design a shirt and all of us will decide which shirt. Designs due by next Friday. Try to include the senate logo and a fun saying.

Battle of the bands- we are on spo's agenda, making sure we have a space booked. Talk to either myself or president Ahrens, tonight's senate social event, going to applebees at 9pm, meet after the meeting. If you need a ride, let us know.

Clarke- How can bands sign up for battle of the bands?

Bedard- I don't know yet, Tom and I are going to discuss it.

### *f. President-*

**Ahrens-** Homecoming- for our tent, hot dog eating contest, one alumni, one student and one younger person contest, two long tables with podium in between. Order going to dining services. The night of battle of the bands is my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, everyone go to that, it will be a lot of fun. We already have 10 bands interested, Spencer is doing a lot of work for that.

Spencer- If you know any bands, get a demo tape to me and their contact information.

Gorman- What if they are off campus?

Ahrens- one member must be a URI student

ADA next Saturday, 3pm on the 27<sup>th</sup>, I'll rent a bus if necessary, going to be in providence, raise some money. For raising the money, one big envelope, I will put everyone's donation in. If you are able to get donations, write checks to ADA. One lump sum from Senate. Good to give back to the community and the diabetes association. No excuses for the retreat, mandatory for 4 months, also told exec this. Today, met with the lawyer, need more students, maybe another landlord. People think the policy is null and void, even though the town refuses to comment on anything. The stickers are still being given out and you will get one even if you don't deserve a sticker. Met today with Greg Burke of Athletics, question and answer after a basket ball game for men's and women's teams. Generate interest for athletics, going to help us out, they are giving us basket ball tickets. Working with them all year, very excited that we wanted to talk this early.

Meeting with Chip, excited to be adding 800 beds, looking from last year, more juniors and seniors are living on campus.

Meeting with SEC this Monday, come to talk to me, I'll let them know what the ideas are. I expect to see everyone there this Saturday. Make it a point to be there, it would be greatly appreciated.

Allison- The way you just said it, the orange sticker is a warning?

Ahrens- The way it worked last year, the sticker was a warning but second visit is fine and eviction. But students last year, were evicted after just the sticker and were charged more by landlords. Any new stories, send them to me, we want this to be very public and we want the support from the student body. We need support rallied behind us.

**- RULES AND ETHICS:**

Two complaints about attendance issues- question about procedure- committee looked over it and motioned to close the meeting because it was discussion of specific senators to close the meeting.

Holzman motioned to close the meeting, Sibbald seconded.

Minutes closed, minutes reopened at 7:59 pm.

**Attendance taken-**

**Abbe, Adepoju, Ahrens, Allison, Bedard, Boiteau, Clarke, Feinberg, Ginsberg, Gorman, Harrington, Heffel, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jacques, LaRocca, Lee, Luther, Meehan, Messier, O'Brien, Pelletier, Petit, Sibbald, Slater, Sullivan-Bennis, Yensan**

Ahrens- just to clear up, when incident first happened, original complaint should have been to have rules and ethics hear the case, it should not have gone right to expulsion, need to check absences and validity.

Ginsberg- anything discussed in the closed minutes can only be said to people who were here, no one else.

Bedard- for your information, there will be one copy of the closed minutes, they will be given to Kim. If you were not in the meeting, you may not see those minutes.

Lee- the original thing that would happen would be just for us to hear it and decide what we want to do, rules and ethics operates within itself, what we would do with this specific case is up to Rules and Ethics.

Germanity called

Bedard- if you have questions after, please discuss with rules and ethics.

Ginsberg- Motioned to remove the senator's name from the open minutes, Petit seconded the motion.

**H. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**Elections Committee- Pelletier-** If you have not signed up to work the elections promotions booth, you must work at it tomorrow. It is mandatory for everyone. The elections sign up sheet for voting days is going around and everyone must sign up for an hour. Rules and Ethics may not serve any hours. I will be e-maling everyone to sign up that hasn't already signed up. Explained the advertising situation.

**Bylaws Committee-** Tuesday at 7pm, this week, we went over issues that we need to discuss, we are going to look at the COO and DOC first.

**Ahrens-** discussing this weekend at the retreat, if you like them or not, don't need to worry about the people currently in the positions.

**I. SPECIAL ORDERS:**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**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

Motioned to reconsider bill, seconded by Holden.  
 One amendment, page 19, under guidelines, second paragraph, booking for a travel agent, I put it down for 6 people but it is actually 4 people, change from 6 to 4.  
 Jacques- can you explain why it is changing?  
 Petit- you can't book a flight for more than 4 people  
 Petit motions to change from 6 to 4, Sibbald seconds motion - friendly (5-0-0)

Bill passes

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

Bedard- Nominee for homecoming is Tom Ahrens.  
 For your information, should tom make it through his interview, it is a vote through soda can tabs. Start saving your tabs.

LaRocca- Article in the cigar about student parking, asked some people because that is my jurisdiction, if you have classes, pass 9am, go directly to plains, it's half and half if you will get a spot in fine arts, saves so much time to go to plains and take the shuttle. Their will always be a spot, it saves time just to take the shuttle. If you have an earlier class, you may get a spot at fine arts. Still doing safety and lighting.

Ahrens- got an app from SAA, if you are interested, let me know

Harrington- few friends and I are going to URI football game in BC, if anyone wants to go, let us know, we have one more ticket.

Pelletier- last day of promos is tomorrow, if you have not yet signed up, please see me.

Allison- elections committee- meet in the back.

Bedard- Tomorrow night is ZBTahiti, open to all students, good time, at ZBT, behind Barlow weldin, 9pm to 1am. No alcohol allowed in the house or served in the house.

**M. ROLL CALL: AYE:** Abbe, Adeopoju, Allison, Boiteau, Clarke, Gorman, Harrington, Heffel, Holden, Holland, Holzman, Jacques, LaRocca, Lee, Luther, Meehan, Messineo, O'Brien, Petit, Slater, Sullivan-Bennis, Yensan

Nay- Ginsberg

No vote- Ahrens, Bedard, Feinberg, Pelletier, Shah

Abstain- Sibbald

**N. ADJOURNMENT: 8:15pm**